

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
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:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Board Member **BISHOP** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for 2019:

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2019. Board Member **MANN** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair, and Board Member **BISHOP** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and being no other nominations, nominations for Chair and Vice Chair was closed. By unanimous roll call vote, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair and Board Member **BISHOP** was elected Vice Chair for 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair **MARVIN CRIST** called for PUBLIC COMMENT –

- ❖ Public Comment made by Rob Duchow on a non-agenda item. Mr. Duchow, representing Southern California Gas Company, spoke on California's push towards electrification and to have 100% renewable power by 2040. Mr. Duchow stressed the need for a cost effective energy choice and for Californians to have a variety of energy resources to use. He also explained how the Gas Company has been increasing the use of biogas as a renewable resource. Board Member Hofbauer commented that the Gas Company is very prompt in responding to concerns and is a good resource to utilize. Board Member Hawkins commented that AB 3232 is the driving factor for electrification and stated that testing is continuously regarding infrastructure concerns.
- ❖ Public Comment made by Susan Zahnter on a non-agenda item. Ms. Zahnter, representing the Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC), thanked the Board for their support of the Community Air Protection Program Assembly Bill 617 and the Purple Air Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 - 1. Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 20, 2018.

Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 20, 2018.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

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

Agenda Item #4 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$126,766.31, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of October 2018.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$126,766.31, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of October 2018.

Agenda Item #5 - Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/APCO to maintain credit card accounts with Umpqua Bank, approving the Umpqua Bank Commercial Card Agreement, authorizing the Executive Director/APCO to execute agreements, approved as to legal form by District Counsel.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board **Adopted** a resolution authorizing the Executive Director/APCO to maintain credit card accounts with Umpqua Bank, approving the Umpqua Bank Commercial Card Agreement, authorizing the Executive Director/APCO to execute agreements, approved as to legal form by District Counsel.

Agenda Item #6 - 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 October 31, 2018, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by BISHOP, 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 October 31, 2018, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in grant funds to Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency toward the purchase of zero-emissions electric school buses that will replace older diesel-fueled school buses; 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: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

After discussion and upon motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously, the Board 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in grant funds to Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency toward the purchase of zero-emissions electric school buses that will replace older diesel-fueled school buses; 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) Authorize \$15,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

After discussion and upon motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, the Board 1) **Authorized** \$15,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Agenda Item #9 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$94,700 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bill's Landscaping, Inc. for the replacement of older diesel off-road equipment with newer, 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.

After discussion and upon motion by **MANN**, seconded by **CHELETTE**, and carried unanimously, the Board 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$94,700 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bill's Landscaping, Inc. for the replacement of older diesel off-road equipment with newer, 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 #10 – 1) Approve the FY 18-19 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 21 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.

After discussion and upon motion by CHELETTE, seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Approved** the FY 18-19 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 21 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 #11 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in grant funds to High Desert Dairy to replace older diesel-powered farm 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.

After discussion and upon motion by MANN, seconded by CHELETTE, and carried unanimously, the Board 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in grant funds to High Desert Dairy to replace older diesel-powered farm 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 #12 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$35,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions (AB 2766) funds to Paraclete High School for the replacement of older diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner 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, Grants Analyst.

Board Member NEWTON CHELETTE recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room respectively. Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by BISHOP, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN with one recusal by Board Member CHELETTE, the Board 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$35,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions (AB 2766) funds to Paraclete High School for the replacement of older diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner engine 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 #13 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) toward the installation of proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Project); 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.

After discussion and upon motion by CHELETTE, seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority

(AVTA) toward the installation of proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Project); 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 #14 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Palmdale Station 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 by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

After discussion and upon motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Palmdale Station for the purchase of a clean diesel pickup truck capable of operating on B20 biofuel; and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames, technical project details, and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel

Agenda Item #15 – Receive and file AVAQMD’s Grant Programs Overview.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

No action required of the Board as this item was informational only.

Agenda Item #16 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Staff –

- None.

Agenda Item #17 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member Crist wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.
- Board Member Bishop wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.
- Board Member Chelette wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.
- Board Member Harris wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.
- Board Member Hawkins wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work especially with the upgrades to the AV AQMD website.
- Board Member Hofbauer wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.
- Board Member Mann wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked all for their work.

Agenda Item #18 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes 7 **CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HOFBAUER, HAWKINS,
MALHI**

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY 

Dated: January 15, 2019