

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Mike Dispenza, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Jim Ledford, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board Member Dispenza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #1

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon Motion by **DISPENZA**, Seconded by **LAWSON**, and carried unanimously, the Board acted as follows:

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of March 15, 2016. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of March 15, 2016.
Board Member Ledford abstained.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Received and filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Summary. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Received and filed Monthly Grant Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Received and Filed Financial Report.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,933.57, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of February 2016. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,933.57, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of February 2016

Agenda Item #7 - Approve a revised Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to deliver contracted services to the AVAQMD and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Approved a revised Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to deliver contracted services to the AVAQMD and authorized the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$111,875 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Lane Ranch to retire two (2) older diesel-powered tractors for one (1) new lower-emission diesel tractor; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommendation and answered board member questions. Upon Motion by **LAWSON**, Seconded by **MANN** and carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$111,875 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Lane Ranch to retire two (2) older diesel-powered tractors for one (1) new lower-emission diesel tractor and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #9 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$82,871 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bill's Landscaping, Inc. to retire one (1) older diesel-powered backhoe for one (1) new diesel backhoe that meets the current emission standards; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by MANN, Seconded by DISPENZA and carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$82,871 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bill's Landscaping, Inc. to retire one (1) older diesel-powered backhoe for one (1) new diesel backhoe that meets the current emission standards and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #10 – 1) Approve \$80,000 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District's Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR); and 2) Authorize an extended contract with Environmental Engineering Studies Incorporated (EES); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from Chair Crist. Upon Motion by LEDFORD, Seconded by LAWSON and carried unanimously, the board approved \$80,000 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District's Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR) and authorized an extended contract with Environmental Engineering Studies Incorporated (EES) and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #11 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station for the purchase of a clean diesel pickup truck capable of operating on B20 biofuel; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks provided background information, staff recommendation and answered board member questions. Board Member CHELETTE moved the item as amended to include Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters in the title, Seconded by HAWKINS, and carried unanimously, awarding an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station/Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters for the purchase of

a clean diesel pickup truck capable of operating on B20 biofuel and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #12 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$16,203 of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 2766) funding to Antelope Valley Produce towards the replacement of a non-compliant Transfer Refrigeration Unit (TRU) for a new, cleaner technology that meets the current emission standards; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks provided background information, staff recommendation and answered board member questions. Upon Motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **DISPENZA** and carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$16,203 of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 2766) funding to Antelope Valley Produce towards the replacement of a non-compliant Transfer Refrigeration Unit (TRU) for a new, cleaner technology that meets the current emission standards and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #13 - 1) Allocate a maximum of \$10,000 from the District's general fund and a maximum of \$20,000 from Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program AB 923 fund for the 2016 Lawn Mower Exchange Program; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommendation and answered board member questions. Discussion ensued. Board Member **LEDFOORD** moved the item as amended to approve the use of two locations on a go forward basis for this year, with Palmdale location and date to be determined, and subsequent years, Seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, allocating a maximum of \$10,000 from the District's general fund and a maximum of \$20,000 from Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program AB 923 fund for the 2016 Lawn Mower Exchange Program and authorizing the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item #14 – Smoke Management Agricultural/Prescribed Burn.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on Smoke Management Agricultural/Prescribed Burn. Mr. Banks provided information on Program Objectives, Rules & Regulations, Rule 444 - Open Outdoor Fires and the Smoke Management Plan

and Submittal Process. Mr. Banks also discussed the Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS). Information was also shared regarding the Burn Day Forecast, including the District's access code for callers, *601 to hear the updated forecast.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #15 - Staff Reports

Governing Board Counsel – Allison Burns provided an update on the Public Records Request Legislation, verbal and written, stating that the legislation has died in Assembly and will not move forward.

Executive Director/APCO, Staff – Bret Banks provided information on the Palmdale Energy Project Public Workshop, Wednesday, 4/20/16 in Sacramento. Mr. Banks stated that district staff will participate via phone.

Mr. Banks informed the board that the Budget Hearing Public Notice has been disseminated to all permit holders. The Budget will be included on next month's agenda.

Mr. Banks provided a copy of the Carl Moyer Rural Assistance Program Brochure and discussed eligible project types and general requirements.

Agenda Item #16 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions For Future Agenda Items.

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 10:30 a.m.