

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 27, 2014.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 27, 2014, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Vice Chair Alvarado, Commissioner Dyas led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Neal Weisenbereger,
Commissioner
Tim Clark, Alt. Commissioner

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, General Manager
Wayne Lemieux, Attorney
Tom Barnes, Controller
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Travis Berglund, LCID Assistant Manager
Dennis LaMoreaux, PWD General Manager
Dan Flory, AVEK General Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
8 members of the public

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held January 23, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 23, 2014, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$529.72 for staff services; from AVEK in the amount of \$479.44 for staff services; and from Burkey Cox Evans & Bradford CPAs in the amount of \$6,000.00 for auditing services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and after clarification that the amount paid to Burkey Cox Evans & Bradford CPAs includes three audits covering 2010, 2011 and 2012, the motion unanimously carried.

6) Presentation on PWD's Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project. (General Manager Knudson/David Ferguson of Kennedy Jenks)

Mr. David Ferguson, of Kennedy/Jenks, provided a detailed overview of PWD's Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery project including project alternatives, sizing analysis, recovery wells, Antelope Valley sub-basins, storage volume loss, geology and groundwater conditions, groundwater quality, bedrock depth, geophysical investigations, satellite imagery, recycled water recharge options, water supply scenarios, summarized work to date, and the next steps of the project.

After a brief discussion of the project's timeline and future partners on the project, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Ferguson for the presentation.

7) Presentation on the Association's Website Tracking Statistics. (Controller Barnes)

Controller Barnes reviewed the Association's website including the content addition of Commissioners pictures and biographies and the history of Littlerock Creek Irrigation District and informed the Commissioners that it will take time to provide statistics and encouraged suggestions on additional content followed by discussion of website management.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on AVSWCA Booth at the Home Show. (Commissioner Dyas)

After a brief discussion on the importance of participating in the Antelope Valley Home Show with the current drought conditions, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried to approve the Association's participation in the Antelope Valley Home Show at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on March 21-23, 2014.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Legal Counsel Representation for the AVSWCA. (General Manager Knudson)

After discussion of the current rotation of legal counsel, shared legal expenses between the member agencies, the various lengths of legal projects, options for longer rotation time frames, the need for legal counsel at each meeting, and the possibility of retaining one attorney for the Association, it was determined that the Ad Hoc Committee of Commissioner Thibault, Commissioner Mac Laren, and Commissioner Weisenberger meet to further discuss this issue and report at the next meeting.

10) Report of General Manager.

a) Update on the AVSWCA AB 1234 Training.

General Manager Knudson reviewed the AB 1234 Ethics Training invitation to be provided by Attorney Lemieux on March 27, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Palmdale Water District.

b) Update on Antelope Valley IRWMP.

He then stated that the public review period for the draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update has expired; that comments received were incorporated into the final Plan and submitted to the Department of Water Resources for review and comment with feedback expected by late April; that after this review, the next step is for each member agency to consider an MOU to adopt the Plan; and that reimbursement through grant funds under Prop. 84 continues to be worked on with RMC Water & Environment and DWR for outstanding invoices.

11) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that he has nothing further to report.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault welcomed Commissioner Weisenberger to the Association Commission.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

13) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Lemieux stated that the adjudication lawsuit is at a critical juncture and everyone is really hopeful for a resolution.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no 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 April 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

Vice Chair Alvarado then welcomed and introduced PWD Director Joe Estes as the PWD Alternate Commissioner and also welcomed Helen Velador, Director for the Palmdale Recycled Water Authority, after which Commissioner Thibault re-introduced LCID Director Lynn Burns.

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.


Secretary