

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District

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Governing Board Regular Meeting

Agenda

MEETING LOCATION

Antelope Valley Transit Authority
District Office
42210 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534
661.723.8070

**Tuesday January 20, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WISHING TO GIVE ORAL TESTIMONY, PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE YOUR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO ASSURE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO EXPRESS YOURSELF ADEQUATELY.

EXCEPT WHERE NOTED, ALL SCHEDULED ITEMS WILL BE HEARD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, 42210 6TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER, CA 93534 AND THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S), IF APPLICABLE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD MAY ADDRESS ITEMS IN THE AGENDA IN A DIFFERENT ORDER THAN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEM HAS BEEN POSTED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM WILL BE HEARD AT THE TIME OF DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEM. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE HEARD DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BELOW.

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Items with potential Conflict of Interests — If you believe you have a conflict of interest, please recuse yourself at the appropriate time. If you have a question regarding a potential conflict of interest, please contact District Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent items are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion unless a Board Member requests an item be held for discussion under DEFERRED ITEMS.

1. Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 16, 2025. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.
2. Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.
3. Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

PRESENTATION

NEW BUSINESS

4. 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$568,265 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Allied Potato for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
5. 1) Approve an award not to exceed \$274,707 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Dakota Transport for the replacement of older diesel equipment with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
6. 1) Approve the Application for Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) Year 2022 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB);

2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the CHIRP Grant Agreement and any related documents with CARB, 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

7. 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.

RETURN TO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 8. Reports: Governing Board Counsel, Executive Director/APCO, Staff.
- 9. Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.
- 10. Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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Mailed & Posted on: Thursday, January 15, 2026

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**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD
****NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING******

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) will conduct a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

SAID MEETING will be conducted at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) District Office, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California 93534. Interested persons may attend and submit oral and/or written comments/statements at the meeting. It is requested that written comments/statements be submitted prior to the meeting.

Copies of this agenda and any or all additional materials relating thereto are available at www.avaqmd.ca.gov or by contacting Adrianna Castaneda at 661-723-8070 ext. 21 or by email at acastaneda@avaqmd.ca.gov.

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD**

**ADRIANNA CASTANEDA
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
PHONE: (661)723-8070, Ext. 21.**

Mailed and Posted: **Thursday, January 15, 2026.**
DATE

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Draft Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Laura Bettencourt, City of Palmdale
Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **MANN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2026. Board Member **CHELETTE** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair and Board Member **MANN** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, with Board Members **LAURA BETTENCOURT** and **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent. Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair and Board Member **MANN** was elected Vice-Chair for 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **CHELETTE**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS**

and KEN MANN, with Board Members LAURA BETTENCOURT and AUSTIN BISHOP absent, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 18, 2025. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 18, 2025.

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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #4 – 1) Approve an award not to exceed \$224,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gall Brothers General Engineering, Inc. (Gall Brother) for the replacement of a diesel excavator with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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. After group discussion and upon motion by member CHELETTE, seconded by Board Member HARRIS, as approved by the following roll call vote, with five AYES votes by Board Members, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN, with Board Members LAURA BETTENCOURT and AUSTIN BISHOP absent, the Board, 1) **Approved** an award not to exceed \$224,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gall Brothers General Engineering, Inc. (Gall Brother) for the replacement of a diesel excavator with new, cleaner technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) **Find** that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #5 - 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.

Closed session was not held; no reports or updates.

Agenda Item #6 Reports:

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- No report.

Staff – No Report

- No report.

Agenda Item #7 - Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- The Board wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Agenda Item #8 - Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Item #2 – Grant Funds Project Summary

December 2025

AB 2766 (\$4 DMV Fee)

\$655,000 Annually by Monthly Distribution

These fees fund the District's Mobile Source Emission Reductions (MSER) Grant Program. The funds must be used on eligible projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles and for related planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies necessary for the implementation of the California Clean Air Act of 1988.

Funding Limits: No surplus emission reductions or cost-effectiveness limit requirements.

