

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 11, 2021.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 11, 2021, via teleconference. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

No pledge of allegiance was held.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Robert Parris, Chair  
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, V. Chr.  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Gloria Dizmang, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Peter Thompson II, General Manager  
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager  
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller  
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Asst. Gen. Manager  
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager  
Amberrose Merino, PWD Alt. Commissioner  
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst  
0 members of the public

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no public comments.

**5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held December 10, 2020.**

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2020, as written:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**6) Payment of Bills.**

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$2,335.76 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$224.55 for staff services, from Digital Deployment Inc. (Streamline) in the amount of \$75.00 for web hosting services, from Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$1,070.50 for professional services associated with the 2019 Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update, from Kennedy/Jenks in the amount of \$6,800.00 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project, and from the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) in the amount of \$16,375.00 for the quarterly billing for the 2019/2020 Joint Funding Agreement for cooperative water resources investigations:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**7) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers. (General Manager Thompson II)**

After a brief discussion of PWD's new Commissioners and of the Vice Chair and Secretary positions, it was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the slate of officers for the Association as follows:

Robert Parris, Chair  
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Vice Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Gloria Dizmang, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

Controller Hoffmeyer then suggested that Agenda Item Nos. 9 and 11 be considered prior to Agenda Item No. 8 after which Chair Parris stated that Agenda Item No. 9 would now be considered.

**9) Consideration and Possible Action on Request from the Antelope Valley Watermaster to Continue Current Cost Share for the U.S.G.S./CASGEM Program. (General Manager Thompson II)**

General Manager Thompson II reviewed the request from the Antelope Valley Watermaster for the Association's commitment to continue the current cost share for the U.S.G.S./CASGEM Program for a period of three to five years, and after a brief discussion of considering the Program cost share on an annual basis and of the approval from each member agency's Board of Directors, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the

continued participation and current cost share of 50% for the 2020/2021 U.S.G.S./CASGEM Program contingent upon the approval by each member agency's Board of Directors:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

The total number of wells monitored under the Program and the associated cost for each was then briefly discussed.

**10) Discussion and Possible Action on Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies. (General Manager Thompson II)**

General Manager Thompson II stated that a Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies, including Palmdale Water District and other various large Antelope Valley agencies, is near completion and then recommended approval of outreach efforts to smaller Antelope Valley agencies for joining this Agreement in lieu of developing a separate Mutual Aid Agreement after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,300.00 for staff time to provide outreach efforts to Antelope Valley agencies for inclusion in the Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**11) Report of General Manager.**

**a) Status Updates:**

**1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.**

General Manager Thompson II stated that the 2021 Replacement Water Assessment Rates were approved by the Watermaster Board; that staff expects a request for replacement water from the Watermaster by early summer; and that discussions continue among the member agencies regarding the development of boundaries for providing replacement water for new production within the Antelope Valley adjudicated areas.

**2) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.**

He then stated that Woodard and Curran completed the requested changes and submitted the AV IRWMP Grant Agreement to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for final review; that DWR staff anticipates a quick approval of the Agreement; that staff will present the updated Antelope Valley IRWM Plan MOU for consideration at the next regular meeting; and that he has no update on the Fremont Basin IRWMP.

**3) 2021 Home Show and SMART Water Expo.**

He then reported that the 2021 Home Show and SMART Water Expo is tentatively scheduled for October.

**4) Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Program.**

He then stated that staff met with Kennedy/Jenks to discuss the draft analysis and alternative recharge options for this Program; that the most favorable option at this time is off-stream recharge; that staff will work with the member agencies to determine the anticipated recharge quantities and durations; and that Kennedy/Jenks will provide a presentation on the alternative analysis at the next regular meeting.

**5) Ethics AB 1234 Training.**

He then stated that the Association was unable to host Ethics AB 1234 training in 2020 due to COVID restrictions but that staff is working on a virtual option with AVEK attorney James Markman after which Management Analyst Henry stated that she will contact the member agencies to coordinate training for the Commissioners and staff in need of Ethics AB 1234 training.

Chair Parris then stated that Agenda Item No. 8 will now be considered.

**8) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of the 2020/2021 Restricted Funds Budget. (Controller Hoffmeyer)**

Controller Hoffmeyer reviewed the 2020/2021 Restricted Funds Budget, including the 2020/2021 U.S.G.S./CASGEM Program cost share approved this evening and the pass through costs from the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project previously approved, after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the 2020/2021 Restricted Funds Budget contingent upon the approval by each member agency's Board of Directors:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**12) Report of Controller.**

**a) Update on Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Position.**

Controller Hoffmeyer provided an update on the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position as of January 31, 2021 and then stated that the Watermaster payment for 2019 replacement water has been received and distributed accordingly to AVEK and LCID; that staff will begin discussions on the AV IRWMP MOU and management of the Proposition 1 grant funding; and that staff is preparing for the 2019/2020 audit.

**13) Reports of Commissioners.**

There were no reports.

**14) Report of Attorney.**

No attorney was present at the meeting.

**15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

It was determined that "Presentation on the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project Alternative Analysis," "Consideration and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding for the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update" and "Update on Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies" be added to the next meeting agenda.

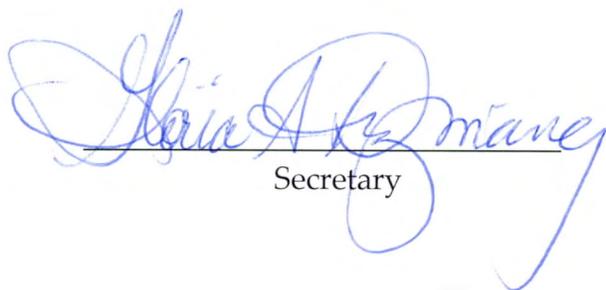
There were no further requests for future agenda items.

**16) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting April 8, 2021.**

After a brief discussion, it was determined that the next meeting of the Association will be held April 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**17) Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
Secretary