

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Kenn Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Austin Bishop, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member Ken Mann to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 17, 2019.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 17, 2019.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$130,852.69, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of November 2019.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **approved** payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$130,852.69, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of November 2019.

Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at November 30, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by MANN, seconded by CHELETTE, and carried unanimously, the Board, received and filed the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at November 30, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – Conduct a continued public hearing to consider the adoption of the Federal Negative Declaration for One Control Techniques Guideline(CTG) Source Category (Oil and Natural Gas Industry): a. Re-Open the continued public hearing; b. Receive supplemental staff report and/or staff update; 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, adoption of the Federal Negative Declaration for One CTG Source Category (Oil and Natural Gas Industry) and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Operations Manager.

Chair CRIST re-opened the continued public hearing. Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the supplemental staff report and/or staff update. Chair CRIST called for public comment, being none, Chair CRIST closed the public hearing, made the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, and waived reading of the resolution. After discussion and upon Motion by HARRIS, seconded by MANN, and carried with five AYES votes by Board Members MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN with Board Members AUSTIN BISHOP and STEVEN HOFBAUER absent, the Board, adopted Resolution 20-01, “A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, ADOPTING THE FEDERAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ONE SOURCE CATEGORY AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.”

Agenda Item #7 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the Request for USEPA to remove Rule 206 – Posting of Permit to Operate from the SIP a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, Requesting that USEPA remove Rule 206 from the SIP, withdrawing subsequent versions of Rule 206 from SIP submission, and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Operations Manager.

Chair CRIST opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the staff. Chair CRIST called for public comment, being none, Chair CRIST closed the public hearing, made the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, and waived reading of the resolution. After discussion and upon

Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried with five **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN** with Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP** and **STEVEN HOFBAUER** absent, the Board, adopted Resolution 20-02, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, REQUESTING REMOVAL OF RULE 206 – POSTING OF PERMIT TO OPERATE FROM THE SIP, WITHDRAWING ANY CURRENT SIP SUBMISSION FROM CONSIDERATION AS SIP REVISIONS, AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.**”

Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$138,418 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to Boething Treeland Farms to replace an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, clean technology; 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, Grants Analyst.

Grants Analyst Julie McKeehan presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried with five **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN** with Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP** and **STEVEN HOFBAUER** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$138,418 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to Boething Treeland Farms to replace an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, clean technology; and 2) **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 \$6,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the City of Palmdale toward Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Project); 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, Grants Analyst.

Grants Analyst Julie McKeehan presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried with five **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN** with Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP** and **STEVEN HOFBAUER** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** \$6,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the City of Palmdale toward Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Project); and 2) **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) Authorize \$50,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Grants Analyst Julie McKeehan presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and KEN MANN** with Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, 1) **Authorized** \$50,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program;

and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Agenda Item #11 – Board authorization to transfer budget funds FY 19/20 from Capital Expense – Vehicles to Operating Expense – Dues and Subscriptions in the amount of \$25,000.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Executive Director/APCO Bret Banks presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTOW CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and KEN MANN with Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP absent**, the Board, **authorized** transfer of budget funds FY 19/20 from Capital Expense – Vehicles to Operating Expense – Dues and Subscriptions in the amount of \$25,000.

Agenda Item #12 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

Executive Director/APCO –

- Antelope Valley Transportation Authority recognition for completing 2 million miles of service using zero-emission battery electric BYD buses – as a result:
 - Savings of 512,000 gallons of diesel fuel and \$810,000 in fuel cost;
 - Preventing 12.2 million pounds of CO2, 87 pounds of methane and 82 pounds of nitrogen oxide emissions from being released into the Antelope Valley atmosphere.

Staff –

- None.

Agenda Item #13 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- None.

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, seconded by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes 6 BISHOP, CRIST, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, MALHI

Noes:

Absent: 1 HOFBAUER

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: February 18, 2020