

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

**Special Announcements/Presentation:**

**Presentation of the 2019/2020 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award (no backup materials).**

**Presenter: Board Chair Marvin Crist.**

Chair Crist provided background information on the AIRE Award (Achievement in Reducing Emissions) and is proud to honor Westside Union School District and staff for their pivotal role in transiting the grounds maintenance of their twelve campuses from fossil fuel powered lawn and garden equipment to battery electric equipment.

Executive Director Bret Banks recognize Westside Union School District for annually eliminating approximately 52 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, over 17 tons of criteria pollutant emissions along with smaller amounts of fine particulate pollution and a variety of toxic air emissions. Based upon these accomplishments, Westside Union School District has earned the distinction of being named the recipient of the 2019/2020 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

❖ None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 18, 2020.**

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 18, 2020.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

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

**Agenda Item #4 – 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 **HARRIS**, seconded by **MANN**, 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 #5 – 1) Approve \$60,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District’s Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR); and 2) Authorize the Deputy Director 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.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Approved** \$60,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District’s Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR); and 2) **Authorized** the Deputy Director 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 #6 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$154,263.36 for July 2020.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$154,263.36 for July 2020.

**Agenda Item #7 – 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 July 31, 2020. The Financial Reports 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 **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **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 July 31, 2020. The Financial Reports provide financial and budget performance information for the District for the period referenced.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Villa del Sol Sweet Cherry Farms for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; and 2) Authorize the Deputy Director 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 CHELETTE, seconded by HOFBAUER, 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 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Villa del Sol Sweet Cherry Farms for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; and 2) Authorized the Deputy Director 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 – Approve a contractual agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the signatory Craft Councils and Local Unions and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously with six AYES votes by Board Members AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN, with one NO vote by Board Member RON HAWKINS, the Board, Approved a contractual agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the signatory Craft Councils and Local Unions and 2) Authorized the Executive Director/APCO to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

**Agenda Item #10 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 900 — Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS) and Rule 1000 —National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) as well as to receive and file updates to the Airborne Toxic Control Measures (ATCMs) and Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards Notifications: 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; E Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 900 and Rule 1000, and directing staff actions.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, introduced May Mamari, Air Quality Planner I who presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, being none, Chair Crist closed the public hearing, made the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; and waived reading of Resolution. After discussion and upon motion by

**HARRIS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, 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 20-10, “A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AMENDING RULE 900 – *STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES (NSPS)* AND RULE 1000 — *NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (NESHAP)*, AS WELL AS UPDATES MADE TO THE AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURES (ATCMs) AND MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (MACT) STANDARDS NOTIFICATIONS AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.”

**Agenda Item #11 – Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- No report.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Introduced May Mamari, Air Quality Planner I, and informed the Board of Vickie Rausch’s retirement.
- Informed the Board of the Fire Service’s Air Quality Index (AQI) daily update and smoke forecast.
- Updated the Board on the progress of the Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) program with the following:
  - Established the program in 2006, to date retired 1,126 vehicles.
  - Unannounced Audits are conducted periodically. The most recent audit was in 2019 and demonstrated the vendor was compliant with program requirements.

**Staff –**

- None.

**Agenda Item #12 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

- CHELETTE asked to see if there is a way to notify school athletics directors of the daily air quality.
- CRIST inquired to see if there is a program to assist the public with the changing of air filters.

**Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2020.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, 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: October 20, 2020**