ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY 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
  Raj Malhi, 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 called for roll call, roll call was taken. Chair CRIST asked Board Member HOFBAUER to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of May 17, 2022.
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of May 17, 2022.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.
Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of $155,415.76 for April 2022 expenditures. 
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of $155,415.76 for April 2022 expenditures.

Presenter: Bret Banks, 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 April 30, 2022. The Financial Reports for April 2022 provide financial and budgetary performance information for the District for the period referenced.

Agenda Item #6 – 1) Authorize the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) Accept the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197.
Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.
1) Authorized the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) Accepted the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) Authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197.

Agenda Item #7 – Amend Governing Board Procedural Rules to change the District Office location address to 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536.
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Agenda Item pulled by staff to the next regular scheduled Governing Board meeting.

Agenda Item #8 – Reappoint Newton Chelette as the Public Member on the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for a two-year term.
Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Reappointed Newton Chelette as the Public Member on the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for a two-year term.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #9 – Conduct Continued Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2022-23: 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. Adopt a resolution approving and adopting the budget for FY 2022-2023.
Presenter: Laquita Cole, Finance Manager.
Chair CRIST opened the public hearing. Laquita Cole, Finance Manager and Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the proposed budget 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.

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public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member HAWKINS, seconded by Board Member HOFBAUER, and
carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, NEWTON CHELETTE,
MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and RAJ MALHI, with
Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP absent, the Board adopted RESOLUTION 22-06, “A RESOLUTION OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2022-23.”

Agenda Item #10 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed $27,132 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions
Program (AB 923) funds to Jeovany Herrera Farms to replace an older diesel-powered farm tractor with
cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if
warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the
Governing Board Chairman.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the background information and answered questions from the
Board. After discussion, upon motion by Board Member HOFBAUER, seconded by Board Member
CHELETTE, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, NEWTON
CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and
RAJ MALHI, with Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP absent, the Board, 1) Awarded an amount not to
exceed $27,132 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Jeovany Herrera Farms to
replace an older diesel-powered farm tractor with cleaner technology; 2) Authorized the Executive
Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become
available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

Agenda Item #11– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –
  o No report.

Executive Director/APCO –
  o Informed the Board of the recent changes to the upper management of the Environmental Regulatory
agencies that interface with the District:
    ➢ Martha Guzman new Administrator EPA Region IX
    ➢ Liane Randolph Chair of the California Air Resources Board
    ➢ Retirement of Richard Cory Executive Director of the California Air Resources Board.
  o Action due to the upcoming termination of the Mojave Desert AQMD contract:
    ➢ The District intends to enter into a contract for air quality permit engineering services with MS
Hatch Consulting until such time the District can hire a permit engineer.
    ➢ Adrianna is training to assume the Clerk of the Board tasks along with some accounting
functions.
    ➢ The expanded Lawn and Garden Program began with a “soft” opening with limited outreach.
Social Media advertising to begin prior to July 1, 2022.
    ➢ July 1, 2022 the District’s Alternative Fuel Rebate Program will limit vehicle rebates to $500 for
Antelope Valley residents that purchase vehicles from Antelope Valley dealerships.
  o The District has seen a large increase in residential housing construction which has resulted in increased
staff activity with Dust Control Plan management and complaint response.

Staff –

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o No report.

**Agenda Item #12– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**
- Chair CRIST directed staff to contact the county regarding mulch being delivered to desert areas to ensure the material is used as soil amendment.
- Member HAWKINS commented that several Solar Farms have voluntarily replaced gravel driveways with asphalt driveways/being good neighbors and using sheep to clear the weeds under the solar arrays.

**Agenda Item #13– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 19, 2022.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**
**APPROVED**

Upon motion by Newton Chelette, seconded by Austin Bishop, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, MALHI
Noes:
Absent: 1 HOFBAUER
Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST
BY Deanna Hernandez
Dated: July 19, 2022