MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JUNE 30, 2011.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Wednesday, June 30, 2011, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Godin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Godin, Alt. Commissioner Rizzo led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Linda Godin, Chair	Matt Knudson, Interim General Manager
Gordon Dexter, Vice Chair	Tom Barnes, Controller
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner	Danielle Doll, Administrative Assistant
Dave Rizzo, Alt. Commissioner	1 members of the public

Andy Rutledge, Secretary --
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor --
George Lane, Commissioner --
EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held May 19, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Dexter, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2011, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

Interim General Manager Knudson reviewed the bills received for payment being $45.00 to The Rogee Company for the website subscription for June 2011; $712.44 to PWD for staff services; and $564.38 to AVEK for staff services after which

it was moved by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Dexter and unanimously carried to approve the bills as presented.

Interim General Manager Knudson then reviewed the final invoice from RMC Water and Environment in the amount of $14,489.31 for professional engineering services for work on the City of Palmdale Prop. 1E Upper Amargosa Creek project, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to approve final payment.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on 2011-12 Budget.

After a brief discussion, this item was tabled to allow Interim General Manager Knudson the opportunity to review the budget with Treasurer-Auditor Thibault.

7) 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. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

After discussion of the recent meeting with Stetson Engineers, Interim General Manager Knudson recommended a Request for Proposals be prepared for Phase I of the Big Rock Creek Groundwater and Recovery Project after which it was moved by Commissioner Dexter, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to move forward with preparation of a Request of Proposals.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Regional Control of Water from the State Water Project. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

Interim General Manager Knudson stated that he has met with two of the three General Managers of the member agencies; that they are interested in pursuing an agreement for regional State Water Project control; and that Controller Barnes has proposed contacting the Department of Water Resources to discuss moving forward with regional control.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that an update on this item be provided at the next Association meeting.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on In-Lieu Water Banking Agreement between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, AVEK, and Tejon Ranch. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

Controller Barnes reported that 3,200 acre feet of water has been stored under this Agreement since August of last year; that the Agreement needs to be reviewed and renewed; that AVEK has reviewed the Agreement and legal counsel recommends further review of CEQA requirements; and that he anticipates presenting the Agreement to AVEK's Board for consideration in July.

10) Report of Interim General Manager.

Interim General Manager Knudson reported that, as requested at the last meeting, Controller Barnes is working with a representative from the Sanitation Districts to schedule a facility tour, and after a brief discussion of dates and tour locations, it was determined that two tours be scheduled, including Palmdale and Lancaster facilities, and that Controller Barnes circulate possible tour dates via e-mail to the Commissioners.

Interim General Manager Knudson then reported that the Association received a commitment letter from the Department of Water Resources for a $472,000 Prop. 84 Planning Grant for the IRWMP; that staff has been working on providing the necessary information to secure the agreement for these funds; that a funding hold notification was received from the Department of Water Resources in early June but he has recently been informed that funding is back on track; and that staff is waiting for notification from the Department of Water Resources to submit the information and finalize the agreement.

11) Report of Controller.

a) Status Report on Prop. 84 Planning Grant Funding for IRWMP.

This item was reported on by Interim General Manager Knudson.

b) Status on the AVSWCA website.

Controller Barnes reviewed the $2000 budget previously approved for updating the Association's website and then reported that the president of The Rogee Company has been non-responsive to numerous letters and the website has not improved; that AVEK's website was recently updated by IES Inc.; and that IES Inc. has provided an estimate within the approved budget for updating the Association's website.

After discussion of local web design companies, the minimal increase in the monthly subscription fee, and the previously approved budget for this work, Interim General Manager Knudson was directed to move forward with the IES Inc. contract for the update and maintenance of the Association's website.

Controller Barnes then distributed information on the requested support of the City of Palmdale's high speed rail project.

12) Report of Attorney.

The attorney is not present at the meeting this evening.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports of Commissioners.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Godin stated that "Consideration and Possible Action on 2011-12 Budget" and "Consideration and Possible Action on Regional Control of Water from the State Water Project" will be placed on the next agenda along with an update on a Sanitation District tours and the Association's website.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will tentatively be held July 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

16) 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 7:05 p.m.

Secretary