Current Balance: \$1,409,476.00

AB 923 (\$2 DMV Fee)

\$614,000 Annually by Monthly Distribution

These fees fund the District's Mobile Source Emission Reductions (MSER) Grant Program. The funds must be used on eligible projects that remediate air pollution harms created by motor vehicles. These funds may also be used on Carl Moyer eligible projects; unregulated agriculture vehicles and equipment; school bus projects; light-duty vehicle retirement program; and alternative fuel and electric infrastructure projects.

Funding Limits: Surplus emission reductions required. Subject to CARB's cost-effectiveness limit.

Current Balance: \$2,242,189.00

Carl Moyer Program (CMP)

\$1,389,487.00 FY 23/24 Allocation Pending

Carl Moyer Program (CMP) funds are used toward projects eligible under the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines.

Program goals are to gain early or extra emission reductions by retrofitting, repowering, or replacing older more polluting engines with newer, cleaner engines including zero and near zero emission technologies. CMP funding categories include on-road heavy-duty vehicles, off-road equipment, light-duty passenger vehicles, lawn mower replacement and alternative fuel infrastructure projects.

Funding Limits: Surplus emission reductions required. Subject to CARB's cost-effectiveness limit.

Current Balance: \$1,315,483.00

AB 134 Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) Incentives

\$967,560 FY 23/24

Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) funds are used toward eligible projects under the CAPP and CMP Guidelines. Eligible projects must also be needed and supported within the community. These funds are focused on replacing older polluting engines, operating in disadvantaged and low-income communities, with newer, cleaner engines with a priority for zero-emissions. Funding categories include on-road heavy-duty vehicles, off-road equipment, light duty passenger vehicles, lawn mower replacement and alternative fuel infrastructure projects.

Funding Limits: Surplus emission reductions required. Subject to CARB's cost-effectiveness limit.

Current Balance: \$2,817,857.00



Agenda Item #3

Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: December 2025 Operations Activity Report

Permit Inspections - 116

Notices of Violation (NOV) Issued – 0

Vapor Recovery Tests Witnessed – 4

Complaints - 2

Complaint Investigations – 2

Asbestos Notifications – 11

Asbestos Project Inspections - 0

Active Companies - 278

Active Facilities - 586

Active Permits - 1201

Certificate of Occupancy/Building Permit Reviews - 0

CEQA Project Comment Letters - 8

State or Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) Network Air Monitoring Site:

Lancaster Site (full meteorology, CO, NO_x, O₃, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5})

Full meteorology (exterior temperature, wind speed, wind direction, exterior pressure and relative humidity)

Community Sensors:

13 **PurpleAir** particulate sensors (Del Sur School, Leona Valley Elementary, Anaverde Hills, Esperanza Elementary School, Joe Walker Middle School, Desert Willow Middle School, Amargosa Creek, Eastside High School, Littlerock High School, Knight High School, Westside School District Offices, (2) Wilsona School District.

AVAQMD CEQA PROJECTS						
BOARD MEETING						
1/20/2025						
Date Rec'd	Location	Project Name	Description	Comment	Date Due	Date Sent
12/1/2025	Palmdale	149 Residential Buildings with a Recreation Center	Site Plan Review 25-0034, requesting to construct 149 residential buildings, a recreation center, and a detention basin on approximately 10 acres. This project site is located at the southwest corner of East Avenue Q-4 and 42nd Street East in the City of Palmdale (APNs: 3023-003-016, -017, -030).	Project Information Form Rule 302- Construction Excavation Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment EV Charging Grant	12/10/2025	12/9/2025
12/1/2025	Palmdale	182 Multi-family Residential Units with a Clubhouse	Site Plan Review 25-0013, requesting to construct 182 multi-family residential units, consisting of 17 residential buildings, a clubhouse, and a utility building, on approximately 10 acres. This project site is located at the southeast corner of East Avenue R and 42nd Street East in the City of Palmdale (APN: 3023-006-051).	Project Information Form Rule 302- Construction Excavation Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment EV Charging Grant	12/10/2025	12/9/2025
12/1/2025	Lancaster	84 Single-family Residential Lots	Tentative Tract Map 25-007, which proposes the development of 84 single-family residential lots (Map 84899) in the R-7,000 zone. This project site is located on 20.1 acres at Avenue I & 12th Street East in the City of Lancaster (APNs: 3147-001-009 and 3147-001-010).	Project Information Form Rule 302- Construction Excavation Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment	12/22/2025	12/11/2025
12/2/2025	Palmdale	Merger between Cal Sand & Gravel and Holiday Rock	Pre-Application 25-0048, requesting a minor amendment to merge Cal Sand and Gravel extraction with Holiday Rock Company. This project site is located at 7749 East Avenue T in the City of Palmdale (APNs: 3051-008-007 and 3051-007-015).	No Comment	12/10/2025	12/9/2025

