

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Chair **CRIST** waived the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 21, 2020.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 21, 2020.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

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

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payments to MDAQMD in the amounts of \$127,753.04 for February 2020 and \$127,799.97 for March 2020.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **approved** payments to MDAQMD in the amounts of \$127,753.04 for February 2020 and \$127,799.97 for March 2020.

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 March 31, 2020. The Financial Reports for February and March provide financial and budget performance information for the District for the period referenced.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by MANN, seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board, **received and filed** the Financial Report.

Agenda Item #6 – 1) Approve the FY 19-20 Community Air Protection Program Implementation Funds and Grant Agreement for submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for expenses necessary for the implementation of Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017); 2) Authorize the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the District; and the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Upon Motion by MANN, seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **approved** the FY 19-20 Community Air Protection Program Implementation Funds and Grant Agreement for submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for expenses necessary for the implementation of Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017); 2) **authorized** the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the District; and the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Authorize the acceptance of Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Funds; 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 to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Upon Motion by MANN, seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **authorized** the acceptance of Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Funds; 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 to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.

Agenda Item #8 – Authorize Executive Director to obtain District credit cards with Bank of the West and cancel previously issued California Special Districts Association (CSDA) credit cards.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by MANN seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board, **authorized** Executive Director to obtain District credit cards with Bank of the West and cancel previously issued California Special Districts Association (CSDA) credit cards.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #9 – Conduct Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2020-21: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Continue to the meeting of June 16, 2020 for adoption.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, being none, Chair Crist closed the public hearing and continued this item to the meeting of June 16, 2020 for adoption.

Agenda Item #10 – Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to extend the term of the contracted services from the MDAQMD and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, **approved** the Second Amendment to the Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to extend the term of the contracted services from the MDAQMD and **authorized** the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

Agenda Item #11 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of the 70 ppb Ozone Standard Implementation Evaluation: RACT SIP Analysis; Federal Negative Declarations and Emission Statement Certification (70 ppb O3 Evaluation): a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; 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, adopting the 70 ppb O3 Evaluation and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, informed the Governing Board that last minute comments were received from the California Air Resources Board. District Staff is pulling this item and this item will be presented to the Governing Board at a future Governing Board meeting.

Agenda Item #12 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$83,071 in District grant funds to B Mo's Tractors & Service for the replacement of an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, 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, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **awarded** an amount not to exceed \$83,071 in District grant funds to B Mo's Tractors & Service for the replacement of an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, cleaner 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.

Correction read into the record; Agenda Item #13 should read, “1) Award an amount not to exceed \$49,900 in District grant funds to Jon Watson Loader Backhoe Service for the replacement of an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, cleaner technology; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target frames and technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.”

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Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

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Agenda Item #14 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Recognized and thanked both the City of Lancaster and the City of Palmdale for their efforts with Operation Jumpstart.

Staff –

- None.

Agenda Item #15 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member BISHOP thanked everyone for their efforts with this meeting.
- Board Member HAWKINS thanked everyone for their efforts with this meeting.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **KENN MANN**, seconded by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 BISHOP, CRIST, CHELETTE, HOFBAUER, MANN

Noes:

Absent: 2 HARRIS, HAWKINS

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: June 16, 2020