

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Raj Mahli, City of Lancaster
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Richard J. Loa, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **BISHOP** 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 onto **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 **HAWKINS**, 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 RAJ MAHLI**; on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of July 16, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting July 16, 2024.

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 #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 June 30, 2024.

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 June 30, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR – The following consent item was acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** recused himself from this item due to conflicts of interest and left the room prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member **HARRIS**, seconded by Board Member **HAWKINS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, RICHARD LOA and RAJ MAHLI** with Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** recused; on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #4– Approve payments to City of Lancaster in the amount of \$356,654.57 for FY24 Quarter 4 expenditures. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Approved payments to City of Lancaster in the amount of \$356,654.57 for FY24 Quarter 4 expenditures. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6– 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$65,761 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association (AV Fair) for a truck replacement project; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

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 **CHELETTE**, seconded by Board Member **MAHLI**, 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 RAJ MAHLI**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$65,761 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association (AV Fair) for a truck replacement project; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; 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; and 4) **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #7– 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$112,500 in Carl Moyer Program funds to LA County Sanitation Districts for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item .

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 **BISHOP**, 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 RAJ MAHLI**, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$112,500 in Carl Moyer Program funds to LA County Sanitation Districts for an Electric Vehicle Charging Project; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; 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; and 4) **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #8- 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.

Legal Counsel gave a brief update in Open Session. The companion case with Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is currently at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The negotiations are ongoing and an update will be provided at the next Governing Board Meeting.

Agenda Item #8– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- We are now taking Nominees for the 2023-2024 AIRE Award
- We are very busy with many new projects that have come in for engineering/permitting and are .anticipating more projects in the near future

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #9– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- No Report.

Agenda Item #10– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **NEWTON CHELETTE**, seconded by **RON HAWKINS**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 CRIST, CHELETTE, HAWKINS, LOA, MANN

Noes:

Absent: 2 BISHOP, MANN

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: SEPTEMBER 17, 2024