

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County

Board Members Absent:

Mike Dispenza, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Jim Ledford, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment heard during Agenda Item #6.

Agenda Item #1

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

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 19, 2016. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 19, 2016.

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

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Summary. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Received and filed Monthly Grant Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,120.17, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2016.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$105,120.17, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2016.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item #6 - Sand Fire Air Quality Update. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared a PowerPoint presentation on Sand Fire Smoke Impacts.

Mr. Banks shared a satellite photo and clips of the area, showing the smoke along the Antelope Valley Freeway blowing into the area. Mr. Banks shared information regarding the PM-10 levels and provided information on the Air Quality Index, stating that the air quality was very unhealthy during the fires. Board Member Chelette requested that smoke advisories be sent to the Athletic Directors of AVC and UAV so that outdoor sporting activities can be suspended when the air quality is unhealthy.

Brad Poiriez, Executive Director, MDAQMD, provided update on the Pilot Fire at Silver Lake. Mr. Poiriez commented on the importance of notifying Athletic Directors of schools and colleges to advise them of unhealthy air. Mr. Poiriez asked Board Member Chelette to provide a list of Athletic Directors for AVC and UAV.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award \$30,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to Antelope Valley College to provide students with free fare to and from campus; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommended and answered board member questions. Chair Crist commented that AVTA changed bus routes to better accommodate AVC students, making a huge impact on increased ridership. Chair Crist directed staff to add Senior Bus Passes to next month's agenda for discussion. Upon Motion by **LAWSON**, Seconded by **HAWKINS** and carried unanimously, the board awarded \$30,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to Antelope Valley College to provide students with free fare to and from campus and authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames,

technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$406,065 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to Calandri SonRise Farms to retire six (6) older diesel agriculture tractors for grant funding toward the purchase of mechanical harvesting equipment, 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.

Julie McKeehan provided background, staff recommended and answered board member questions. Chair Crist thanked Brandon Calandri for bringing the project to the board. Brandon Calandri commented Julie McKeehan for her efforts on the project. Upon Motion by LAWSON, Seconded by HAWKINS and carried unanimously, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$406,065 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to Calandri SonRise Farms to retire six (6) older diesel agriculture tractors for grant funding toward the purchase of mechanical harvesting equipment, and 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.

Agenda Item #9 - 1) Authorize \$34,500 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan. Presenter: Julie McKeehan.

Julie McKeehan provided background information, staff recommended. Ms. McKeehan shared PowerPoint presentation on the program. Information was provided on incentive history and sales generated by local dealerships, with Fiat having the highest sales. Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to report back to the board regarding available AB2766 funds, and also to check with local dealerships for the best time for promoting the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO – Bret Banks formally introduced Brad Poiriez, Executive Director, MDAQMD.

Mr. Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on Ozone Transport. Mr. Banks shared Air Quality Index information, stating that the numbers were increased due to the high temperatures this Summer. Board Member Chelette directed Bret Banks to provide a copy of the Air Quality Index to all board members.

Executive Director, MDAQMD - Brad Poiriez provided additional information on ozone areas, emission reductions and SIP planning. Chair Crist asked for clarification on mitigation. Discussion ensued. Chair Crist directed staff to prepare an agenda item to further discuss ozone areas, AQI and mitigation.

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

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 10:30 a.m.