

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, MAY 19, 2011.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Wednesday, May 19, 2011, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Godin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Godin, Commissioner Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Linda Godin, Chair
Andy Rutledge, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
George Lane, Commissioner
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, Interim General Manager
Tom Barnes, Controller
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
2 members of the public

Gordon Dexter, Vice Chair --
EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 20, 2011.

Chair Godin noted one correction to the minutes after which it was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 20, 2011, as corrected.

5) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from AVEK in the amount of \$451.50 for staff services; PWD in the amount of \$846.37 for staff services; United States Geological

Survey in the amount of \$14,262.50 for cooperative water resources investigations in the AVSWCA area; and The Rogee Company in the amount of \$45.00 for the website subscription. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hogan and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Thibault then moved to approve payment to RMC Water and Environment in the amount of \$11,715.00 from restricted funds for professional engineering services for work on the City of Palmdale Prop. 1E Upper Amargosa Creek project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rutledge and unanimously carried.

The format for the RMC Water and Environment invoice was then discussed with recommendations for improvement.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Agency Interest in Funding a Feasibility Study for Development of a Joint Recharge/Water Banking Project on the East Side of the Antelope Valley. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

Interim General Manager Knudson stated that as requested at the last meeting, a meeting has been scheduled with Stetson Engineering on May 31 to revisit the 2002 Stetson Report; that this will provide options to compare to the USGS proposal for a potential eastside recharge project; and that the General Managers from the three member agencies have been invited to this meeting.

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

Interim General Manager Knudson stated that the member agency General Managers met last year to discuss regional control over points of delivery for the State Water Project supply; that he has reviewed the various point of delivery exchange agreements between the member agencies; and that a meeting has been scheduled with the member agency General Managers to further discuss this item and review existing point of delivery agreements in relation to a regional point of delivery agreement.

It was then suggested that Interim General Manager Knudson discuss this matter with legal counsel as legislation may be needed followed by a brief discussion of the existing point of delivery agreements.

**8) Status Report on Monitoring Stations at Littlerock and Big Rock Creeks.
(Interim General Manager Knudson/Requested by Commissioner Lane)**

Interim General Manager Knudson distributed current data indicating USGS is monitoring Big Rock Creek after which Controller Barnes provided an overview of the monitoring contract with USGS and stated that USGS has continued to monitor Big Rock Creek using federal funds; that there are two monitoring stations, one of which is monitored by Los Angeles County Waterworks; and that graphs of the monitoring data are included on the monitoring web site. The location of the monitoring stations and the Association's annual agreement with USGS for this work were then discussed.

9) Report of Interim General Manager.

Interim General Manager Knudson stated that staff will begin work on the 2011-12 budget with the intent of including an item for consideration of the budget on the agenda for the June meeting.

10) Report of Controller.

a) Status Report on Prop. 84 Planning Grant Funding for IRWMP.

Controller Barnes reported that Interim General Manager Knudson is responding to the Department of Water Resources' Commitment Letter for \$472,000.00 for the IRWMP planning grant.

He continued that AVEK has applied for \$6 million in Prop. 84 implementation funds for their WSSP2 groundwater banking project; that they are working with different local and legislative agencies to gain support letters for this work; that the Department of Water Resources is now reviewing the implementation grant applications and will make a recommendation list of who they think should be funded; that AVEK's intent is to flood the Department of Water Resources with support letters during the 15-day comment period for the recommendation list; and that he will provide support letter information to the member agencies for their assistance in obtaining support for the project.

The role of the Regional Water Management Group Advisory Team and separate tracking of planning grant funds by the Association was then discussed.

11) Report of Attorney.

The attorney is not present at the meeting this evening.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault requested a thumbnail sketch of the recent ACWA Conference as they were not able to attend.

Commissioner Rutledge then gave a brief summary of the ACWA Conference session he attended on the topic of Watermasters.

Chair Godin then stated that she will provide the Commissioners with copies of her notes from the ACWA Conference.

Commissioner Hogan requested General Manager Bones provide a status report on the health of LCID Director Yingst after which he gave a brief status report, and the Commissioners expressed their wishes to LCID Director Yingst for good health.

Commissioner Hogan stated that it is nice to be back after which Commissioner Rutledge requested she provide a future report on her travels to Iran.

Commissioner Lane requested a tour of Sanitation District facilities be arranged as it may be beneficial regarding reclaimed water.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

13) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Godin stated that "Consideration and Possible Action on Agency Interest in Funding a Feasibility Study for Development of a Joint Recharge/Water Banking Project on the East Side of the Antelope Valley" and "Consideration and Possible Action on Regional Control of Water From the State Water Project" and "Consideration and possible action on 2011-12 Budget" will be placed on the next agenda along with an update on a Sanitation District tour.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held June 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

15) 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 7:13 p.m.



Chair