

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, September 15, 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
Andy Rutledge, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
George Lane, Commissioner
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Tom Barnes, Controller
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Dave Rizzo, AVEK Alt. Commissioner
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 August 18, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 2011, 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 \$786.54 for staff services; AVEK in the amounts of \$1,128.75 and \$677.25 for staff services; and IES in the

amount of \$976.50 for the design and development of the web site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rutledge and unanimously carried.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Separate Bank Accounts for Grant Funds. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

After a brief discussion of creating separate bank accounts for grant funds managed by the Association and the agreement for the Association managing these funds, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to authorize staff to establish separate accounts for management of grant funds provided there is no agreement to prevent the creation of separate accounts and Interim General Manager Knudson provide a report at the next meeting on the Association's agreement for managing grant funds.

7) 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)

8) Report of Interim General Manager.

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

Controller Barnes stated that a meeting will be scheduled with Association staff and the member agencies' General Managers to discuss the Association's approach with the Department of Water Resources regarding point of delivery agreements and regional control of water from the State Water Project as the first step towards joint water banking projects; that joint recharge projects will be easier once this is established; and that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lane then recommended the Commissioners discuss this concept with their respective Boards.

Commissioner Thibault stated that LCID is anxious to move forward with this concept and Attorney Lemieux has indicated he can help this move forward, and after a brief discussion, it was determined that Association staff and the member agencies' General Manager's meet as proposed by Controller Barnes; that Attorney Lemieux then be contacted for assistance in moving forward with this concept; and that Attorney Lemieux attend the next Association meeting to provide input on this concept.

It was then determined that Agenda Item No.'s 7 and 8a be combined for future meetings.

8) Report of Interim General Manager.

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

Controller Barnes stated that the IRWMP plan must be updated every two years; that the region has been awarded grant funding for this work; and that staff anticipates receipt of the commitment letter and funding agreement for the Association's management of these funds for consideration by the Commissioners at the next regular meeting.

9) Report of Controller.

a) Status Report on the AVSWCA Website.

Controller Barnes reported that staff is working with IES to develop the Association's website; that a mock-up will be presented for the Commissioner's review and comment at the next meeting; and then requested input from the Commissioners on design concepts.

10) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault reported that he read the recent water purveyor's ads in the Antelope Valley Press and their point is difficult to figure out; that the A.V. Press reporter did a good job on the recent article about the Association's recharge efforts but his concern is for the Commissioners to remain vague on specific sites for these types of projects; and then thanked AVEK for their booth at the Antelope Valley Fair, and he appreciates their mention of all agencies followed by discussion of the booth's location and the public relations aspect of the booth.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

11) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Lane requested an item be placed on the next agenda for a status update on scheduling a tour of Sanitation District facilities after which Controller Barnes informed the Commissioners that the Sanitation Districts will provide tours to outside agencies after their Directors have toured the facilities.

Chair Godin stated that "Consideration and possible action on regional control of water from the State Water Project and 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 "Status report on separate bank accounts for grant funds and the Association's agreement for managing grant funds" and "Status report on Prop. 84 Planning Grant Funding for IRWMP and public relations aspects for grant funding" and "Status report on the AVSWCA web site" will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

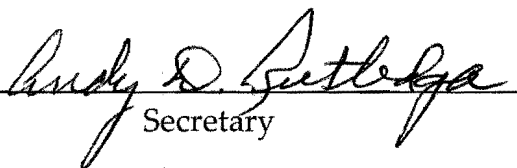
There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will tentatively be held October 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD subject to receipt of the commitment letter and funding agreement for the IRWMP planning grant funding.

13) 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