AVAQMD CEQA PROJECTS						
BOARD MEETING						
1/20/2025						
Date Rec'd	Location	Project Name	Description	Comment	Date Due	Date Sent
12/3/2025	Palmdale	Community Development Building with Outdoor Patio	Conditional Use Permit 25-0007 and Site Plan Review 25-0036, requesting to develop a parcel totaling ~74 acres in two phases. Phase 1 includes a community assembly building totaling ~25,800 S.F., along with a 10,000 S.F. outdoor patio. Phase 2 involves the construction of a 36,400 S.F. building, which is intended to facilitate the future expansion of the community assembly. This project site is located at 3500 Elizabeth Lake Road in the City of Palmdale (APN: 3206-020-013).	Project Information Form Rule 302- Construction Excavation Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 1403- Asbestos/Demolition Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment EV Charging Grant	12/10/2025	12/9/2025
12/3/2025	Lancaster	New Car Wash Facility	Conditional Use Permit 25-014, requesting to develop a new car wash facility in conjunction with SPR 25-011 for a new gas station, market, and drive-thru restaurant. This project site is located at 212 West Avenue K in the City of Lancaster (APN: 3128-001-016).	Project Information Form Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 1403- Asbestos/Demolition Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment EV Charging Grant	12/24/2025	12/12/2025
12/15/2025	Palmdale	Pacific Palmdale Project	Pacific Palmdale: Tentative Parcel Map 84510, Site Plan Review 24-0021, and Conditional Use Permit 25-0006, requesting to develop a 67-acre vacant site that would allow for a maximum of 1,000,000 square feet of building space to be comprised of a cross-dock warehouse building. This project site is located north of Rancho Vista Boulevard for a distance of ~1250 feet and between Division Street and Sierra Highway in the City of Palmdale (APN: 3006-027-001, -002, -003, -004, and -005).	Project Information Form Rule 302- Construction Excavation Dust Control Plan (DCP) with Signage Rule 219- Permitting CARB Equipment EV Charging Grant	1/28/2026	12/17/2025

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BOARD MEETING						
1/20/2025						
Date Rec'd	Location	Project Name	Description	Comment	Date Due	Date Sent
12/18/2025	Lancaster	Open Space Element and Conservation Element Update	Open Space Element and Conservation Element updates, which include recent changes to the Project. The City has updated the Open Space Element and Conservation Element of the City's General Plan to be in compliance with recent state legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 1425 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1889. This project site is located in the City of Lancaster, California.	Project Information Form No Comment	1/14/2026	12/19/2025

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA ITEM # 4

DATE: January 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$568,265 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Allied Potato for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY: This item recommends awarding up to \$568,265 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Allied Potato to replace an older diesel tractor with equipment certified to meet Final Tier 4/current emission standards, resulting in cleaner, lower-emission operations.

BACKGROUND: Allied Potato submitted an application for grant funding to replace an older diesel tractor under the Carl Moyer Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program. Although not subject to the diesel off-road regulation, the applicant is voluntarily participating to accelerate fleet turnover and reduce emissions through the early retirement of higher-polluting equipment. District staff reviewed the proposal in accordance with program guidelines and determined the project eligible for 80% funding toward the cost of replacement equipment. The project is expected to achieve approximately 4.43 tons per year of early emission reductions, contributing to the region's progress toward meeting national ambient air quality standards.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Governing Board approval is needed for the use of District funds. Additionally, Governing Board authorization is needed for the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate and execute an agreement with the grant recipient.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Allison E. Burns, Special Counsel to the Governing Board, as to legal form and by Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO on or before January 12, 2026.

