

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Andrea Alarcón, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

The swearing-in of new Board Member City of Palmdale Mayor Pro Tem **ANDREA ALARCÓN** occurred prior to the meeting. Legal Counsel ALLISON BURNS swore-in new Board Member **ANDREA ALARCÓN**.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **ALARCÓN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair **CRIST** called for roll call, roll call was taken.

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

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Governing Board for 2023. Board Member **MANN** nominated Board Member **BISHOP** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **BISHOP** was elected Vice Chair for 2023.

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

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 20, 2022.

Upon motion by Board Member **ALARCÓN**, seconded by Board Member **BISHOP**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN**, with Board members **HOWARD HARRIS** absent and Board member **ANDREA ALARCON** abstaining from the vote, the board, **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 20, 2022.

CONSENT CALENDAR – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without

discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **BISHOP**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN**, with Board members **HOWARD HARRIS** absent. on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

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 November 30, 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 November 30, 2022.

Agenda Item #5 – 1) Approve the FY 22-23 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 25 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) Allocate a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

- 1) **Approved** the FY 22-23 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 25 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) **Allocated** a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); and 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form.

Agenda Item #6 – Authorize surplus of District-owned capital equipment and disposal as indicated; receive and file the Executive Director’s report of surplus and disposal for non-capital items.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Authorized surplus of District-owned capital equipment and disposal as indicated; receive and file the Executive Director’s report of surplus and disposal for non-capital items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$50,800 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Cande’s Home Services 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; 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. Board Member. Upon motion by Board Member **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **HOWARD HARRIS** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$50,800 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Cande's Home Services 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; 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 #8 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$55,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Jaime Coronado 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; 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 **BISHOP**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN**, with Board Members **HOWARD HARRIS** absent, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$55,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program funds to Jaime Coronado 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; 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 2023 update on AVTA Free Fare Subsidies Program Seniors & Students.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented background information and answered questions from the board. After discussion, Chair **CRIST received and filed** the presentation regarding the 2023 update on AVTA Free Fare Subsidies Program Seniors & Students.

Agenda Item #10 - Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of the AVAQMD Federal 70 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area): a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, adopting the AVAQMD Federal 70 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area) and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Operations Manager

Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, 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 ALARCON, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, MARVIN CRIST, RON HAWKINS and KENN MANN, with Board Members HOWARD HARRIS absent, the Board, **Conducted** a public hearing to consider the adoption of the AVAQMD Federal 70 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area): a. **Opened** public hearing; b. **Received** staff report; c. **Received** public testimony; d. **Closed** public hearing; e. **Made** a determination that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption applies; f. **Waived** reading of Resolution; g. **Adopted** Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, adopting the AVAQMD Federal 70 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area) and directing staff actions.

Agenda Item #11– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- Updated the Board on SB 1439. Also wished a Happy New Year to all.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Welcomed the new Board Member.

Staff –

- No report.

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

- No Report.

Agenda Item #13– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

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

Ayes: 6 CRIST, BISHOP, ALARCON, CHELETTE, HAWKINS, MANN

Noes:

Absent: 1 HARRIS

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY [Adrianna Castañeda](#)

Dated: February 21, 2023