MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 13, 2015.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:33 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	Tom Barnes, Controller
Neal Weisenberger, Secretary	Travis Berglund, LCID Manager
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor	Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting Supervisor
Kathy Mac Laren, Cmsnr.	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
Keith Dyas, Cmsnr.	4 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 July 9, 2015.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2015, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from Palmdale Water District in the amount of $583.27 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of $730.68 for staff services, and from Interactive Educational Services, Inc. (IES) in the amount of $294.00 for monthly website service

charges from July through December, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Joint Funding Agreement for Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement Between AVSWCA and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the Period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed and recommended approval of the Joint Funding Agreement for Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement between AVSWCA and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016, including the member agency contribution amounts based on State Water Project Table A allocations, after which it was moved Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Joint Funding Agreement for Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement between AVSWCA and USGS for the period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016 in the not-to-exceed amount of $59,200.00.

Chair Hogan then stated that representatives from USGS will present their interactive website later in the meeting.

7) Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendation of the Member Agencies General Managers Regarding Regional Leadership of Water Conservation Efforts. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson stated that representatives from the member agencies met and discussed the Association's regional water conservation role and recommend that the Association's website be utilized as the central source of water conservation information for the Antelope Valley and that existing water conservation groups and sub-committees continue their efforts, and after a brief discussion of enhancing the Association's website and of establishing an annual budget for water conservation programs and administrative costs, staff was directed to provide a budget recommendation for this work at the next meeting.

Chair Hogan then stated that Agenda Item No. 6 will again be considered for a presentation from USGS on their interactive website.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Joint Funding Agreement for Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement Between AVSWCA and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the Period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016. (General Manager Knudson)

Mr. Nick Teague, of the United States Geological Survey, provided a detailed overview of their interactive website showing well levels in the Antelope Valley, and after a brief discussion of the Commissioner's recommendations for further website enhancements, Controller Barnes was directed to work with USGS on this matter.

Chair Hogan then stated that Agenda Item No. 8 will now be considered.

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

Commissioner Weisenberger provided the preliminary schedule and set-up layout for the 2015 Sustainable Landscape Expo, and after a brief discussion of Expo vendors and of the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition's efforts, Commissioner Weisenberger invited the Commissioners to attend the next Coalition meeting on September 3rd.

Commissioner Weisenberger then reviewed a proposed flow chart for a third party website that would encompass all Antelope Valley water conservation information, and after discussion of website domain names, website content and costs, the Association's Goals and Objectives, and financial responsibility, the Commissioners were requested to present the development of a third party website to their respective Boards for direction, and staff was directed to provide estimated costs for the development of a third party website at the next meeting.

Chair Hogan then thanked Commissioner Weisenberger for his efforts.

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

General Manager Knudson briefly reviewed the Association's draft letter and agreement requesting regional control of water from the State Water Project and stated that a final agreement will be presented to the Commissioners for consideration after further review by the General Managers of the member agencies.

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 the Budget status report after which the Commissioners thanked Accounting Supervisor Hoffmeyer for his efforts with the Association's financial reports.

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

He then reported that a meeting is being coordinated with the 18 members of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Group to discuss project funding and grant opportunities in preparation for Proposition 1 funding.

c) Update on Lahontan Region Grant Funding through Proposition 84.

He then provided a summary of the Lahontan Region grant funding through Proposition 84, Rounds 1, 2 and 3 and stated that the Antelope Valley's allocation of $7.3M has been met and that any unused funding allocated to the other Regions through Proposition 84 will be rolled into Proposition 1 funding followed by discussion of funding through the State Revolving Fund.

11) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes provided a brief overview of the Department of Water Resources 2015 Delivery Capability Report including historical deliveries of State Water Project (SWP) Table A water, existing supply conditions, future SWP allocation scenarios, and the proposed Delta tunnels after which Chair Hogan thanked Controller Barnes for the presentation.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dyas inquired on the status of Fremont Valley's application for Proposition 84 funding through the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan after which Controller Barnes stated that he will follow up on this matter.

Commissioner Weisenberger reported that the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition developed a helpful checklist for homeowners; that it will be available online before the 2015 Smart Landscape Expo; and that the Antelope Valley Water Partners are hosting a Smart Landscaping Workshop at Antelope Valley College on August 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mac Laren reminded the Commissioners that the 1st Annual High Desert Water Summit is scheduled for August 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Palmdale's Chimbole Center and encouraged those attending to RSVP for the event.

Commissioner Alvarado invited the member agencies to participate in the 21st Annual Antelope Valley International Heritage Festival is scheduled for September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Poncitlán Square and stated that entry, booths, water, food, and entertainment are all complimentary.

Commissioner Thibault reported that he will be vacationing in the near future.

13) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Discussion and possible action on 2015 Smart Landscape Expo with AVEK as the Lead Agency" remain on future agendas as a standing item and that "Consideration and possible action on regional leadership of water conservation efforts" and "Consideration and possible action on regional control of water from the State Water Project" be carried over on the next meeting agenda.

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 September 10, 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 8:19 p.m.

Secretary