

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
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.

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 April 20, 2021.

Upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 20, 2021.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

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

Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$140,570.80 for March 2021 expenditures.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$140,570.80 for March 2021 expenditures.

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 March 31, 2021.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by HAWKINS, seconded by MANN, 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 March 31, 2021.

Agenda Item #6 – Set date of June 15, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Permit and approve the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation. Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by HAWKINS, seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Set the date** of June 15, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 219 – *Equipment Not Requiring a Permit* and approve the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

Agenda Item #7 – Set date of June 15, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Regulation XIII – New Source Review, amendment of Regulation XVII – Prevention of Significant Deterioration, making conforming changes to Rule 1401 – New Source Review for Toxic Air Contaminants, and approve the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO

Upon Motion by HAWKINS, seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board, **Set the date** of June 15, 2021 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Regulation XIII – *New Source Review*, amendment of Regulation XVII – *Prevention of Significant Deterioration*, making conforming changes to Rule 1401 – *New Source Review for Toxic Air Contaminants*, and approve the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 – Conduct Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2021-22: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Continue to the meeting of June 15, 2021 for adoption.

Presenter: Laquita Cole, Finance Manager.

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Laquita Cole, Finance Manager, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, hearing none via in-person, electronically and or telephonically, Chair Crist closed the public hearing and continued item to the meeting of June 15, 2021 for adoption.

Agenda Item #9 – Presentation: Project to Add Air Quality Instruments on AVTA’s Electric Buses.

Presenter: Alex Spataru, CEO, The Adept Group, Inc.

Alex Spataru, CEO, The Adept Group, Inc., presented the presentation and answered questions from the Board. No Governing Board action required as this item is informational only.

Agenda Item #10 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$42,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Angels Touch Towing for the replacement of an older diesel forklift with new, cleaner technology; 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 background information and answered questions from the board. After discussion and upon motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by MANN, and carried with six AYES votes by Board Members, MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KEN MANN with Board Member AUSTIN BISHOP recusing, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$42,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Angels Touch Towing for the replacement of an older diesel forklift with new, cleaner technology; 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 #11 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$98,648 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Boething Treeland Farms to replace an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, clean technology; 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 background information and answered questions from the board. After discussion and as discussed, motion approved as presented to award an amount not to exceed \$98,648 in Carl Moyer Program funds and with specific compliance provision to be included in the agreement by BISHOP, seconded by HARRIS, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$98,648 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Boething Treeland Farms to replace an older heavy-duty diesel equipment with new, clean technology; and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details, and execute an agreement to include specific compliance provision, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #12 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$9,060 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to California Compaction toward the purchase and installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station; 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 background information and answered questions from the board. After discussion and upon motion by CHELETTE, seconded by HARRIS, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$9,060 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to California Compaction toward the purchase and installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station; 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 #13 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Community Air Protection Program (AB 134) funds to Waste Management dba Antelope Valley Hauling (WM) toward the replacement of older liquified natural gas (LNG) refuse trucks; 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 background information and answered questions from the board. After discussion and upon motion by **HAWKINS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, and STEVEN HOFBAUER** with Board Member **KEN MANN** recusing, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Community Air Protection Program (AB 134) funds to Waste Management dba Antelope Valley Hauling (WM) toward the replacement of older liquified natural gas (LNG) refuse trucks; 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 #14 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, commented on Antelope Valley Transit Authority’s passing a new electric milestone, five million miles of zero-emission bus operations.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #15 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- None.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVED

Upon motion by **KEN MANN**, seconded by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, 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: June 15, 2021