

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Jim Ledford, City of Palmdale
Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken.
Board Member Mann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AIRE AWARD

Agenda Item #1 - Presentation of the 2015-2016 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award.

Chair Crist provided background information on the AIRE Awards. Bret Banks, Executive Officer/APCO, Lisa Moulton, District Director, Congressman Knight's Office and Ken Mann, A.V. Governing Board, presented Palmdale High School Solar Falcon Race Team with the 2015/2016 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE (Achievement in Reducing Emissions) Award for promoting awareness of solar energy as one of the world's cleanest renewable sources. The team actively participated in a unique high school program which trains students to design, build and ultimately race a zero-emission solar-powered car in a national competition.

The award was accepted by Palmdale High School Solar Falcon Race Team and Antek Ignatowicz, Lead Advisor/Head Coordinator. Closing remarks by Lisa Moulton, congratulating the students, on behalf of Congressman Knight's Office. Ms. Moulton provided certificates to the students. Closing remarks by Ken Mann, on behalf of the City of Lancaster, congratulating and thanking the students for their great leadership.

(5 Minute Break)

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item #2 - Traffic Signal Synchronization Update. Presenter: City of Lancaster. Michelle Cantrell, Engineer, City of Lancaster. Ms. Cantrell shared the objectives and results achieved by the City of Lancaster's traffic signal coordination and re-timing project. In Spring, 2016, the City implemented new synchronized timing plans for its 148 traffic signals along 16 corridors. The primary objectives of the project were to optimize timing at intersections to improve the efficiency of operations, reduce stop and go traffic, decrease travel time and overall delay, and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants. Ms. Cantrell stated that overall, the number of stops have been reduced by 31%, travel time reduced by 13% and overall delays reduced by 31%. The implementation of this project will also result in significant annual benefits, including a reduction in over 530,000 vehicle hours in delay, saving approximately 575,000 of gasoline within the first year. The improvements will result in a total annual savings of \$9.8 million dollars to the drivers and citizens of Lancaster.

Public Comments on any Agenda Item will be heard at the time of discussion of the Agenda Item. Public Comments not pertaining to Agenda Items will be heard during the PUBLIC COMMENT period, below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment.

None.

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

Agenda Item #4 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 16, 2016. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 16, 2016.

Agenda Item #5 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Received and filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Grant Summary. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Received and filed Monthly Grant Summary.

Agenda Item #7 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,579.68, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of July 2016.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,579.68, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of July 2016.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 – 1) Allocate \$200,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) in support of public transit programs in the Antelope Valley; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details and agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks provided background information and staff recommendation. Chair Crist called for an amended motion allowing Bret Banks to negotiate with the jurisdictions an amount not to exceed \$120,000, to be reimbursed to the entities (City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale and Los Angeles County) to implement the public transit program that can be matched with each entity's Proposition A funds. Board Member **HAWKINS** moved the item as amended, Seconded by **MANN** and carried unanimously, allocating an amount not to exceed \$120,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) in support of public transit programs in the Antelope Valley and authorizing the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details and agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #9 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$158,663 in Carl Moyer Program funds to High Desert Dairy for the replacement of one (1) older diesel-powered tractor with newer, cleaner 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.

Julie McKeehan provided background and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **LAWSON**, Seconded by **DISPENZA** and carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$158,663 in Carl Moyer Program funds to High Desert Dairy for the replacement of one (1) older diesel-powered tractor with newer, cleaner technology 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) Award an amount not to exceed \$79,391 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gall Brothers General Engineering for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with newer, cleaner 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.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from Chair Crist. Upon Motion by **DISPENZA**, Seconded by **HAWKINS** and

carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$79,391 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gall Brothers General Engineering for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with newer, cleaner technology 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 \$35,143 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale and Lancaster Stations for the purchase of new patrol bikes; 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. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information and staff recommendation. Board Member MANN moved the item as amended to include Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters in the title, Seconded by LAWSON and carried unanimously, to award an amount not to exceed \$35,143 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Boosters, to purchase new patrol bikes for Palmdale and Lancaster Station and authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #12 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO – None.

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

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 10:30 a.m.