MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 11, 2018.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Parris, Alt. Commissioner Dino led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Robert Parris, Chair	Matt Knudson, General Mngr.
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair	Tom Barnes, Resources Mngr.
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor	Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Mngr.
Keith Dyas, Commissioner	James Chaisson, LCID General Mngr.
Marco Henriquez, Commissioner	Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
Vincent Dino, Alt. Commissioner	1 member of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCE--
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Henriquez, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held December 14, 2017.

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 14, 2017, as written.

6) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received as presented from PWD in the amount of $437.85 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of $591.93 for staff services, and from AV Web Designs in the amount of $199.95 for the recurring monthly AVSavesWater.com website charge for January, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henriquez and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

7) Discussion and Possible Action on 2018 SMART Landscaping Expo. (Chair Parris)

Chair Parris reviewed the Antelope Valley Fair Association's written request for the Association to commit to two days of participation in the 2018 Home Show and Water Expo on March 17-18, 2018, as well as a sponsorship of $10,000.00 that includes all media advertisement, use of the entire Van Dam building, and free vendor booths.

After a brief discussion of the cost savings from prior Smart Landscaping Expos, of the increased Home Show attendance, of potential vendors and speakers, of advertisement, and of the next AVEK Water Conservation Committee meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Henriquez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the $10,000.00 sponsorship fee and participation in the 2018 Home Show and Water Expo as requested by the Antelope Valley Fair Association.

8) Discussion and Possible Action on the Progress of the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge, Habitat Restoration, and Nature Park Project. (General Manager Knudson/Assistant General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Knudson provided an update on the progress of the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge, Habitat Restoration, and Nature Park Project including the Project overview, the infrastructure, the proposed improvements, the current status,

and the timeline for completion followed by a brief discussion of the Project's financial partners and of the benefits the Project will provide for the water basin.

9) Status Update on AVSWCA Strategic Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meetings. (Chair Parris/General Manager Knudson)

Chair Parris stated that the next Strategic Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be held on January 24, 2018, immediately following the Watermaster Board meeting, and that discussion items will include water storage agreements and transfers with LCID, hauled water issues, and State Water Project Table A water.

10) Discussion and Possible Action on the Feasibility of Developing a Joint Groundwater Recharge Project with the AVSWCA Member Agencies. (General Manager Knudson)

Commissioner Henriquez stated that PWD's Board discussed this item and is in support to move forward with a Request for Proposals for the development of a joint groundwater recharge project in Big Rock Creek, and after a brief discussion of the financial contributions and of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), General Manager Knudson stated that AVEK's Board will consider this item at their next meeting and Commissioner Thibault stated that LCID's Board will consider this item on January 24, 2018.

11) Report of General Manager.

a) Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Knudson stated that the next Watermaster meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 10 a.m. at AVEK after which AVEK General Manager Chisam informed the Commissioners that AVEK staff is developing a replacement water program for the small pumpers and non-pumpers outlined within the Antelope Valley adjudicated basin and invited the member agencies to attend AVEK's next Board meeting on January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the full presentation.

After a brief discussion of well applications, of water rights, of legal rights, and of State Water Project property taxes, Chair Parris recommended that the full Boards of each member agency have a special workshop to coordinate efforts on a solution for replacement water for the small-pumpers and non-pumpers of the Antelope Valley.

b) Update on AV-IRWMP Stakeholder Meeting.

General Manager Knudson stated that the MOU for the continuation of funding to support the AV-IRWMP 2018 update has been circulated and that it should be presented to each member agency Board for approval.

c) Update on Fremont Valley IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

General Manager Knudson provided a brief presentation on the Fremont Valley IRWMP including the Project location, the Prop. 1 grant funding, the stakeholders, and the Project timeline.

d) Update on Continuation of Joint Funding Agreement with USGS.

General Manager Knudson stated that AVEK's Board agreed to the 50/25/25 cost sharing of future USGS Joint Funding Agreements for cooperative water resources investigations between the Association, the IRWMP Advisory Group, and the Watermaster Board; that approval of a 25% contribution from the Watermaster Board is still needed; and that the Boards of PWD and LCID should consider approval of proposed shared funding.

12) Report of Controller.

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

General Manager Knudson provided a brief update on the Association's revenue, expenses and change in net position followed by a brief discussion of the anticipated staff time expense for the 2018 Home Show and Water Expo.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports.

14) Report of Attorney.

There was no report.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Discussion and Possible Action on 2018 SMART Landscaping Expo," "Discussion and Possible Action on the Feasibility of Developing a Joint Groundwater Recharge Project with the AVSWCA Member Agencies," and "Status Update on AVSWCA Strategic Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meetings" will remain on the next meeting agenda and that "Status Update on the AVSavesWater.com and AVSWCA.org Website Merge" and "Discussion and Possible Action on Water Exchanges and Transfers" will be added to the next meeting agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

After a brief discussion of coordinating a special workshop of the member agencies on the same day of the next Association meeting, it was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on February 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency provided that the construction of the new Board Room is complete and a special workshop of the member agencies can be scheduled for the same day.

17) 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 8:15 p.m.

~~Secretary~~
Chair