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LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

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FINANCIAL DATA: Funding is available from the District’s Carl Moyer Program funds.

LEVINE ACT: The Levine Act (Gov. Code Section 84308) prohibits AVAQMD officials from participating in certain decisions regarding licenses, permits, and other entitlements for use if the official has received a campaign contribution of more than \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant in the previous 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information see the FPPC website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

SUBJECT TO THE LEVINE ACT	EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT
<input type="checkbox"/> Permit, license, or entitlement for use	<input type="checkbox"/> Competitively bid contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract or grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor or personal employment
	<input type="checkbox"/> General policy and legislative actions

INTERESTED PARTIES: Allied Potato

PRESENTER: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA ITEM # 5

DATE: January 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve an award not to exceed \$274,707 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Dakota Transport for the replacement of older diesel equipment with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; 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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUMMARY: Staff recommends awarding up to \$274,707 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Dakota Transport to replace two older diesel forklifts with new diesel forklifts certified to meet Final Tier 4/current emission standards, resulting in cleaner, lower-emission operations.

BACKGROUND: Dakota Transport submitted an application for grant funding to replace two older diesel forklifts under the Carl Moyer Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program. Although not subject to the diesel off-road regulation, the applicant is voluntarily participating to accelerate fleet turnover and reduce emissions through the early retirement of higher-polluting equipment used in agricultural operations. District staff reviewed the proposal in accordance with program guidelines and determined the project eligible for 80% funding toward the cost of replacement equipment. The project is expected to achieve approximately 1.83 tons per year of early emission reductions, contributing to the region's progress toward meeting national ambient air quality standards.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Governing Board approval is needed for the use of District funds. Additionally, Governing Board authorization is needed for the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate and execute an agreement with the grant recipient.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Allison E. Burns, Special Counsel to the Governing Board, as to legal form and by Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO on or before January 12, 2026.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> General policy and legislative actions

INTERESTED PARTIES: Dakota Transport (Craig Van Dam)

PRESENTER: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA ITEM # 6

DATE: January 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the Application for Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) Year 2022 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the CHIRP Grant Agreement and any related documents with CARB, 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.

SUMMARY: This agenda item requests Governing Board approval for the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's (AVAQMD) participation in the Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) and acceptance of CHIRP funds allocated to the District for eligible emissions-reduction projects and program administration. CHIRP is a State-funded incentive program administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to mitigate excess emissions associated with emergency power generation and other emission-producing activities that occur during extreme heat events and Governor-declared energy emergencies. The District will administer CHIRP funds in accordance with the CHIRP Grant Agreement and either (1) a District-adopted CHIRP Policies and Procedures document, or (2) CHIRP provisions incorporated into the District's existing Carl Moyer and/or Community Air Protection program policies, as authorized by the Governing Board.

This item authorizes the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the CHIRP Grant Agreement and related documents, which bind the parties to the terms and conditions set forth by CARB for the administration, tracking, and reporting of CHIRP funds.

BACKGROUND: The Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) was established by the State of California to offset emissions increases that occur during extreme heat events when emergency generators and other power sources are permitted to operate beyond normal regulatory limits to maintain grid reliability. These emissions disproportionately impact disadvantaged and low-income communities, including communities within the Antelope Valley. CHIRP funds may be used to support projects eligible under the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program or the Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives Program, as well as CARB-approved alternative projects that align with CHIRP objectives. Priority is given to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and projects that involve the scrap and replacement of emergency standby diesel generators, particularly those that operate during heat-related emergency proclamations. CHIRP does not require local match funding.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: CARB requires that the Governing Board

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formally approve the District’s participation in CHIRP and authorize execution of the CHIRP Grant Agreement.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Allison E. Burns Special Counsel to the Governing Board as to legal form and by Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO on or before January 12, 2026

FINANCIAL DATA: CHIRP funds are supplementary State grant funds and are not part of the District’s operating budget. No local match is required.

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PRESENTER: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst