MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JUNE 11, 2015.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, June 11, 2015, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:
Barbara Hogan, Chair
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair
Neal Weisenberger, Secretary
Keith Dyas, Cmsnr.
Kathy Mac Laren, Cmsnr.
Tim Clark, Alt. Cmsnr.

Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor--
EXCUSED ABSENCE

Others Present:
Matt Knudson, AVSWCA General Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
2 members of the public

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 16, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and carried on a 5-0-1 vote by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting, with Chair Hogan abstaining, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 16, 2015, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

General Manager Knudson reviewed the bills received for payment from Palmdale Water District in the amount of $1,492.03 for staff services and from AVEK in the amount of $669.79 for staff services after which it was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve payment of the bills as presented.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. (General Manager Knudson/Senior Accountant Hoffmeyer)

General Manager Knudson provided a detailed overview of the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 including the General Program Funds, the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Program (AVIRWMP) Funds, the Consulting Funds, and the USGS Groundwater Monitoring and CASGEM Program Funds, and after a brief discussion of member agency contribution amounts, of considering staff time used for the management of AVIRWMP funds as in-kind services, of the tracking of AVIRWMP staff time, and of a future amendment to the Budget for the 2015 Landscape Expo expenses, it was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 as presented.

Commissioner Dyas then thanked General Manager Knudson for including almost ten years of history in the draft Budget.

7) Discussion and Possible Action on 2015 Sustainable Landscape Expo with AVEK as the Lead Agency. (Commissioner Weisenberger/Controller Barnes)

8) Discussion and Possible Action on Regional Drought and Water Conservation Message. (Commissioner Weisenberger/General Manager Knudson)

Commissioner Weisenberger stated that AVEK was approached by the City of Lancaster to help Los Angeles County Waterworks with water conservation matters; that representatives from the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, the Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA), and other water districts attended AVEK's recent Water Conservation Committee meeting to brainstorm on a united and

positive valley-wide water conservation message; and that AVEK would like to use this message as the name of this year's Sustainable Landscape Expo followed by a brief discussion of the former Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition, of lawn removal prices, of the City of Palmdale's HERO Program and the City of Lancaster's PACE Program, and of the depletion of Cash for Grass Program funds.

General Manager Knudson then handed out documents provided by Controller Barnes on the 2015 Sustainable Landscape Expo including each agency's role in the Expo and regional conservation talking points, and after a brief discussion of notifying potential vendors of the Expo, Commissioner Weisenberger extended an invitation to attend AVEK's next Water Conservation Committee meeting on June 17th at 8:30 a.m.

9) Report of General Manager.

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

General Manager Knudson provided a brief update of the Association's Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Net Position and stated that everything looks good.

b) Update on Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Stakeholders Meetings.

General Manager Knudson reported that he reached out to the AVIRWMP Advisory Team to schedule a meeting to discuss grant funding strategies through Prop. 1, which was passed last November.

10) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Weisenberger reported that he recently attended an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference in Sacramento during which he discovered that an ACWA Region 8 representative was not listed on behalf of the Association, and after a brief discussion of Commissioner Thibault being the Association's ACWA/JPIA representative, staff was directed to follow up with ACWA on this matter.

Commissioner Hogan then stated that it is great to be back in America.

11) Report of Attorney.

There was no attorney present.

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that it is Palmdale Water District's turn to provide legal counsel for the Association and that Eric Dunn of Aleshire & Wynder LLP has taken Patty Quilizapa's place as PWD's attorney.

12) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Weisenberger requested "Discussion and possible action on 2015 Sustainable Landscape Expo with AVEK as the Lead Agency" and "Discussion and possible action on Regional Drought and Water Conservation Message" remain on future agendas as standing items after which Commissioner Alvarado requested that a presentation on the City of Palmdale's HERO Program and City of Lancaster's PACE Program be provided at a future meeting.

General Manager Knudson then recommended bringing back "Consideration and possible action on regional control of water from the State Water Project" as a future agenda item followed by a brief discussion of the importance of holding regular monthly meetings.

Mr. Danny Bazzell, of Senator Sharon Runner's office, then introduced himself and informed the Commissioners that a public service announcement by Senator Runner and Assemblyman Lackey regarding water conservation in the Antelope Valley was scheduled to be filmed this afternoon at the State Capitol followed by the introduction of Mr. Russell Williams from Assemblyman Lackey's office.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held July 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

14) 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 7:14 p.m.

Secretary