

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022  
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE  
LANCASTER, CA**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster  
Newton Chelette, Public Member  
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County  
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County  
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale  
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **HARRIS** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for 2023.

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2023. Board Member **MANN** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair for 2023. The nomination for Vice Chair was deferred until the next meeting.

**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**

**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 **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN**, with Board members **STEVEN HOFBAUER and AUSTIN BISHOP** absent. on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 15, 2022.**

**Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of November 15, 2022.

**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 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$172,950.45 for October 2022 expenditures.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.  
**Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$172,950.45 for October 2022 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 October 31, 2022.**

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 October 31, 2022.

**Agenda Item #6 – 1) Authorize the acceptance of Community Air Protection (CAP) Funds; 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 to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst  
1) **Authorized** the acceptance of Community Air Protection (CAP) Funds; 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 to negotiate and execute agreements for eligible projects.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$38,226 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions (AB 2766) funds to Paraclete High School for the replacement of one older diesel transit van with newer, cleaner engine technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; and 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.**

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 **NEWTON CHELETTE** recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with four AYES votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **AUSTIN BISHOP**

absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$38,226 of Mobile Source Emission Reductions (AB 2766) funds to Paraclete High School for the replacement of one older diesel transit van with newer, cleaner engine technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable funding sources become available; and 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.

**Agenda Item #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$47,073 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Wilsona School District for the replacement of an older diesel tractor; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) 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

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 **HARRIS**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five AYES votes by Board Members, **NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$47,073 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Wilsona School District for the replacement of an older diesel tractor; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 3) **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 - Receive and file presentation regarding the 2022 update on FARMER SAP Program.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented background information and answered questions from the board. The Board requested that a presentation be given at a future meeting with Association of Rural Town Councils, AG teachers, High School Boards, and Water Districts. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five AYES votes by Board Members, **NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, **Received and Filed** the presentation regarding the 2022 update on FARMER SAP Program.

**Agenda Item #10 - Receive and file presentation regarding the 2022 Air Quality Update.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, 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 **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five AYES votes by Board Members, **NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **STEVEN HOFBAUER** and **AUSTIN BISHOP** absent, the Board, **Received and Filed** the presentation regarding the 2022 Air Quality Update.

**Agenda Item #11– Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- Wished the Governing Board and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Los Angeles Time December 5, 2022 Top story “Local Air Quality regulators say it is impossible to meet smog standards without federal help.” The LA Times article outlines that SCAQMD cannot attain the national air quality standards without stricter federal regulations on mobile sources such as planes, trains and ships. Finance Report, AVAQMD may exceed various expense budget categories in the 2022-23 budget as a result of costs associated with the cancellation of the contract with MDAQMD.

**Staff –**

- No report.

**Agenda Item #12– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

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

**Agenda Item #13– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2023.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **ANDREA ALARCÓN**, seconded by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, as approved by the following vote:

**Ayes: 5 CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HAWKINS, MANN**

**Noes:**

**Absent: 1 HARRIS**

**Abstain:1 ALARCÓN**

**ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

**BY *Adrianna Castañeda***

**Dated: January 17, 2023**