

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
ANTELOPE VALLEY 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  
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale  
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member **STEVEN HOFBAUER** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**Special Announcements/Presentation:**

**Presentation of the 2020/2021 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award (no backup materials).**

**Presenter: Chair Crist, City of Lancaster.**

Chair Crist provided background information on the AIRE Award (Achievement in Reducing Emissions) and is proud to recognize both 75<sup>th</sup> Street Quarry and the Antelope Valley Transit Authority. The air quality within the AVAQMD has benefited from their efforts and as a result they have earned the distinction of being named recipients of the 2020/2021 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award the AVAQMD highest honor .

Executive Director Bret Banks recognized local family owned 75<sup>th</sup> Street Quarry. 75<sup>th</sup> Street Quarry has been operating since 2014 and their success has allowed the expansion of their mining and recycling operation to include the sale of decorative landscape materials all while utilizing well designed particulate controls to minimize emissions from their processes.

Executive Director Bret Banks recognized Macy Neshati Executive Director and CEO of Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) as the recipient of the 2020/2021 William J. "Pete" Knight Memorial AIRE Award. Under Macy's leadership AVTA became the first 100% battery-electric, zero-emission local fleet in the nation. AVTA fleet reached the 4 million electric mile mark in 2020. Macy recently established an all-electric fleet providing a local on-request ride service. Lastly, AVTA began operation of the first all-electric commuter bus used in AVTA's daily commuter service into the Los Angeles area.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

❖ No public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 17, 2021.**

*Minutes 09.21.2021*

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, with Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** absent, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 17, 2021.

**Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, with Board Member **HOWARD HARRIS** absent, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

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

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, with Board Member **HARRIS** absent, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

**Agenda Item #4 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$145,862.11 for July 2021 expenditures.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, with Board Member **HARRIS** absent, the Board, **Approved** payment to MDAQMD in the amount of \$145,862.11 for July 2021 expenditures.

**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 July 31, 2021.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **MANN**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, with Board Member **HARRIS** absent, the Board, **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 July 31, 2021.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #6 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$295,000 of Carl Moyer Program funds to A-G Sod Farms to replace older diesel-powered farm equipment with cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Board Member **MANN**, seconded by Board Member **HOFBAUER**, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN**, with Board Member **HARRIS** absent, the board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$295,000 of Carl Moyer Program funds to A-G Sod Farms to replace older diesel-powered farm equipment with cleaner technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

**Agenda Item #7 – 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$200,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program funds AB 2766 and AB 923 for the implementation of the District’s Lawn and Garden Equipment Exchange Program; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Board Member CHELETTE, seconded by Board Member HOFBAUER, with six AYES votes by Board Members BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN, with Board Member HARRIS absent, the board, 1) **Allocated** an amount not to exceed \$200,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program funds AB 2766 and AB 923 for the implementation of the District’s Lawn and Garden Equipment Exchange Program; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

**Agenda Item #8 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$54,462 of Carl Moyer Program funds to R & J Towing for the replacement of an older diesel forklift with new, cleaner technology; 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.**

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Board Member HOFBAUER, seconded by Board Member CHELETTE, with five AYES votes by Board Members CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN, with Board Member HARRIS absent and Board Member BISHOP recusing, the board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$54,462 of Carl Moyer Program funds to R & J Towing for the replacement of an older diesel forklift with new, cleaner technology; 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO the option to change the funding source if warranted or if other applicable sources become available; and 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 pending review by the Governing Board Chairman.

**Agenda Item #9 – 1) Direct Staff to investigate the costs, logistical issues and timing involved in a potential relocation of District Offices to the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds. 2) 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.**

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, and upon motion by Board Member BISHOP, seconded by Board Member HAWKINS, with six AYES votes by Board Members BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER and MANN,

with Board Member **HARRIS** absent, the board, 1) **Directed** Staff to investigate the costs, logistical issues and timing involved in a potential relocation of District Offices to the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds. 2) **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.

**Agenda Item #10– Reports.**

**Governing Board Counsel –**

- No report.

**Executive Director/APCO –**

- Requested Laquita Cole, Finance Manager, provided an overview of the end of year 2020/2021 Antelope Valley AQMD Budget.
- Informed the Board of a possible significant new tax credit for US made electric cars being discussed in the United States Congress, as reported on CNBC.
- Introduced Student Intern Abigail Cabrera from Cal State University Northridge that will be working in the AVAQMD offices during the Fall 2021 semester.

**Staff –**

- No report.

**Agenda Item #11 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.**

- None.

**Agenda Item #12 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 2021.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**APPROVED**

Upon motion by **KEN MANN**, seconded by **STEVEN HOFBAUER**, as approved by the following vote:

**Ayes:           6       CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, HOFBAUER, MANN**  
**Noes:**  
**Absent:        1       BISHOP**  
**Abstain:**

**DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST**

**BY Deanna Hernandez**

**Dated: October 19, 2021**