

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JUNE 8, 2023.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Parris, Alternate Commissioner Van Dam led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Parris, Chair
Don Wilson, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer
John Tenerelli, Alt. Cmsnr.
Scott Kellerman, Alt. Cmsnr.
Gary Van Dam, Alt. Cmsnr.

Others Present:

Peter Thompson II, General Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
Matthew Knudson, AVEK General Manager
Claudia Bolanos, PWD Res./Analyt. Spvsr.
Holly Hughes, AVEK Board Secretary
Danielle Henry, Executive Assistant
2 members of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCE –

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Vice Chair
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Keith Dyas, Commissioner

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Presentation on Department of Water Resources/State Water Contractors Energy Roadmap. (Mr. Jonathan Young, Energy Manager, State Water Contractors)

Mr. Jonathan Young, State Water Contractors Engineering Manager, provided a detailed presentation on the State Water Project Energy Roadmap, including California's Clean Energy Policies, the proposed major transmission lines, the core values, the progress and work to date, the Project funding, the requested revisions to SB 1020 being the Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act, and the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) vs. Zero Carbon.

After a brief discussion of potential legislation and regulatory threats, Chair Parris thanked Mr. Young for the presentation.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 9, 2023.

It was moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 9, 2023, as written.

7) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Tenerelli, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve payment and ratification of payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$621.50 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$1,970.98 for staff services, from Streamline in the amount of \$300.00 for annual web hosting services, from Nigro & Nigro in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2022 annual audit, from Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$10,527.50 for professional services associated with the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update and Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Program Set Aside Grant, from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in the amount of \$2,365.00 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project, and to AVEK in the amount of \$58,861.50 and Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District in the amount of \$2,601.00 for advance Prop.1 grant funding received from the Department of Water Resources.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Acceptance and Filing of Audit for Year Ended June 30, 2022. (Controller Hoffmeyer)

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a detailed overview of the Association's audit for year ended June 30, 2022 after which it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Tenerelli, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to accept and file the Association's audit for year ended June 30, 2022.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. (General Manager Thompson II/Controller Hoffmeyer)

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a detailed overview of the proposed General Program Funds Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024, and after a brief discussion of funding for the Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden, of State Water Project Table A allocations related to the project-specific Restricted Funds Budget, and clarification that the Restricted Funds Budget for FY 2023/2024 will be presented for consideration at a future meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the General Program Funds Budget for FY 2023/2024, as presented.

General Manager Thompson II then stated that Resources Manager Barnes will provide an update on the status of the Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden at the next Association meeting.

10) Discussion and Possible Action on Littlerock Creek Recharge Project Agreement. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II provided an overview of the proposed Littlerock Creek Recharge Project Agreement between the member agencies, including the opportunity to recharge Article 21 and Table A water, and after a brief discussion of the minimal Project costs, it was moved by Commissioner Kellerman, seconded by Alternate Commissioner Van Dam, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project Agreement contingent upon approval by each member agency Board.

Commissioner Thibault then commended staff for their innovation and efficiency in completing this Project Agreement so quickly.

11) Review and Discussion of Big Rock Creek Recharge Project Staff Activities Update. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II provided a brief update on the Big Rock Creek Recharge Project, including contact with the Department of Water Resources on their siphon use, the efforts by staff to make contact with Los Angeles County Flood and Public Works regarding the proposed culverts, the limited partnership interest from East Branch Contractors for off-channel recharge, the Pearblossom Pumping Plant and recharge capacities based on State Water Project allocations, the primary recharge use for replacement water and exchange agreements, and the next steps of pursuing grant funding and partnerships with Metropolitan Water District and the Antelope Valley Integrated Water Management Group.

12) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Thompson II reported that Russ Bryden has replaced Adam Ariki on the Watermaster Board for Los Angeles County Waterworks and that efforts continue to balance the budget through cost reductions and increased assessments.

2) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

He then reported that the fifth quarterly invoice has been received for the Prop. 1 Round 1 grant award; that the project applications accepted for Prop. 1 Round 2 grant funding includes the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Lawn Reduction Rebate Program and Palmdale Water District's East Avenue Q Recycled Water Line Extension; and that an amended resolution regarding Prop. 1 Round 2 grant funding will be presented for consideration at the next Association meeting.

He then stated that AVEK staff applied for Prop. 1 Round 2 grant funding on behalf of the Fremont Basin IRWMP and was awarded \$625,000 in grant funding for the North Region Pump Station Project.

3) Emergency Response Agreement with Antelope Valley Mutual Water Companies.

He then stated that Resources Manager Barnes continues to work with Antelope Valley mutual water companies on participation in the Emergency Response Agreement with Antelope Valley Mutual Water Companies and that an update will be provided at the next Association meeting followed by a brief discussion of the participants of the Antelope Valley Mutual Response Agreement.

4) 2023 Replacement Water Assessments.

He then stated that staff anticipates the 2023 Replacement Water Assessment (RWA) rates to be presented to the Watermaster Board for consideration in June after AVEK has set their base delivery rate followed by a brief discussion of 2023 RWA rates being retroactive to the first of the year.

He then provided a recap of future agenda items discussed this evening and stated that a presentation on the state of the State Water Project will be scheduled for a future meeting after which Chair Parris congratulated General Manager Thompson II on his new position as AVEK's Assistant General Manager.

13) 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 May 31, 2023, and after a brief discussion of the Association's bank accounts, of interest rates, and of future U.S.G.S. Agreements, Controller Hoffmeyer was directed to research interest earning opportunities with other financial institutions and report back at the next Association meeting.

14) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault stated that he appreciates staff's strategic thinking and efforts for the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

15) Report of Attorney.

There was no report of attorney.

16) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

17) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting August 10, 2023.

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on August 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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 7:30 p.m.



Secretary