MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 14, 2013.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 14, 2013, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Hogan called the meeting to order.

1) **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Vice Chair Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

2) **Roll Call.**

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair	Matt Knudson, General Manager
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor	Mike Riddell, Attorney
Kathy Mac Laren, Commissioner	Tom Barnes, Controller
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner	Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Keith Dyas, Commissioner	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	3 members of the public
Andy Rutledge, Secretary – EXCUSED ABSENCE	

3) **Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.**

There were no public comments.

4) **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting Held October 18, 2012.**

It was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren and seconded by Commissioner Thibault to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 2012, as written.

Adding an item to the agenda for "Consideration and possible action on business cards for Commissioners" was then discussed, and it was determined that this item will be included on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

The motion then unanimously carried.

5) Payment of Bills.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried to pay the bills received from PWD in the amounts of $188.34 and $63.18 for staff time; from AVEK in the amount of $1,114.16 for staff time; from ACWA/JPIA in the amount of $1,625.00 for dues; and from IES in the amount of $294.00 for the website.

Commissioner Thibault then requested an update on the Association's website after which Controller Barnes provided an overview of these updates.

It was then determined that an item for "Report on AVSWCA website status" will be included on future agendas.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers.

After a brief discussion of the officer nominations, it was moved by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried that the officers of the Association are as follows:

Kathy Mac Laren, Chair
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair
Andy Rutledge, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner

Commissioner Mac Laren then assumed the duties of Chair and continued the meeting.

7) Ratification of Professional Services Agreement With RMC Water and Environment for Proposition 1E, Round 2 Stormwater Flood Management Grant Application for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed the work included under this Agreement and staff's recommendation to ratify said Agreement, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and

unanimously carried to ratify the Professional Services Agreement With RMC Water and Environment for the Proposition 1E, Round 2 Stormwater Flood Management Grant Application for the Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project in the not-to-exceed amount of $28,840.00.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement Between AVSWCA and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) During the Period November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed the tasks and costs under this proposed Agreement and staff's recommendation to approve Tasks 1 and 2 as budgeted and after United States Geological Survey clarification of these tasks and costs, it was moved by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried to approve Tasks 1 and 2 of the Cooperative Water Resources Program Agreement Between AVSWCA and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) During the Period November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013 in the not-to-exceed amount of $56,050.00.

General Manager Knudson then clarified that staff will continue working with the United States Geological Survey and present Task 3 to the Commissioners for consideration at a later date.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements Between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, AVEK, and Tejon Ranch. (Controller Barnes)

Controller Barnes reviewed the In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements for on-going in-lieu water banking projects and staff's recommendation to approve both Agreements, and after a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Alvarado and seconded by Commissioner Dyas to approve the In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, AVEK, and Tejon Ranch.

After a further discussion of potential liability due to the adjudication process, of the Association's involvement in these Agreements as a regional project, and of Attorney Riddell's recommended revisions to the Agreements, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to table this item until the next regular meeting of the Association.

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

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that some work has occurred on this item; that staff will work with the three agency's attorneys to develop a draft agreement; and that the goal will be to have more progress on this item at the next meeting.

11) Report of General Manager.

General Manager Knudson stated that he has no further report.

12) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that he has no further report.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Alvarado reported that he is excited to become part of the Association and looks forward to working with the different agencies.

Commissioner Hogan reported that she will miss the next few meetings.

Commissioner Thibault reported that he read the recent A.V. Press articles regarding the large solar and water banking projects in the Cantil area and that consistent with the purpose of the Association, he would appreciate a report on the status of these projects.

14) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Riddell reported that he has no further report.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Consideration and possible action on business cards for Commissioners," "Consideration and possible action on In-Lieu Water Banking Agreements between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, AVEK, and Tejon Ranch," "Consideration and possible action on regional control of water from

the State Water Project," and "Report on AVSWCA website status" will be included on the next agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held April 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

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.

Chair