

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 July 21, 2020.**

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 21, 2020.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

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

**Agenda Item #4 – Approve payments to MDAQMD in the amount of \$167,822.59 for June 2020.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Approved** payments to MDAQMD in the amount of \$167,822.59 for June 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 June 30, 2020. The Financial Reports for April provide financial and budget performance information for the District for the period referenced.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Received and filed** the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at June 30, 2020. The Financial Reports for April provide financial and budget performance information for the District for the period referenced.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #6 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 301 – Permit Fees: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending the Regulation and directing staff actions.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, being none, Chair Crist closed the public hearing. After discussion and upon motion by **HOFBAUER**, 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 **adopted** Resolution 20-09, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AMENDING RULE 301 – PERMIT FEES AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.**”

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Community Air Protection Program funds to Zenitram, Inc. 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 staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously 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 \$100,000 in Community Air Protection Program funds to Zenitram, Inc. 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.

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$60,000 of Community Air Protection Program funds to ETP, Inc. for the replacement of older on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles with new, clean diesel 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 staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously 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 \$60,000 of Community Air Protection Program funds to ETP, Inc. for the replacement of older on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles with new, clean diesel 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.

**Agenda Item #9 – Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- No report.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Informed the Board Governor Newsom declared a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on August 14, 2020 that the Air Resources Board shall exercise maximum discretion to permit the use of stationary and portable generators to reduce the strain of the power infrastructure during the Extreme Heat Event. Therefore, many permitted sources within the Antelope Valley will be operating their emergency generators between 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm to reduce the strain on the State power grid through Thursday August 20, 2020 at midnight.

**Staff –**

- None.

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

- **HARRIS** asked for an update on the availability of battery electric commercial lawn mowers for testing and the availability and status of the installation PurpleAir Sensors.

**Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2020.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **HOWARD HARRIS**, seconded by **KEN MANN**, as approved by the following vote:

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

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY *Deanna Hernandez***

**Dated: September 15, 2020**