

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Raj Malhi, City of Lancaster
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Richard J. Loa, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **MALHI** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2025. Board Member **HAWKINS** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair and Board Member **LOA** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **MALHI**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair and Board Member **LOA** was elected Vice-Chair for 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six (6) **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, RICHARD LOA and KEN MANN** with Board Member **BISHOP** absent, the Board acted on the following consent items at one time without discussion, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 17, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting November 19, 2024.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Receive and file the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at August 31, 2024.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and filed the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at October 31, 2024.

Agenda Item #5 - 1) Authorize \$50,000 of Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan; 3) Authorize the Executive 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 and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

1) Authorized \$50,000 of Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; 2) Authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan; 3) Authorized the Executive 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 and 4) Found that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 - 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$7,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Desert Haven Enterprises for an infrastructure project; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

Chair CRIST opened the public hearing. Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented background information and answered questions from the Board. Chair CRIST called for public comment, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, being none, Chair CRIST closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six (6) AYES votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, RICHARD LOA** and **RAJ MALHI**, with Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, 1) **Allocated** an increased amount not to exceed \$10,800 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Desert Haven Enterprises for an infrastructure project; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the

option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel; and 4) **Found** that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Agenda Item #7 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$55,900 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Miguel Arroyo for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Chair **CRIST** opened the public hearing. Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented background information and answered questions from the Board. Chair **CRIST** called for public comment, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, being none, Chair **CRIST** closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **LOA**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six (6) **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, RICHARD LOA** and **RAJ MALHI**, with Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$55,900 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Miguel Arroyo for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel; and 4) **Found** that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #8- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al. 9th Cir. Case No. 23-1614.

Closed session was not held, no updates or report.

Agenda Item #9– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- Reminder that Form 700 will be required at the beginning of 2025
- NSR Staff Report and clean rules were circulated. If there are any questions please reach out to Allison or Barbara prior to the meeting on December 30, 2024.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Happy to announce that Adrianna has a beautiful baby girl named Noelle.
- Merry Christmas to all

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #10– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Agenda Item #11– Adjourn to Special Governing Board Meeting of Monday, December 30, 2024.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. to the Special Governing Board Meeting of Monday, December 30, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTONCHELETTE** seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, as
Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HAWKINS

Noes:

Absent: 1 – HOWARD HARRIS

Abstain:2 – LAUREN HUGHES-LESLIE AND LAURA BETTENCOURT

BARBARA LODS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY *Barbara Lods*

Dated: January 21, 2025