

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Ken Mann, *Vice Chair*, City of Lancaster
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Eric Ohlsen, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

The swearing-in of new Board Member, City of Palmdale, **ERIC OHLSEN** occurred prior to the meeting. Chairman **CRIST** swore-in new Board Member **ERIC OHLSEN**.

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 A.M.

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **MANN** 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 to **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 **BISHOP**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, KEN MANN, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS**, and **ERIC OHLSEN** with Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** absent, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of January 20, 2026. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of January 20, 2026.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 – The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) has prepared the 2024 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program Annual Report in accordance with Health and Safety Code §44363 and a copy is provided to the Governing Board.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) has prepared the 2024 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program Annual Report in accordance with Health and Safety Code §44363 and a copy is provided to the Governing Board.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #5 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$103,400 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Barosh Enterprises for the replacement of older diesel equipment 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/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; 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. After group discussion and upon motion by member HAWKINS, seconded by Board Member MANN, as approved by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, MARVIN CRIST, KEN MANN, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, RON HAWKINS, and ERIC OHLSEN with Board Member HOWARD HARRIS absent, the Board, 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$103,400 in Carl Moyer Program funds to Barosh Enterprises for the replacement of older diesel equipment 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/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; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #6 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al. 9th Cir. Case No. 23-1614.

Closed session was not held; no reports or updates.

Agenda Item #7 Reports:

Governing Board Counsel –

No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- FY25 Financial audit is nearing completion. Reminder to Board Members to complete their Form 700s before April 1, 2026.

Staff – No Report

- No report.

Agenda Item #8 - Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- No report.

Agenda Item #9 - Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE** seconded by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, as
Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - CRIST, MANN, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS

Noes:

Absent: 1 - OHLSEN

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: MARCH 17, 2026