

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** waived the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for 2021:

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2021. Board Member **CHELETTE** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair for 2021. Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Governing Board for 2021. Board Member **CHELETTE** nominated Board Member **BISHOP** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **BISHOP** was elected Vice Chair for 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ No public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 17, 2020.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **MANN**, with Board Member **HAWKINS** abstaining, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 17, 2020.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$115,645.16 for October 2020.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$115,645.16 for October 2020.

Agenda Item #5 – 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 October 31, 2020.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **HARRIS**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **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 October 31, 2020.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – Adopt Resolution approving inter-district and inter-basin transfer of offsets pursuant to Health & Safety Code (H&S Code) §40709.6 for applicant Northrop Grumman Corp. and certifying the Notice of Exemption.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, with Board Member **BISHOP** abstaining, and carried unanimously with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **KEN MANN**, the Board, **adopted** Resolution 20-11, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT APPROVING INTERDISTRICT AND INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF OFFSETS PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §40709.6 FOR APPLICANT NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION**” approving inter-district and inter-basin transfer of offsets pursuant to Health & Safety Code (H&S Code) §40709.6 for applicant Northrop Grumman Corp. and certifying the Notice of Exemption.

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$290,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gene Wheeler Farms for the replacement of older diesel farm equipment with newer, cleaner technology; and 2) Authorize the Deputy Director 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: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **awarded** an amount not to exceed \$290,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Gene Wheeler Farms for the replacement of older diesel farm equipment with newer, cleaner technology; and 2) **authorized** the Deputy Director 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 #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Tenerelli Orchards for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; and 2) Authorize the Deputy Director 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: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried unanimously with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **awarded** an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Tenerelli Orchards for the replacement of an older diesel tractor with new, cleaner technology; and 2) **authorized** the Deputy Director 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 #9 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$400,000 of District grant funding to Antelope Valley Fair Association for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project; 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: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, with Board Member **BISHOP** abstaining, and carried unanimously with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN**, the Board, 1) **awarded** an amount not to exceed \$400,000 of District grant funding to Antelope Valley Fair Association for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project; and 2) **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 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report. Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Informed the Board the AVAQMD staff will be working from home December 28, 2020 through January 1, 2021.
- Informed the Board that AVAQMD Inspectors are conducting virtual inspections to minimize exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #11 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

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

Agenda Item #12 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **STEVEN HOFBAUER**, seconded by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MANN

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: January 19, 2021