ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA

MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale
Angela Underwood-Jacobs, City of Lancaster (Alt.)

Board Members Absent:
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

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

(Clerk’s Note: Board Members Steve Hofbauer and Austin Bishop were sworn in prior to the commencement of today’s meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #1
None.

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

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 20, 2016. Presenter: Crystal Goree. Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 20, 2016.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report, Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks. Received and filed.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Summary, Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks. Received and filed.
Agenda Item #5 - Award an amount of $1,000.00, available in the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) General Fund, to the Antelope Valley College Foundation to support the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District Scholarship Endowment. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Awarded an amount of $1,000.00, available in the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) General Fund, to the Antelope Valley College Foundation to support the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District Scholarship Endowment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED
None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 - Change regular meeting time from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Presenter: Marvin Crist.
Chair Crist provided background information regarding the initial time change of our regularly scheduled meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and requested that the time be changed back to 10:00 a.m. Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, Seconded by CHELETTE, and carried unanimously, the Board changed the regular meeting time from 10:30 a.m. back to 10:00 a.m. Staff to prepare Minute Item for next month’s meeting, matching the action to be received and filed.

PRESENTATION

Bret Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT) Rule Development Schedule. Mr. Banks provided information on RACT Analysis, the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and that the AVAQMD has been designated nonattainment for ozone. As a result AVAQMD is required to amend Rules 462, 110.2, 1151.1 and 1171. Mr. Banks answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Mr. Banks provided background information about Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) and how they may be important to economic development in the Antelope Valley.
Bret Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on AVAQMD Control Strategies and Practices for Commercial Photovoltaic Solar Projects. Mr. Banks provided background information on Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust. Information was provided on the District’s Dust Control Plan and its requirements. Mr. Banks answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Chair Crist raised questions regarding a pending utility scale solar project to be constructed west of Avenue F and 93rd Street West. Mr. Banks provided background information regarding the project as well as the impact of fugitive dust on the downwind residents and various strategies to mitigate the impact.

Agenda Item #9 - AVAQMD Governing Board Handbook. Presenter: Bret Banks
Bret Banks provided Board members with a copy of the Directors Handbook 2017. Mr. Banks reviewed the contents of the handbook, which included the District’s Mission Statement, Governing Board Procedural Rules, Governing Board Roster, List of District Staff, Governing Board Meeting Calendar, District Operational Data and Glossary of Air Pollution Terms. Mr. Banks introduced district staff to new Board members. Mr. Banks answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Board Member Hofbauer raised a question regarding how constituents are informed about available grant funding, to which Mr. Banks provided information. Mr. Banks shared information on the District’s Lawn Mower Exchange Program, the Ozone Monitoring Summary and the Adopted Budget for 2016-17. Mr. Banks provided information on the history of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and its partnership with the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and discussed the contractual relationship. Board Member Lawson commented that the AVAQMD is a good model for regional cooperation.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports
Governing Board Counsel – Allison Burns reminded Board members to file Form 700 and to complete the AB1234 Ethics Training.

Executive Director/APCO – None.

Agenda Item #11 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions For Future Agenda Items.
The Board commended staff on a great meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m.