MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, September 17, 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	Tom Barnes, Controller
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair	Travis Berglund, LCID Manager
Neal Weisenberger, Secretary	Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor	Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Mac Laren, Cmsnr.	0 members of the public
Keith Dyas, Cmsnr.	
	Matt Knudson, AVSWCA General Mngr.-- EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held August 13, 2015.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 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 $241.99 for staff

services, from AVEK in the amount of $548.01 for staff services, and from ACWA/JPIA in the amount of $2,183.00 for the 2015/2016 Policy Year deposit premium. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvarado and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting after which Commissioner Thibault stated that he will be inquiring with JPIA on potential rebates due to the Association.

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

After a discussion of the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition's efforts, of AVEK's Board's approval of the AVSavesWater.com website, of the website development costs and member agency breakdown according to State Water Project Table A allocations, and of the additional features included with the initial development and monthly website costs, Commissioner Alvarado stated that the Palmdale Water District Board considered this item and determined that PWD will not be able to contribute to the AVSavesWater.com website due to necessary budget cuts but are in full support of the 2015 Smart Landscape Expo.

Chair Hogan recommended that this item remain on the agenda to allow time for the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District Board to consider.

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 2015 Landscape Expo expenses are comparable to last year's Expo budget; that the Expo billboards are ready to be displayed; that AVEK continues to work on the program, exhibitors and demos for the Expo; that AVEK is holding a Water Conservation Committee meeting on September 18 at 9 a.m.; that the next Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition meeting is on October 7 at 8:30 a.m.; and that he would appreciate the attendance of staff with decision making authority from PWD and LCID at the upcoming meetings after which the attending representative from PWD, swimming pool water incentives, Expo promoting, and a potential AVEK newsletter containing minutes from the Water Conservation Committee meetings and the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition meetings were discussed.

8) Report of General Manager.

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

Controller Barnes provided a brief update of the Association's Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Net Position and the Budget status report after which he stated that the Association's finances are on track.

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

Controller Barnes reported that the AVIRWMP Advisory Team is scheduled to meet in early October to discuss new projects, Proposition 1 funding, and schedule the next stakeholders meeting for November.

c) Update on Status of Agreement Related to Regional Control of Water from the State Water Project.

Controller Barnes then reported that a letter and draft agreement requesting regional control of water from the State Water Project has been sent to the Department of Water Resources and that staff is hoping to receive a response in the near future after which Commissioner Thibault requested that an executive summary be prepared by staff or the member agencies attorneys when the final agreement is done.

9) Report of Controller.

a) Update on Fremont Valley's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and Funding.

Controller Barnes provided a presentation on the Fremont Valley Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), including the background, grant funding, and next steps of the project, and after a brief discussion of Fremont Valley's first IRWMP meeting attendance and the next scheduled meeting, the Commissioners thanked Controller Barnes for the presentation.

10) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Weisenberger reported that the Antelope Valley Water Partners are hosting a Smart Landscaping Workshop at Antelope Valley College on September 19 at 9:00 a.m. and that the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District is providing a presentation at the next Antelope Valley Board of Trade luncheon on September 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Mac Laren reported that she will be attending the California Special Districts Association Annual Fall Conference in Monterey on September 21-24 where PWD will be presented Transparency and District of Distinction Certificates.

Commissioner Thibault inquired on the interest of solar farm companies attending the Antelope Valley Water Conservation Coalition meetings after which Commissioner Weisenberger stated that invitations are extended to anyone that shows interest but none has been received from that group at this time and that one of the greatest accomplishments to come from the Coalition meetings is the development of a sod disposal site for the City of Lancaster.

11) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present.

12) 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, that "Discussion and possible action on the recommendation of the member agencies general managers regarding regional leadership of water conservation efforts" be carried over on the next meeting agenda, and that "Update on the California Water Fix" be added to the next agenda.

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 October 15, 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 7:38 p.m.

Secretary