

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
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 10:05 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **NEWTON CHELETTE** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ No public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 20, 2021.

Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HARRIS**, with Board Member **KEN MANN** absent, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 20, 2021.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HARRIS**, with Board Member **KEN MANN** absent, 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 **BISHOP**, seconded by **HARRIS**, with Board Member **KEN MANN** absent, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$173,993.04 for June 2021 expenditures.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HARRIS**, with Board Member **KEN MANN** absent, the Board, **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$173,993.04 for June 2021 expenditures.

Agenda Item #5 – 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 June 30, 2021.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HARRIS**, with Board Member **KEN MANN** absent, 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 June 30, 2021.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in AB 134 (Community Air Protection Program) funds to American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to provide Green Zone consulting services for transitioning commercial operators of gasoline lawn and garden equipment to zero emissions; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, 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 Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, the board, 1) **Allocated** an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in AB 134 (Community Air Protection Program) funds to American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to provide Green Zone consulting services for transitioning commercial operators of gasoline lawn and garden equipment to zero emissions; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute agreements, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Allocate \$400,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds for assisting local owner/operators in replacing older, heavy-duty diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner engine technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) 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, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

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 Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, the board, 1) **Allocated** \$400,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds for assisting local owner/operators in replacing older, heavy-duty diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner engine technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **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, and pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

Agenda Item #8 – 1) Authorize \$100,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) 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.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Board Member MANN, seconded by Board Member HOFBAUER, with seven AYES votes by Board Members BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN, the board, 1) **Authorized** \$100,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Agenda Item #9– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Informed the Board of the 2020/2021 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award presented next month, September 2021. Nominations for the award will be open until August 28, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- Informed the Board of the possibility of moving the AV AQMD offices to another location. AVAQMD is working with the Antelope Valley Fair on the possibility of utilizing a portion of their vacant office space. Prior to any formal agreement staff will return to the Board for approval to sublet our existing office space and for any new lease agreement.
- Beam portable solar canopy will be delivered to Lancaster Choice Energy in October to provide temporary vehicle charging at various locations. Staff will also investigate a future grant opportunity to replace fossil fuel powered temporary lighting at Palmdale Amphitheater and Antelope Valley Fair with portable solar lighting.

Staff –

- No report.

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

- None.

Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon motion by **KEN MANN**, seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MANN

Noes:

Absent: 1 HARRIS

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY *Deanna Hernandez*

Dated: September 21, 2021