

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024  
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  
Richard J. Loa, City of Palmdale  
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster  
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County  
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County  
Newton Chelette, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for 2024:

Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Chair of the Governing Board for 2024. Board Member **MANN** nominated Board Member **CRIST** for Chair, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **CRIST** was elected Chair for 2024. Chair **CRIST** called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Governing Board for 2024. Board Member **LOA** nominated Board Member **BISHOP** for Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried unanimously, Board Member **BISHOP** was elected Vice Chair for 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

❖ Chair **CRIST** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Agenda Item #1- 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.**

The Governing board entered the Closed session at 10:03 am and concluded at 10:59 am with no report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, RICHARD LOA and KEN MANN**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

**Agenda Item #3 – 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 #4 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

**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 November 30, 2023.**

Presenter: Barbara Lods, 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, 2023.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – Due to Board Member Loa not being present during the December 2023 Governing Board Meeting, a separate vote was conducted for Agenda Item #2. The following consent item was 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 six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, and KEN MANN**, with Board Member **LOA** abstaining due to not being present during the December 19, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

**Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 19, 2023. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.**

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting December 19, 2023.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #6– Adopt a Resolution approving inter-district and inter-basin transfer of offsets pursuant to Health & Safety Code (H&S Code) §40709.6 for applicant Northrop Grumman Corp. and certifying the Notice of Exemption. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.**

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair **CRIST** opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, 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 **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, RICHARD LOA, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, and KEN MANN**, the Board, **Adopted** a Resolution approving inter-district and inter-basin transfer of offsets pursuant to Health & Safety Code (H&S Code) §40709.6 for applicant Northrop Grumman Corp. and certifying the Notice of Exemption. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

**Agenda Item #7– Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- No report.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- NSR is ongoing.
- Currently going through the finance audit and should have the results of the audit by next week
- CAPS separation is still being worked on.

**Staff –**

- No report.

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

- No report.

**Agenda Item #14– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **KEN MANN**, seconded by **RICHARD LOA**, as  
Approved by the following vote:

**Ayes: 7 CRIST, BISHOP, CHELETTE, HARRIS, HAWKINS, LOA, MANN**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

**BY *Adrianna Castañeda***

**Dated: FEBRUARY 20, 2024**