

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Richard J. Loa, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **MANN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

CONSENT CALENDAR – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST**, **NEWTON CHELETTE**, **RON HAWKINS**, **RICHARD LOA** and **KEN MANN**, with Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP** and **HOWARD HARRIS** absent; on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 20, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting August 20, 2024.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4– 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 July 31, 2024.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

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 July 31, 2024.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #5– 1) Authorize the District to participate in the FARMER Program’s Shared Allocation Pool (SAP); 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, agreements and contracts related to administration and implementation of the FARMER SAP Master Agreement, approved as to legal form by Special Counsel to the Governing Board; and 3) Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Chair **CRIST** opened the public hearing. Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented background information and answered questions from the Board. Chair **CRIST** called for public comment, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, being none, Chair **CRIST** closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, RICHARD LOA and KEN MANN**, with Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP and HOWARD HARRIS** absent, the Board, 1) **Authorized** the District to participate in the FARMER Program’s Shared Allocation Pool (SAP); 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, agreements and contracts related to administration and implementation of the FARMER SAP Master Agreement, approved as to legal form by Special Counsel to the Governing Board; and 3) **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #6- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al. 9th Cir. Case No. 23-1614.

Prior to entering Closed Session, Board Member **NEWTON CHELETTE** excused himself from the meeting. The Governing board entered the Closed session at 10:06 am and concluded at 10:11 am with no report.

Agenda Item #8– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- No report.

Staff –

- No report.

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

- No Report.

Agenda Item #10– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **RON HAWKINS**, seconded by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - CRIST, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, MANN LOA,

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain: 1 - BISHOP

BARBARA LODS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY *Barbara Lods*

Dated: OCTOBER 15, 2024