

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Austin Bishop, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Board Member **CHELETTE** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was Taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 - 1. Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 17, 2018.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 17, 2018.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.

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

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file. Presenter:

Bret Banks. Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 - Authorize the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding: Presenter: Bret Banks. Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**,

Seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized acceptance of AB197 Emission Inventory Program Funding.

Agenda Item #5 - Authorize the acceptance of Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Funds: Presenter: Bret

Banks. Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously,

the Board authorized acceptance of FARMER Program Funds.

Agenda Item #6 - Authorize \$15,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program: Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized \$15,000 in AB2766 funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program.

Agenda Item #7 - Award \$80,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program funds (AB 2766) to Antelope Valley College for the Campus Connect Student Pass Program: Presenter: Bret Banks.

Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$121,096.93, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2018: Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board Approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$121,096.93, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of June 2018.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #– 9 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$32,265 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Heritage Sign Company for the replacement of an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with new, clean diesel 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: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from the Board. Board requested staff provide information at a future meeting about the size and type of trucks at risk of being unable to register due to the On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicle Regulation. Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, Seconded by CHELETTE and carried unanimously, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$32,265.00 in District grant program funds to Heritage Sign Company for the replacement of an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with new, clean diesel 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 # 10. Approve Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to provide administrative and operations services; Authorize the Chairman to finalize terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement if necessary, and; Authorize the Chairman to execute the final Agreement.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from the Board. Upon Motion by BISHOP, Seconded by CHELETTE and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Agreement between the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) to provide administrative and operations services; Authorize the Chairman to finalize terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement if necessary, and; Authorize the Chairman to execute the final Agreement.

Agenda Item #11 - Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 1171 – Solvent Cleaning Operations: 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 1171 – Solvent Cleaning Operations and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Chair CRIST reopened and continued the Public Hearing. Staff Member Bret Banks presented the staff report. Chair CRIST solicited public comment. GEORGE JUNG representing Northrop Grumman, USAF Plant 42, Sites 3 & 4 expressed support for the proposed amendment and thanked District staff for their work to preserve solvent use categories critical to aircraft manufacturing. KEVIN DYKEMA representing Lockheed Martin, Plant 10, expressed support for the proposed amendment and thanked District staff for their work to preserve solvent use categories critical to aircraft manufacturing. Chair CRIST closed the public hearing. Chair CRIST made the determination that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption applies and waived reading of Resolution. Board member HAWKINS recused himself from the vote due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon Motion by CHELETTE, Seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12- Presentation: Regulatory Options for Cannabis Growing / Manufacturing Facilities.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information that staff had gathered from Puget Sound Clean Air Agency in Washington state and Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District on how these agencies have developed permit programs for Cannabis Growing and Processing operations. Chairman Crist asked staff to evaluate the potential cost to identify, permit and inspect these facilities and recover those cost through a Cannabis Cultivation & Processing registration fee that could be based on the square footage of the facility

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #13 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO –

Bret Banks shared a presentation on 2018 California Wild Fires and the effect on Antelope Valley regional air quality. The Board requested copies of web site links on Wild Fire Activity and Air Quality be provided to each Board member.

Bret Banks provided information regarding the annual Achievement In Reducing Emissions (AIRE) Award nominations open until close of business on Friday, August 31, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 07 a.m. Our next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **RAJ MALHI**, as approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY *Deanna Hernandez*

Dated: September 18, 2018