

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **CHELETTE** 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 **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, 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 April 18, 2023. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting April 18, 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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2023.

Agenda Item #5 - 1) Authorize the District to participate in the FARMER Program’s Shared Allocation Pool (SAP); and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, agreements and contracts related to administration and implementation of the FAMER SAP Master Agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel .

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

1) **Authorized** the District to participate in the FARMER Program’s Shared Allocation Pool (SAP); and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, agreements and contracts related to administration and implementation of the FAMER SAP Master Agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #6 - 1) Approve \$70,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District’s Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR); 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.

1) **Approved** \$70,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 923) funds toward continued implementation of the District’s Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (VAVR); 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7– 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; 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 update the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program to include Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV); 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. The Governing Board and District Staff is pulling this item and this item will be presented in a future Governing Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$31,103 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Westside Union School District for the purchase of a Zero Emissions Mean Green Riding Mower; 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 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 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. Upon motion by Board Member **ALARCON**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, 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 \$31,103 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Westside Union School District for the purchase of a Zero Emissions Mean Green Riding Mower; 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 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #9-Conduct Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2023-24: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.; f. Continue to the meeting of June 20, 2023 for adoption

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Operations Manager

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the proposed AVAQMD budget and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, being none, Chair Crist closed the public hearing and continued item to the meeting of June 20, 2021 for adoption.

Agenda Item #10- Informational Discussion.

- Bret Banks, Executive Director presented a video of the 2023 Lancaster Poppy Festival CORE Event.

Agenda Item #11 – Informational Discussion.

- Bret Banks, Executive Director presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Lancaster Earth Day Event

Agenda Item #12- Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Introduced the Governing Board to Taylor Morais, AVAQMD’s new Air Quality Engineer. AVAQMD is working with the City of Palmdale staff on a new incentive program for electric charging stations for residents. The district is working with City of Lancaster for the production of temporary hydrogen

fueling stations.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #13– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member Austin Bishop shared the production of new sodium ion batteries.

Agenda Item #14– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, seconded by **HOWARD HARRIS**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 CRIST, BISHOP, ALARCON, CHELETTE, HARRIS, MAHLI

Noes:

Absent: 1 HAWKINS

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: June 20, 2023