MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, APRIL 18, 2013.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Mac Laren called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Mac Laren, Commissioner Thibault led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of those affected by the Boston tragedy.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Kathy Mac Laren, Chair	Matt Knudson, General Manager
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor	Mike Riddell, Attorney
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner	Tom Barnes, Controller
Keith Dyas, Commissioner	Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
George Lane, Alt. Commissioner	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
Tim Clark, Alt. Commissioner	3 members of the public

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair –
Andy Rutledge, Secretary –
EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 14, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2013, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Clark, and unanimously carried to pay the bills received from PWD in the amounts of $796.11, $886.45, and $508.91.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements Between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, AVEK, and Tejon Ranch Tabled From the February 14, 2013 Meeting. (Controller Barnes)

Controller Barnes provided an overview of the In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements, and after a brief discussion of the member agency's legal counsel's request to meet and discuss the Agreements and of AVEK's recommendation to move forward with the Agreements without the Association's involvement, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried to allow Tejon and AVEK to move forward with the In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements excluding the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association.

Projects for the Association based on the Association's Principles and Objectives, having the member agency's legal counsels develop an In-Lieu Water Banking Agreement template, the Commissioners' authority to approve matters without individual member agency legal counsel, and the expiration of the existing Agreements were then discussed.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Regional Control of Water From the State Water Project. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson stated that a draft agreement for regional control of water from the State Water Project has been prepared for submittal to the Department of Water Resources; that he recommends the member agency's legal counsels review this draft along with the In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements; and that he will provide a status report on this matter at the next Association meeting.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Agency Interest in Funding a Feasibility Study for Development of a Joint Recharge/Water Banking Project on the East Side of the Antelope Valley. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson stated that joint eastside recharge and recovery projects have previously been discussed by the Association; that PWD completed a Strategic Water Resources Plan, and a project outlined in that Plan is the development

of a recharge project in Littlerock Creek Wash; that the Programmatic EIR process for this project has been completed; that PWD is open to making this project a group effort through the Association; that the scope of work, once developed, will be distributed to various engineering firms to solicit proposals for this work; and that he will keep the Commissioners updated on this progress followed by discussion of this proposed project.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Association Statement of Principles and Objectives. (Chair Mac Laren/General Manager Knudson)

Chair Mac Laren stated that this item was discussed earlier under Agenda Item No. 6; that the Commissioners are in agreement on moving forward as partners; and that a project needs to be identified for the Association followed by discussion of the recent partnership between PWD and AVEK for serving water through the Acton water treatment plant, the adjudication process, future projects, and focusing on the Association's Principles and Objectives.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on Business Cards for Commissioners. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed the quotation for Commissioner business cards obtained by Commissioner Thibault, and after a brief discussion of the business cards, it was moved by Alt. Commissioner Lane, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Clark, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of business cards for Commissioners in the not-to-exceed amount of $34.00.

General Manager Knudson then stated that sample business cards will be submitted to the Commissioners via email for content.

11) Consideration and Possible Action on AVSWCA Website Content and Management of Content. (General Manager Knudson/Controller Barnes)

Controller Barnes provided a detailed overview of the website, as well as login navigation, followed by discussion of quick links to the member agency's websites, Association calendar activities, photos of Association projects, and Commissioner email accounts.

12) Report of General Manager.

a) Updated Contact List for Commissioners and Staff.

General Manager Knudson stated that an updated contact list, which includes Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, Association staff, and the member agency's General Manager and legal counsel contact information, has been included in the agenda packets.

b) Update on Antelope Valley IRWMP Update.

General Manager Knudson stated that RMC is contracted by the Association to perform the IRWMP Plan update, which is progressing well; that the Antelope Valley received a grant close to $500,000 from the Department of Water Resources to perform this work, and the Association was awarded those funds as the administrator of the contract with RMC; that the next stakeholder's group meeting will be held May 15 at 9:00 a.m. at PWD; and that reimbursement invoices should be paid by May.

c) Update on Prop. 84 and 1E Grant Applications.

General Manager Knudson stated that grants have been applied for through the stakeholders and IRWMP groups for the Boron Community Services District arsenic clean-up project under Prop 84 and for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project under Prop 1E and that notification on the success of these grant applications should be known by summer.

He then reported that Commissioner Thibault previously requested information on the Fremont Valley Preservation Project, which is a 4,800 acre groundwater recharge and solar project near California City; that Commissioner Dyas provided a link for the project; that the initial study for the project is available; and that this project is located within a water basin separate from the proposed Antelope Valley adjudicated basin after which Mr. Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Assistant General Manager, provided a brief overview of the Fremont Valley Preservation Project.

13) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that he has no further report.

14) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault reported that the headline for the recent Antelope Valley Press article "Water purveyors say fear not the drought talk" sends the wrong message as all water purveyors know the water situation, water is costing the purveyors more money, rates are going up, and things are not as rosy as the headline seems to say.

15) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Riddell reported that he attended the State Water Contractors meeting earlier today; that it was reported that February and March were the driest February and March on record; that he inquired if the allocation could be reduced even further than 35% and was informed it may happen but the situation has stabilized; that the Deputy Director for the Department of Water Resources reported that Governor Brown just returned from China, was charged up about China's high speed rail, and is excited about completing projects in California including the California high speed rail and the Delta improvements; that an energy report was provided indicating energy demand during the day, wind and solar energy not being able to address peak demands, gas and hydropower becoming more valuable, policy for releasing State Water Project water when needed adversely affecting the State's energy policy, and if restrictions can be eliminated for environmental purposes, State Water Project water can be released to generate more green energy through the Hyatt and Thermalito plants.

16) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Dyas requested a team member from USGS working in the Antelope Valley be invited to present information on the status of capability of soils to remove arsenic after which Controller Barnes stated that USGS will be presenting this information at the next AVEK Board meeting.

Alt. Commissioner Lane requested the Sanitation Districts provide a presentation on an update on the use of recycled water through Plants 14 and 20.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

17) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting.

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held June 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

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.

Secretary