MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JULY 9, 2015.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, July 9, 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:	**Others Present:**
Barbara Hogan, Chair	Matt Knudson, AVSWCA General Manager
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair	Eric Dunn, Attorney
Neal Weisenberger, Secretary	Tom Barnes, Controller
Keith Dyas, Cmsnr.	Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Kathy Mac Laren, Cmsnr.	Travis Berglund, LCID Manager
Tim Clark, Alt. Cmsnr.	Dennis Hoffmeyer, Senior Accountant
	Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor-- EXCUSED ABSENCE	2 members of the public

General Manager Knudson introduced Palmdale Water District's new attorney, Eric Dunn, of Aleshire & Wynder LLP.

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held June 11, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2015, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

General Manager Knudson reviewed the bills received for payment from Palmdale Water District in the amount of $931.42 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of $365.34 for staff services, and ratification of a payment for $2,225.00 made to the Association of California Water Agencies for the 2015 Agency Dues after which it was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve payment of the bills as presented.

6) Presentation on the City of Palmdale's HERO Program. (Mr. Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale)

Mr. Benjamin Lucha, of the City of Palmdale, provided a brief overview of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program and the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program, a residential PACE program, including the HERO Program's property assessed water efficiency projects, the current water savings through the Program, and the financing and application process, and after a brief discussion of the Program's approved contractors, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Lucha for providing the presentation.

General Manager Knudson then stated that the HERO Program could be another avenue of help for homeowners with the depletion of cash for grass funding.

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

Commissioner Weisenberger recommended that Item No. 8 be discussed before Item No. 7 after which Chair Hogan stated that Item No. 8 will now be considered.

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

After discussion of the newly named Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition and the development of regional messages and public outreach images through this joint effort, the public service announcement by Senator Sharon Runner and Assemblyman Tom Lackey was played for the Commissioners followed by the

Jethawks radio advertisement by Palmdale Water District PIO/Conservation Director McNutt.

The survival of trees during the drought, the current City landscape ordinances, the regional leadership for the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition, the funding for the Coalition's efforts, and the success of the Antelope Valley Regional Water Management Group was then discussed after which General Manager Knudson recommended that the Association take the lead for messaging and conservation outreach and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Association and potential groups that would like to participate and contribute funding.

After a further discussion of the efficient use of the State Water Project, Chair Hogan directed General Manager Knudson to coordinate a meeting with representatives from each member agency to discuss the Association's role as the regional leader for conservation efforts.

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

Commissioner Weisenberger stated that the name of the Expo has been officially changed to the 2015 Smart Landscaping Expo; that the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Association has been notified; that a vendor application has been developed and more vendors are needed; that the Expo will have a four stage set-up including design, build, maintaining and demo; and that the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition is meeting every two weeks after which Chair Hogan requested that the Commissioners receive notification of the AVEK Water Conservation Committee and Coalition meetings.

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

After a brief discussion of the benefits of having regional control of water from the State Water Project, it was determined that staff from the three member agencies meet to discuss this item further and draft an agreement to bring before the Commissioners at a future meeting after which Commissioner Weisenberger recommended that staff from the member agencies meet on a regular basis.

10) 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 (AVIRWMP) Stakeholders Meetings.

General Manager Knudson reported that there has not been an urgency for the AVIRWMP Advisory Team to meet because the maximum funding for the Antelope Valley has been met through the Prop. 84 process and that a meeting will be scheduled when Prop. 1 funding is released.

Commissioner Weisenberger then inquired about the use of the Lahontan Region funding through Prop. 84, and after a brief discussion, General Manager Knudson stated that he will follow up on this matter.

c) Update on USGS Data Report on Groundwater Wells Monitored in the Antelope Valley in Cooperation with AVSWCA.

General Manager Knudson reported that staff will be meeting with USGS on July 16th at 10:30 a.m. to review the model of the completed groundwater levels and quality monitoring through 2014 and to discuss the program for next year.

11) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that the Department of Water Resources will be very excited about the proposed agreement on regional exchange of State Water Project water; that groundwater banking will be one issue that will need to be discussed when the agreement is drafted; and that the water conservation public service announcement by Senator Sharon Runner and Assemblyman Tom Lackey will be added to the Association's website.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dyas inquired about Palmdale Water District's Open House after which General Manager Knudson stated that the Open House will be held on Saturday, July 11th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to provide drought information as well as a public scoping meeting for the Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Project.

Commissioner Weisenberger stated that the Antelope Valley Water Partners are hosting a smart landscaping workshop at Antelope Valley College on Saturday, July 18th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mac Laren stated that during a recent tour of the Bay Delta she learned that the Delta conditions are much different than what the media conveys.

Commissioner Alvarado requested that Association events be added to Palmdale Water District's events calendar.

13) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Dunn stated that it is nice to meet the Commissioners of the Association after which scenarios of potential Brown Act violations during Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition meetings were discussed.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "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 and that "Consideration and possible action on regional control of water from the State Water Project" and "Consideration and possible action on Ad Hoc Committee to discuss regional leadership of water conservation efforts" be added to a future agenda when staff is ready to present draft agreements to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Weisenberger then informed the Commissioners that the Association will have a presence at the Antelope Valley Fair through an unmanned

display promoting a "Home of the Month" contest and that the first winner will be announced at the 2015 Smart Landscaping Expo.

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 be held August 13, 2015 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 7:48 p.m.

Secretary