

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Andrea Alarcón, City of Palmdale
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

Board Members Absent:

Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **MANN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

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 – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **BISHOP**, seconded by Board Member **ALARCON**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS and KEN MANN**, with Board member **NEWTON CHELETTE** absent. on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of February 21, 2023. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting February 21, 2023.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #4 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association for the replacement of existing combustion Lawn and Garden Equipment (L&GE) with cordless, zero-emission electric L&GE; 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 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

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. Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member ALARCON, seconded by Board Member MANN, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five AYES votes by Board Members, ANDREA ALARCON, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, and KENN MANN, with Board Member NEWTON CHELETTE absent and Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP recused, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association for the replacement of existing combustion Lawn and Garden Equipment (L&GE) with cordless, zero-emission electric L&GE; 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 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #5 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Landscape Connection Group for the replacement of (1) older gasoline riding mower; 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 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

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 BISHOP, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS and KENN MANN, with Board Members NEWTON CHELETTE absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Landscape Connection Group for the replacement of (1) older gasoline riding mower; 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 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #10– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- Reminded the Board Members that Form 700s are due April 3rd.

Executive Director/APCO –

- March was the one year anniversary of the Board voting to approve the cancellation of Mojave Desert AQMD contract.
- Interviews for the Permit Engineer opening is set for March 31, 2023.
- Thanked Board members for participating in the rushed Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the issue with the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Proposed Air Plan Approval and Limited Approval-Limited Disapproval of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District’s Stationary Source Permits New Source Review Rules and for the local organization’s submittal of comment letters regarding EPA’s action.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #11– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- No report.

Agenda Item #12– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **KEN MANN**, seconded by **ANDREA ALARCON**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 CRIST, BISHOP, ALARCON, CHELETTE, HAWKINS, HARRIS, MANN

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: April 18, 2023