

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JUNE 3, 2021.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, June 3, 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: *(via teleconference)*

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

Others Present: *(via teleconference)*

Peter Thompson II, General Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Asst. Gen. Manager
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Amberrose Merino, PWD Alt. Commissioner
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst
1 member 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 Gomez – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Clark – aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 11, 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Clark, 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 February 11, 2021, as written:

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

6) Payment of Bills.

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 payment and ratification of payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$2,431.51 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$748.49 for staff services, from Digital Deployment Inc. (Streamline) in the amount of \$300.00 for web hosting services, from Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$6,074.00 for professional services associated with the 2019 Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update, and from Kennedy/Jenks in the total amount of \$7,840.81 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project:

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

Commissioner Thibault then reviewed and moved to approve a transfer refund in the amount of \$10,600.00 from the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management account into the Association's account for the advance payment of the

United States Geological Survey quarterly billing for cooperative water resources investigations per the 2019/2020 Joint Funding Agreement. The motion was 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:

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

7) Presentation on the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project Alternative Analysis. (Mr. Paul Chau of Kennedy/Jenks)

Mr. Paul Chau, of Kennedy/Jenks, provided a detailed presentation on the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project Alternative Analysis, including four alternatives and the recommended option of offsite recharge basins and pipeline, and after a brief discussion of recharge basin locations, of potential cost savings, and of grant opportunities, it was requested that a cost analysis on the recharge capacity in relation to the project investment and a cost differential based on recharge basin locations be prepared and presented at the next Association meeting.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. (General Manager Thompson II/Controller Hoffmeyer)

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a detailed overview of the proposed General Program Funds budget for fiscal year 2021/2022, including the line item increase for future audits and credit for the Antelope Valley Home Show and SMART Water Expo, 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 General Program Funds budget for fiscal year 2021/2022:

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

Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Clark – aye

He then stated that the 2021/2022 Restricted Funds budget will be presented for consideration at the next Association meeting.

9) Report of General Manager and Assistant General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Thompson II reported that there continues to be a strong focus on setting boundaries for new water production; that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to address water theft related to illegal marijuana grow operations; that the Association anticipates the 2020 replacement water request from the Watermaster in July; that Watermaster staff is working with the Watermaster Engineer to develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and that Watermaster staff will be working on a series of workshops including production rights, replacement water, and water supply followed by a discussion on the excessive water theft within the Antelope Valley for illegal marijuana grow operations and opportunities for local water agencies to take action on preventing these illegal activities.

2) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

He then reported that the AVIRWMP Grant Agreement was revised to remove the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority Phase II Distribution Project and resubmitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR); that a copy of the Grant Agreement will be provided to the IRWMP agencies once it is returned by DWR; that the Amended and Restated MOU has been finalized and submitted to the participating agencies for approval; that the Association will be invoicing the IRWMP agencies as approvals are made; and that staff has participated in a letter writing campaign to request that funding for IRWM Programs be included in Climate Resiliency Bonds AB 1500 and SB 45.

3) Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies.

He then reported that staff met with three of the prominent Antelope Valley agencies on March 10, 2021 to review the proposed Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies (MRA); that the key concerns are liability insurance and binding commitments within the MRA; that staff developed a contact list of agencies within the greater Antelope Valley for inclusion in the MRA; and that staff will extend an invitation to these agencies for input on the final review of the MRA to be held on July 20, 2021.

After a brief discussion, it was determined to invite PWD's Human Resources Director Jennifer Emery to the next Association Meeting to provide a presentation on the MRA.

4) Antelope Valley Home Show and SMART Water Expo.

He then reported that the Antelope Valley Home Show and SMART Water Expo has been postponed to 2022 and that staff will reach out to the Antelope Valley Fair Association for a new contract extension.

10) Report of Controller.

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

Controller Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the Association's revenue, expenses and change in net position for the month ending April 30, 2021.

11) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez reported that she attended the 2021 ACWA/JPIA Spring Virtual Board Meeting and that the practice of telemedicine during the COVID pandemic and in the future was a topic of discussion.

There were no further reports.

12) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present at the meeting.

13) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez requested that a presentation on Antelope Valley Workforce Agreements be provided at a future meeting.

It was then determined that "Presentation and Possible Action on the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project Cost Analysis," "Presentation on Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies," "Consideration and Possible Action on Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with the Antelope Valley Regional Water Management Group," and "Consideration and Possible Action on Restricted Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022" be added to the next meeting agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

14) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting August 5, 2021.

It was determined that the next meeting of the Association will be held August 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

15) 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 7:30 p.m.


Secretary