

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member Hofbauer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #1

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #2 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 18, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Bishop, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 18, 2017.

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

Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Bishop, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Grant Fund Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Bishop, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Fund Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - The Financial Report for FY 17, March 2017 is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Bishop, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed the Financial Report.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,813.67, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of March 2017. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Bishop, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,813.67, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of March 2017.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #7 - Conduct Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2017-18: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Continue to the meeting of June 20, 2017 for adoption. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Chair Crist opened Public Hearing. Bret Banks provided background information and staff report. Mr. Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on FY 17/18 Budget Development Overview. Items discussed included Budget Foundation and Development Strategies, the Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Program and District Fee Increase Impact and Comparison. There was no public comment. Bret Banks introduced Laquita Cole, District Finance Manager. Mr. Banks answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to average the three (3) tiers for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) for the fee increase and provide information to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Chair Crist continued Public Hearing to June 20, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$37,748 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to American Plumbing Services for the replacement of an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with new, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) engine 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.

Julie McKeehan provided background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by Hofbauer, Seconded by Hawkins, with Austin Bishop recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved to award an amount not to exceed \$37,748 in Carl Moyer

Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to American Plumbing Services for the replacement of an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with new, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) engine technology; 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) Award an amount not to exceed \$39,500 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association to retire one (1) diesel forklift with newer, 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.

Julie McKeehan provided background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by Mann, Seconded by Hawkins, with Austin Bishop recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved to award an amount not to exceed \$39,500 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association to retire one (1) diesel forklift with newer, cleaner technology; 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO – Bret Banks provided an update on the sheep grazing policy. With the exception of one active grazing permit for a long-time local landowner, who grazes his sheep on his own land, the policy severely limits grazing throughout the Antelope Valley.

Bret Banks shared PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 Carl Moyer Program Changes. Information discussed included Senate Bill (SB) 513, cost effectiveness, infrastructure, and project co-funding.

Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to agendize grant application for High Desert Dairy prior to the Board making changes to the grant percentage. Chair Crist also directed Mr. Banks to come back with a proposed program, ranking system, and prioritization of projects for the Board's review.

Chair Crist commented on expanding the Carl Moyer Project. Discussion ensued regarding the equitable delegation of funds.

Bret Banks announced the workshop demonstration for electric riding lawn mowers, Wednesday, 5/31/17, 10:00 a.m. at Clear Channel Stadium, Lancaster. Three (3) mowers will be available for demonstration.

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

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m.