

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 18, 2011.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Wednesday, August 18, 2011, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Godin called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Linda Godin, Chair
Gordon Dexter, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Andy Rutledge, Secretary

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, Interim General Manager
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Danielle Doll, Administrative Assistant
0 members of the public

George Lane, Commissioner --
EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held June 30, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Dexter, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 30, 2011, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

Treasurer-Auditor Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and moved to approve the bills being \$536.49 and \$437.89 to PWD for staff services; \$90.00 to The Rogee Company for the website subscription for July and August 2011; and \$2,183.00 to the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

(ACWA/JPIA) for the 2011-2012 policy year deposit premium. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rutledge and unanimously carried.

The increase in the ACWA/JPIA policy premium was then discussed.

Treasurer-Auditor Thibault then moved to approve the invoice received from the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$14,262.50 for the quarterly billing for the Joint Funding Agreement between the Association and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for cooperative water resources investigations in the Antelope Valley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dexter and unanimously carried.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on 2011-12 Budget.

Interim General Manager Knudson reviewed minor changes to the 2011-2012 Budget and after clarification that these changes do not change the member agency contributions due to the carry over amount from the previous year, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Rutledge, and unanimously carried to approve the 2011-12 Budget.

A discussion then ensued regarding Budgeted restricted funds, interest earned and use of these funds, future funds to be monitored by the Association, and separate accounts for these funds after which it was determined that Interim General Manager Knudson look into this matter and an item be added to the next agenda for consideration of separate bank accounts.

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

Interim General Manager Knudson reviewed the aerial map of Los Angeles County tax defaulted parcels along Big Rock Creek included with the agenda packets and stated that the member agencies have indicated an interest in acquiring these properties for recharge purposes, and legal counsel is reviewing the Association's bylaws and ability to acquire properties.

The development of potential pilot projects along both Littlerock and Big Rock Creeks, creating new maps to reflect the member agencies infrastructure in relation to the parcels of interest, and the Association acquiring tax defaulted parcels to form an additional common connection between the three member agencies were then discussed after which it was determined that this item remain on the agenda for updates.

8) Report of Interim General Manager.

a) Status Report on Regional Control of Water from the State Water Project.

Interim General Manager Knudson reported that the meeting he and Controller Barnes had with the member agency General Managers went really well and that based on the discussion of potential joint recharge projects and property acquisitions, staff will determine methods for utilizing this role in discussions with the Department of Water Resources regarding regional control of water from the State Water Project.

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

Interim General Manager Knudson reported that the Prop. 84 Planning Grant for the IRWMP is back on track and that a draft Agreement is anticipated to be received by mid-September.

9) Report of Controller.

a) Status on Tour of Sanitation District facilities.

Interim General Manager Knudson reported that Controller Barnes contacted a representative from the Sanitation Districts and was informed they would contact the Association to schedule a tour after tours were given to their own Directors.

b) Status on the AVSWCA website.

Interim General Manager Knudson reported that he and Controller Barnes had a conference call with Interactive Educational Services Inc. (IES) on the design of the Association's website; that progress is being made and draft screenshots should be ready for review and approval at the next Association meeting; and that The Rogee

Company will continue to maintain the current website until the new website is complete.

10) Report of Attorney.

The Attorney is not present at the meeting this evening.

11) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Rutledge reported that he received a call from the Antelope Valley Press regarding the \$5.4 million grant AVEK received and that Controller Barnes' absence this evening may be due to attending a water project meeting regarding this grant.

He then reported that USGS recently reported on the joint study project in the Godde Hills area on a deep well that is very high in arsenic; that through the process of recharge, they have been successful in removing the arsenic in the first twenty feet of percolation; that USGS is amazed with these results, and their findings may be used for the whole Western United States; and that he will provide information to the Association as USGS reports are available.

He then stated that recharge is going very well; that another 160 acres are going to recharge; that AVEK has more turn-outs and has purchased more pipe; and that this is why he would really like to see the Eastside project work.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

12) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Godin stated that "Consideration and possible action on agency interest in development of a joint recharge/water banking project on the east side of the Antelope Valley" and "Consideration and possible action on separate bank accounts for grant funds" will be placed on the next agenda along with updates on the Prop. 84 Planning Grant Funding for IRWMP and the Association's website.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

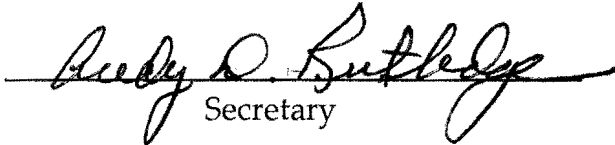
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13) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting.

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held September 15, 2011 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.


Secretary