

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
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
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Andrea Alarcón, City of Palmdale
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Newton Chelette, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:06 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**.

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 **ALARCON**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS and KEN MANN** on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of March 21, 2023. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting March 21, 2023.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.
Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – 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 February 28, 2023.

Presenter: Bret Banks, 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 February 28, 2023.

Agenda Item #5 - 1) Authorize the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) Accept the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

1) **Authorized** the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) **Accepted** the terms and conditions for the funds; and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form, and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6– 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$83,474 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bookman Ranch 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 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; 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. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **BISHOP**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven AYES votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, and KENN MANN**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$83,474 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Bookman Ranch for the replacement of an older diesel tractor 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 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; and 4) **Find** that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Agenda Item #7 – Receive and file a presentation regarding the upcoming 2023 Clean Off-Road Equipment (CORE) Voucher Incentive Event .

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan presented background information and answered questions from the board along with Dan Mabe from American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA). **Received and Filed** a presentation regarding the upcoming 2023 Clean Off-Road Equipment (CORE) Voucher Incentive Event.

Agenda Item #8– Informational Discussion.

- Barbara Lods, Operations Manager presented information on New Source Review Comment Letters. We have not received an update from EPA. MD will be moving forward with legal action.

Agenda Item #9– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- Reminded the Board Members to complete Form 700s if they have not done so.

Executive Director/APCO –

- New Engineer has been hired and is set to start April 24, 2023. Our contracted Engineer will assist in training the new employee.
- The FY 24 Budget has been posted and will be presented at the May Governing Board meeting.
- The District will be participating in the City of Lancaster’s Earth Day.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #10– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member Hawkins suggested a one page informational flyer regarding burn permits for Fire season to distribute to Rural Town councils.

Agenda Item #11– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, seconded by **HOWARD HARRIS**, as approved by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: May 16, 2023