

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 10, 2023.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551, at 2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560, and via teleconference. Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, Commissioner Van Dam led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, V. Chr.
Don Wilson, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Gary Van Dam, Alt. Cmsnr.

Others Present:

Peter Thompson II, General Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager
Scott Kellerman, PWD Board Director
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Holly Hughes, AVEK Board Secretary
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
Angel Fitzpatrick, Administrative Technician

EXCUSED ABSENCE –

Robert Parris, Chair

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Van Dam, and carried on a 4-0-1 vote by members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye
Commissioner Dyas - abstain
Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam - aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held June 8, 2023.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Van Dam, and carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2023, as written:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye
Commissioner Dyas - aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam - aye

6) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve payment and ratification of payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$706.25 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$1,093.90 for staff services, from ACWA/JPIA in the amount of \$100.00 for the annual Cyber Liability Policy for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in the amount of \$322.50 for professional services association with the Big Rock Creek Groundwater Recharge Project, and from the Antelope Valley Watermaster in the amounts of \$35,945.00 and \$17,972.50 for the Association's and the Antelope Valley Regional Water Management Group's (AVRWGMG) share of the 2022/2023 USGS Groundwater Monitoring Program:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye

Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam - aye

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President and Vice President Election for the 2024-2025 Term. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II stated that the ballot and candidate statements were received for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President and Vice President election for the 2024-2025 Term and that Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez is the Association's ACWA representative, and after a brief discussion of ACWA's preferred candidates, it was moved by Commission Van Dam, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez to cast the ACWA election ballot voting Cathy Green for President and Ernesto "Ernie" A. Avila for Vice President for the 2024-2025 Term:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye
Commissioner Dyas - aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam - aye

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution No. 2023-2 Being a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Approving the California Department of Water Resources Obtain a Round 2 Integrated Water Management Implementation Grant on Behalf of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Group and Designating the General Manager of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association as the Authorized Representative to Execute the Grant Agreement. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II stated that the application for the Integrated Water Management Implementation Grant Proposition 1 Round 2 was accepted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and that an updated Resolution is required to authorize the Association's General Manager to appoint a designee to work with DWR on the grant agreement after which it was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by

Commissioner Wilson, and after a brief discussion of the administration funding, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2023-2 being a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Approving the California Department of Water Resources Obtain a Round 2 Integrated Water Management Implementation Grant on Behalf of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Group and Designating the General Manager of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association as the Authorized Representative to Execute the Grant Agreement:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye
Commissioner Dyas - aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam – aye

Resolution 2023-2 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Sponsorship of Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden through 2024. (Resources Manager Barnes)

Resources Manager Barnes provided a detailed overview of the Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden sponsorship including the original funding timeline and changes due to COVID, the completed Garden areas and signage, and staff's recommendation to extend sponsorship through 2024 and maintenance funding through 2026 followed by discussion of new Conservation Garden signage, of event tickets for the member agencies, of future contract extensions, and of potential donations for the proposed Resilience Center at the AV Fairgrounds.

It was then moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Van Dam, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve sponsorship of the Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden through 2024:

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez- aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson - aye

Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye
Commissioner Van Dam – aye

10) Report of Resources Manager.

a) Update on Emergency Response Agreement with Antelope Valley Mutual Water Companies.

Resources Manager Barnes provided an update on the Emergency Response Agreement (ERA) with Antelope Valley Mutual Water Companies, including the background on the development and approval of the ERA, the reduced liability insurance requirement, the resources provided through the ERA, and the participant status followed by a brief discussion of the difference between the ERA and the Mutual Response Agreement (MRA), of California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN), and of the recent service disruption to California Water Service customers.

General Manager Thompson II then stated that staff will provide information to California Water Service regarding participation in the MRA.

11) Report of Controller.

a) Update on Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Position.

Controller Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the Association's revenue, expenses and change in net position for the month ending July 31, 2023 and then stated that the General Program Fund has been invoiced to the member agencies.

12) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Thompson II reported that a supplemental Administrative Assessment of \$4.50 per acre foot (AF) was approved by the Watermaster Board to generate funding to balance the budget; that a resolution authorizing the pre-payment of

2024 Administrative Assessments was also approved; that the 2022 Annual Report was adopted; and that an amendment to the Rules and Regulations addressing non-compliance for new production reporting was adopted.

2) 2023 Replacement Water Assessment.

He then reported that the Replacement Water Assessment Rate for 2023 is set at \$563/AF for inside AVSWCA boundaries and \$1,118/AF for outside AVSWCA boundaries.

3) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

He then reported that the fifth quarterly invoice for the Proposition 1 Round 1 grant funding has been submitted; that \$2.5 Million has been distributed to the grantees this quarter; that the Proposition 1 Round 2 Agreement is near final drafting with the Department of Water Resources (DWR); and that \$1 Million in grant funding was awarded to support the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Lawn Reduction Rebate Program and the Palmdale Water District Avenue Q Recycled Water Extension.

He then stated that AVEK staff applied for Proposition 1 Round 2 grant funding through the Fremont IRWMP and that \$625,000 was awarded to rehab the North Region Pump Station.

4) Big Rock Creek Recharge Project.

He then reported that staff submitted the Big Rock Creek Project Feasibility Study to Metropolitan Water District (MWD); that staff met with MWD's technical staff to discuss the Feasibility Study; and that MWD staff will meet next week to determine their interest level.

5) Littlerock Creek Recharge Project.

He then reported that the Littlerock Creek Project has been online for 17 weeks; that approximately 4,500 AF of water has been recharged; that 10,200 AF of recharge is estimated for 2023; and that staff will be meeting to discuss future operations.

6) AVSWCA Staff Transition.

He then reported that there will be a transition of the Association's Administration staff from PWD Executive Assistant Henry to AVEK Administrative Technician Fitzpatrick at the regular meeting in October.

The Commissioners then thanked Executive Assistant Henry for her years of service to the Association.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez reported that Littlerock Dam's 100-year anniversary is next year; that there have been many discussions regarding the reestablishment of Littlerock Dam as a recreational facility; that representatives from the City of Lancaster and City of Palmdale are working together on a potential Joint Powers to bring recreation back to Littlerock Dam; and that she will include the Association in future discussions.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

14) Report of Attorney.

There was no report of attorney.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Vice Chair Mac Laren-Gomez requested a future presentation on the proposed Resilience Center at the Antelope Valley Fair and Event Center.

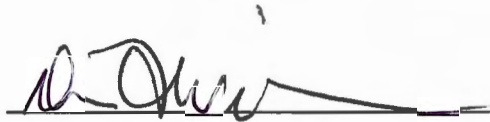
16) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting October 12, 2023.

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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18) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Secretary