

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member Mann 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 **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the board acted as follows:

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of

February 21, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of February 21, 2017.

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

Received and filed.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Fund Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Received and filed.

Agenda Item #5 - The Financial Report for FY 17, January 2017 is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Received and filed.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$106,110.46, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of January 2017. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$106,110.46, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of January 2017.

Agenda Item #7 - Amend Governing Board Policy 02-01, "Authority of the Air Pollution Control Officer." Presenter: Bret Banks.

Amended Governing Board Policy 02-01, "Authority of the Air Pollution Control Officer."

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #8 - Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of the AVAQMD Federal 75 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area): a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, adopting the plan and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Chair Crist opened Public Hearing. Bret Banks provided background information and staff report. Mr. Banks shared PowerPoint presentation. Chair Crist solicited public comment. There was no public comment. Bret Banks discussed the proposed adoption of 75 ppb Federal Ozone Plan and answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Vickie Rausch, District Engineer, provided additional information on NOx and VOCs. Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to write a letter to Congressman Knight to address the Ozone transport issue and how it affects the Antelope Valley. Bret Banks to also prepare a Press Release. Chair Crist closed public hearing. Upon Motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board made a determination that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption applies; waived reading of Resolution; adopted Resolution #17-01, making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, adopting the plan and directing staff actions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #9 - 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 Deputy Director 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 the Board. Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, Seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board approved \$80,000 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program, with correction of AB 2766 funds instead of AB 923 funds towards 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 Deputy Director 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) Allocate a maximum of \$10,000 from the District's general fund and a maximum of \$10,730 from Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program AB 923 fund for the 2017 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 questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Ms. McKeehan announced that the 1st Lawn Mower Exchange Event will take place on Saturday, 4/15/17, 8:30 am – 11:30 am at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center in Palmdale. The 2nd Event will take place on Saturday, 5/6/17, 8:30 am – 11:30 am at the City of Lancaster Recycling Center. Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board allocated a maximum of \$10,000 from the District's general fund and a maximum of \$10,730 from Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program AB 923 fund for the 2017 Lawn Mower Exchange Program; 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #11 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – Allison Burns reminded Board members to file Form 700 and complete AB1234 Ethics Training.

Executive Director/APCO – None.

Agenda Item #12 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions For Future Agenda Items.

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #13 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.5 (e) and 54957(b)). Title: Executive Director/APCO.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item #14 - Disclosure of any Reportable action taken in Closed Session; and the Vote and Abstention of every Member Present in the Closed Session.

No reportable action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m.