

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
ANTELOPE VALLEY 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
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Chair **CRIST** called for approval of Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP'S** absence. Upon motion by Board Member **MANN**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, 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 KEN MANN, with Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP absent**, the Board approved Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP'S** absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, telephonically 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 **MANN**, 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 KEN MANN, with Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP absent**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 21, 2021.
Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 21, 2021.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$122,972.13 for July 2021 expenditures.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Approved payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$122,972.13 for July 2021 expenditures.

Agenda Item #5 – Receive and file the Financial Report. This Preliminary Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at August 31, 2021.

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 August 31, 2021.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – Adopt a resolution reaffirming the local Declaration of Emergency as adopted on April 27, 2020; ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor on March 4, 2020; and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for the period of October 19, 2021 through November 16, 2021 pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/ APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board with assistance from Special Counsel Allison Burns. After discussion, motion to approve resolution as presented and bestowed Chair **CRIST** authority to reaffirm the state of emergency every 30 days with Bret Banks, Executive Director /APCO. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, with Board Member **BISHOP** absent, the board, **Adopted** Resolution 21-05 “**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT(“DISTRICT”) PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20, N-29-20 AND N-35-20, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.**”

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Approve the FY 21-22 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 24 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) Allocate a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Chair CRIST requested staff to solicit unused Carl Moyer funds from other Air Districts for utilization within the Antelope Valley AQMD. Upon motion by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, with Board Member **BISHOP** absent, the board, 1) **Approved** the FY 21-22 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 24 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) **Allocated** a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$129,663 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Dakota Transport for the replacement older diesel-powered farm equipment 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 staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Chair CRIST request staff to provide a list of grants awarded to AV Farming along with the grant contract completion dates. Upon motion by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, with Board Member **BISHOP** absent, the board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$129,663 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Dakota Transport for the replacement older diesel-powered farm equipment 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 #9– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Discussed the Governor signing AB 1346 into law which requires CARB by July 1, 2022 to adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust from new small off-road engines. This regulation ties into the existing AVAQMD program to assist commercial landscapers to convert from gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment to battery electric equipment. The CARB regulation will probably include grant funds to assist operators in the conversion.
- Introduced new Air Quality Specialist I employee Sandra Sarabia.
- Congratulated Board Member Ron Hawkins on his retirement from Boeing after 40 years of service.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #10 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Chair **CRIST** requested staff look into funding sources for a Valley Fever study.
- Board Member **HOFBAUER** questioned Bret Banks on the current climate effect on today's air quality

in regards to the surrounding fires.

Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **HOWARD HARRIS**, as approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: November 16, 2021