

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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
Ken Mann, 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 10:04 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member 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 **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **CHELETTE**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST**, **NEWTON CHELETTE**, **RON HAWKINS**, **HOWARD HARRIS**, **RICHARD LOA** and **KEN MANN** with **AUSTIN BISHOP** recused on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 17, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting September 17, 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 #4– 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 2024.

Agenda Item #5–1) Approve the FY 24-25 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 27 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) Allocate a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form by Special Counsel to the Governing Board; and 4) Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

1) **Approved** the FY 24-25 Application for Carl Moyer Program Year 27 Funds and authorize its submission to the California Air Resources Board (CARB); 2) **Allocated** a maximum of 15 percent of Mobile Source Emissions Reduction (MSER) Program funds to serve as the required match funding for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (the Moyer Program); 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form by Special Counsel to the Governing Board; and 4) **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #6– Approve payments to City of Lancaster in the amount of \$310,248.78 for FY25 Quarter 1 expenditures. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$276,660 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the City of Lancaster for a Utility Terrain Vehicle 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 **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, RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, RICHARD LOA and KEN MANN**, and Austin Bishop recusing himself, the Board, 1) **Awarded** an amount not to exceed \$276,660 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds

to the City of Lancaster for a Utility Terrain Vehicle 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 .

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.

The Governing board entered the Closed session at 10:06 am and concluded at 10:19 am with no report.

Agenda Item #9– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Adrianna will be out until March
- We are very busy with many new projects that have come in for engineering/permitting and we 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, November 19, 2024.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2024.