

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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
Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member **BISHOP** 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 June 20, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 18, 2017.

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

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Fund Summary.

Agenda Item #5 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,798.62, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2017. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,798.62, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2017.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #6 - Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading: 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 Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods.

Chair Crist opened Public Hearing. Barbara Lods shared background information and staff report. Chair Crist solicited public comment. There was no public comment. Chair Crist received staff report and Continued Public Hearing to our next regularly scheduled meeting of September 19, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Antelope Valley Fair Association for the purchase of a clean diesel pickup truck capable of operating on B20 biofuel; 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. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Board Member **BISHOP** recused himself. Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to obtain sponsorship

for -the Antelope Valley Fair, provide -the Fair with the AVAQMD banner to be placed at the Fair in acknowledgment of AVAQMD's sponsorship. Upon amended motion by

MANN, Seconded by

HAWKINS, and approved, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Antelope Valley Fair Association for the purchase of a clean diesel pickup truck capable of operating on B20 biofuel; authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form; and stipulating that the Antelope Valley Fair acknowledge a sponsorship from the Air Quality Management District.

Agenda Item #S -1 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$33,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of one (1) Polaris 900 Ranger Crew and one (1) Polaris 570 Ranger; 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.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Chair Crist noted correction of the award in the amount not to exceed \$35,000. Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, Seconded by **BISHOP** and approved as amended, the board awarded an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of one (1) Polaris 900 Ranger Crew and one (1) Polaris 570 Ranger; 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #8 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO – Bret Banks provided a brief update on Region IX EPA Public Meeting held in Lancaster on August 5, 2017 regarding the pending PSD permit for the Palmdale Energy Project, stating that -Region IX EPA -will hold a Public Hearing on the PSD permit for the Palmdale Energy Project -scheduled for September.

Mr. Banks provided an update on Calandri Sonrise Farms' new onion harvesting equipment, an AVAQMD Carl Moyer Grant project, stating that the equipment significantly reduces emissions.

Agenda Item #9 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

Board Member Lawson commented on Northrop Grummans' intent to hire more employees, and inquired as [to](#) whether or not the District has received any new permit applications. Vickie Rausch, District Engineer, responded, stating that Northrop Grumman has [sue](#) submitted permit applications and the District has [sue](#) created draft permits and that no -Title V permit applications have been received at this time.

Board Member Hofbauer thanked Bret for assisting with a weekend neighborhood complaint regarding -illegal spray paint operations.

Board Member Hawkins shared information regarding the A.V. Valley Fever Alliance's First Annual Valley Fever Walk, held at Apollo Park, August 12, 2017. Board Member Hawkins requested that District staff invite representatives from the Alliance group to

make a presentation at an upcoming meeting to provide information and awareness on Valley Fever.

Chair Crist requested that District staff include Valley Fever information on our District's website.

Chair Crist provided an update on the District grant project for the purchase of electric commercial grade lawnmowers, stating that they have been delivered and will be on display during the Antelope Valley Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2017.