

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Austin Bishop, *Vice Chair*, City of Palmdale
Ken Mann, City of Lancaster
Andrea Alarcón, City of Palmdale
Newton Chelette, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Marvin Crist, *Chair*, City of Lancaster
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair **BISHOP** called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Vice Chair **BISHOP** asked Board Member **ALARCÓN** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair **BISHOP** called for roll call, roll call was taken. Upon motion by Board Member **ALARCON**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with four **AYES** votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, and KEN MANN**, with board members **RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, and MARVIN CRIST** absent, the Board excused Board members **RON HAWKINS, HOWARD HARRIS, and MARVIN CRIST**'s absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Nicole Parsons commented on various issues affecting the Antelope Valley and Los Angeles County generally.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item #1-Consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case).

The Governing board entered the Closed session at 10:06 am and concluded at 10:19 am. Allison Burns, General Counsel, reported that in closed session, the Board considered agenda item No. 1 and unanimously voted to authorize filing of a petition in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals against the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Michael S. Regan, in his official capacity as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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

Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 20, 2023. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Approved Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting June 20, 2023.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Received and Filed Monthly Grant Funding Summary.

Agenda Item #4 – 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 May 31, 2023.

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 May 31, 2023.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6– Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 301 – Permit Fees: 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 the Rule and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO.

Vice Chair **BISHOP** opened the public hearing. Barbara Lods, Executive Director/APCO, presented background information and answered questions from the Board. Vice Chair **BISHOP** called for public comment, no public comment was made in person, or electronically, being none, Vice Chair **BISHOP** closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Board Member **ALARCON**, seconded by Board Member **MANN**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with four AYES votes by Board Members, **ANDREA ALARCON**, **AUSTIN BISHOP**, **NEWTON CHELETTE**, and **KEN MANN**, with board members **RON HAWKINS**, **HOWARD HARRIS**, and **MARVIN CRIST** absent, the Board, **Conducted** a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 301 – Permit Fees: a. **Opened** public hearing; b. **Received** staff report; c. **Received** public testimony; d. **Closed** public hearing; e. **Made** a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. **Waived** reading of Resolution; g. **Adopted** Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending the Rule and directing staff actions.

Agenda Item #7– Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- No report.

Executive Director/APCO –

- No report.

Staff –

- No report.

Agenda Item #8– Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- No report.

Agenda Item #9– Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by **AUSTIN BISHOP**, seconded by **KENNETH MANN**, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 CRIST, BISHOP, ALARCÓN, HARRIS, HAWKINS, MANN

Noes:

Absent: 1 CHELETTE

Abstain:

ADRIANNA CASTANEDA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

BY *Adrianna Castañeda*

Dated: August 15, 2023