

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **BISHOP** 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**.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Agenda Item #1- 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.**

The Governing board entered the Closed session at 10:01 am and concluded at 10:38 am with no report.

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

**Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of January 16, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.**

**Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting January 16, 2024.

**Agenda Item #3 – 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 #4 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

**Agenda Item #6– 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 December 31, 2023.**

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 December 31, 2023.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST**, **NEWTON CHELETTE**, **HOWARD HARRIS**, **RON HAWKINS**, **RICHARD LOA** and **KEN MANN**, with Board Member **BISHOP** recused, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

**Agenda Item #5– Approve payments to City of Lancaster in the amount of \$565,734.61 for FY24 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 expenditures. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.**

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

**Approved** payments to City of Lancaster in the amount of \$565,734.61 for FY24 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 expenditures. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #7– 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Antelope Valley Transit Authority for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable 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 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. Board Member **AUSTIN**

**BISHOP** recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member **HARRIS**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, RICHARD LOA, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, and KEN MANN**, with Board Member **BISHOP** recused, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Antelope Valley Transit Authority for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

**Agenda Item #8– Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- Reminded the Board Members and staff to complete Form 700s prior to the April 1, 2024 deadline.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Financial audit is almost complete and will be entering the interim audit.
- Working on budget and will present at a future meeting.
- Working on the Contingency Measure plan and will be bringing it to the April Governing Board Meeting.

**Staff –**

- No report.

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

- Chairman Crist requested an agenda item be added to the March meeting adding a new position to the AVAQMD staff
- Vice Chair Bishop thanked staff and District Council for their help during the pending litigation with EPA.

**Agenda Item #10– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2024.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, as  
Approved by the following vote:

**Ayes: 7 CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, BETTENCOURT, MANN**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

**BY Adrianna Castañeda**

**Dated: MARCH 19, 2024**