

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County
Steve Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Austin Bishop, City of Palmdale
Vern Lawson, Los Angeles County
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board Member **CHELETTE** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Agenda Item #1 - Presentation of the 2016-2017 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award.

Chair Crist provided background information on the AIRE Awards. Bret Banks, Executive Officer/APCO, presented the 2016/2017 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE (Achievement in Reducing Emissions) Award to Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy in Quartz Hill for developing an app which uses a wristband to help students with asthma to track and manage key physical symptoms and avert medical emergencies. The AIRE Award and Certificate of Recognition from Senator Knight's Office was accepted by Virginia Irvin, Teacher, Steve Wood, Principal and Regina Rossall, Superintendent, Westside School District.

(5 Minute Break)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Item #2

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #3 - Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 15, 2017. Presenter: Crystal Goree.

Upon Motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 15, 2017.

Agenda Item #4 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file. Presenter: Bret Banks.
Upon Motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #5 – Monthly Grant Fund Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks.

Upon Motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board Received and Filed Monthly Grant Fund Summary.

Agenda Item #6 - Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$109,804.44, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of July 2017. Presenter: Jean Bracy.

Upon Motion by MANN, Seconded by HOFBAUER, and carried unanimously, the Board approved payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$109,804.44, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of July 2017.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #7 - Conduct a continued public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods.

Chair Crist reopened Public Hearing. Barbara Lods shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from Chair Crist. Chair Crist solicited public comment. There was no public comment. Chair Crist closed Public Hearing. Upon Motion by HOFBAUER, Seconded by MANN, and carried unanimously, the Board received staff report, made a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, waived reading of Resolution and adopted Resolution #17-06, making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading and directing staff actions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8 - Receive, file and direct staff action regarding the report provided by Larry Rottman of Rottman Drilling Company. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information. Mr. Banks introduced Larry Rottman. Mr. Rottman addressed the Board regarding issues impacting Rottman Drilling Company. Mr. Rottman provided information on Tier 4 engines, stating that they are not designed to meet industry requirements. Mr. Rottman also discussed diesel particulate filters and the associated risks. Mr. Rottman answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Chair Crist directed Bret Banks to write a letter to CARB, recommending that they address and take action regarding the safety concerns raised by Mr. Rottman. Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, Seconded by **MANN** and carried unanimously, the Board received, filed and directed staff action regarding the report provided by Larry Rottman.

Agenda Item #9 - Appoint a Board member, one from each organization: the City of Lancaster, Los Angeles County 5th District representative and the City of Palmdale to create an Executive Committee of the Governing Board to serve for the remainder of calendar year 2017. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Chair Crist provided further information regarding the forming of the Committee. Upon Motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **HAWKINS** and carried unanimously, the Board selected Board Members **CRIST**, **BISHOP** and **LAWSON** to the newly formed Executive Committee of the Governing Board.

Agenda Item #10 – Authorize the District staff proposed revised language to the District’s Carl Moyer Program Policies and Procedures Manual, Section X “Application Review/Evaluation/Project Selection” pursuant to the current Carl Moyer Program Guidelines and as to approved form by the Office of District Counsel. Presenter: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information, staff recommendation and answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. Upon Motion by **LAWSON**, Seconded by **CHELETTE** and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the District staff proposed revised language to the District’s Carl Moyer Program Policies and Procedures Manual, Section X “Application Review/Evaluation/Project Selection” pursuant to the current Carl Moyer Program Guidelines and as to approved form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #11 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$17,218 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the City of Palmdale toward the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in part with Southern California Edison’s Charge Ready Program Pilot Project; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO 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.

Julie McKeehan shared background information and staff recommendation. Upon Motion by **BISHOP**, Seconded by **HOFBAUER** and carried unanimously, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$17,218 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to the City of Palmdale toward the purchase and installation of

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in part with Southern California Edison's Charge Ready Program Pilot Project; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO 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 #12 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$16,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency for a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) tank replacements; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO 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.

Julie McKeehan shared background information and staff recommendation.

Upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, Seconded by **MANN** and carried unanimously, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$16,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency for a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) tank replacements; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO 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 #13 - 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$9,253 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association to replace older gasoline-powered carts with new electric carts; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO 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.

Julie McKeehan shared background information and staff recommendation. Board Member **BISHOP** recused himself. Upon Motion by **MANN**, Seconded by **HAWKINS** and carried, the Board awarded an amount not to exceed \$9,253 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to Antelope Valley Fair Association to replace older gasoline-powered carts with new electric carts; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO 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 #14 - 1) Amend grant award of up to \$37,748 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to American Plumbing Services to be funded solely with Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 2766) funds; and 2) Amend the replacement of an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with new, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) engine technology to be with B20 biofuel engine technology; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO 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: Bret Banks.

Bret Banks shared background information and staff recommendation. Board Member **BISHOP** recused himself. Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, Seconded by **MANN** and carried, the Board amended grant award of up to \$37,748 in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to American

Plumbing Services to be funded solely with Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB 2766) funds; and amended the project approved by the Governing Board during the May 2017 meeting to replace an older light-heavy duty diesel vehicle with a new, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) engine with B20 biofuel engine technology; and authorized the Executive Director/APCO 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Agenda Item #10 - Reports

Governing Board Counsel – None.

Executive Director/APCO:

Bret Banks reported that Julie McKeehan gave an overview presentation of the AVAQMD Grant Program at the 2017 California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's Mobile Source & Grants Committee Symposium.

Mr. Banks informed the Board that AVAQMD staff will coordinate with Los Angeles County Department Public Health to provide a Governing Board presentation on Valley Fever.

Mr. Banks reported that EPA Region IX staff will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit for the Palmdale Energy Project on Thursday September 21, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Steve Owen Memorial Park in Lancaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 2017.