

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Richard J. Loa, City of Palmdale

Board Members Absent:

Newton Chelette, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. Board Member **LOA** recused himself prior to the vote. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **HARRIS**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with five **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS and KEN MANN**, with Board Member **NEWTON CHELETTE** absent and **RICHARD LOA** recused; on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of May 21, 2024. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting May 21, 2024.

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

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 April 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 April 30, 2024.

Agenda Item #5 – Reappoint Newton Chelette as the Public Member on the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for a two-year term.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Reappointed Newton Chelette as the Public Member on the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for a two-year term.

Agenda Item #6 – 1) Allocate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to continue the District’s Residential Lawn and Garden Exchange Program; 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 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) **Allocated** an amount not to exceed \$40,000 of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Program (AB 923) funds to continue the District’s Residential Lawn and Garden Exchange Program; 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 Special Counsel to the Governing Board; and 4) **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item.

Agenda Item #7 – 1) Authorize the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) Accept the terms and conditions for the funds; 3) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197; and 4) Find that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

1) **Authorized** the acceptance of AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program Funding; 2) **Accepted** the terms and conditions for the funds; 3) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the agreement, approved as to legal form and carry out related activities to meet the requirements of AB 197; and 4) **Find** that this item is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #8– Conduct Continued Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2024-25: a. Re-Open the continued public hearing; b. Receive supplemental staff report and/or staff update; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item; f. Adopt a resolution approving and adopting the budget for FY 2024-2025.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Chair Crist opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, Operations Manager, presented the proposed AVAQMD budget and answered questions from the Board. Chair Crist called for public comment, being none, Chair Crist closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member **HAWKINS**, seconded by Board Member **BISHOP**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with six AYES votes by Board Members, **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, RICHARD LOA and KEN MANN**, with Board Member **NEWTON CHELETTE** absent, the Board, Conduct Continued Public Hearing to consider the proposed AVAQMD Budget for FY 2024-25: a. **Re-Opened** the continued public hearing; b. **Received** supplemental staff report and/or staff update; c. **Received** public testimony; d. **Closed** public hearing; e. **Find** that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to this item; f. **Adopted** a resolution approving and adopting the budget for FY 2024-2025.

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.

Closed session was not held, no updates or report.

Agenda Item #8– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Received FY 23 Management report and Financial audit.
- Submitting all of FY 24 interim audit test samples.
- Planner position will be posted.
- Permit fees will be brought to the Board in July for approval.
- Received 3 of the requested allocated grant funds.

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, July 16, 2024.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, 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: July 16, 2023