

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION,
OCTOBER 13, 2011.**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, October 13, 2011, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Dexter called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Dexter led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

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

Linda Godin, 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 September 15, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 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 \$724.62 for staff services; AVEK in the amount of \$564.38 for staff services; and The Rogee Company in the

amount of \$45.00 for web site services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rutledge and unanimously carried.

6) 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. (Interim General Manager Knudson)

Interim General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that regarding regional control of water from the State Water Project, he, Controller Barnes, and the member agencies' General Managers had a conference call with the Department of Water Resources to discuss treating the area as a region to have more flexibility over each of the member agencies' Table A water transfers; that similar situations exist throughout the state; that the Department of Water Resources sent Association staff an agreement template and then distributed a copy of this agreement to the Commissioners; and then outlined the steps and requested the Commissioners concurrence for the Association to develop an agreement for regional control of the water from the State Water Project. The Commissioners concurred with this direction.

Interim General Manager Knudson then informed the Commissioners that regarding a joint recharge banking project on the east side of the Antelope Valley, a letter of intent was submitted to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector's office regarding tax-defaulted properties along Big Rock Wash; that it will be several months before a response is received from the County; that an outline of Stetson Engineering's proposal for the next steps in developing a water bank on the east side of the Antelope Valley has been reviewed by Association staff; and that he, Controller Barnes, and the member agencies' General Managers have discussed conducting a pilot project with existing infrastructure.

Deadlines for the Los Angeles County Tax Collector's office, the benefit of purchasing properties for extraction or recharge purposes versus using Littlerock or Big Rock existing facilities, and the use of tax-defaulted properties for extraction wells were then discussed.

Mr. Keith Dyas, AVEK Board member and member of AVEK's Water Projects Committee then informed the Commissioners that AVEK is also looking at similar projects on the east side of the Antelope Valley using existing facilities; that they discovered California Fish & Game require extensive reviews and permitting processes to release water into existing creeks; and that an advantage of owning properties near the creeks is not being subjected to California Fish & Game regulations.

Interim General Manager Knudson then informed the Commissioners that staff will develop a list of pros and cons for purchasing properties versus using existing facilities for an east side recharge project and will identify each of the agency's boundaries and existing infrastructure in the areas adjacent to Littlerock and Big Rock Creeks on the previously presented aerial image and present same at a future meeting.

It was then determined that these issues will be two separate agenda items for future agendas.

7) Report of Interim General Manager.

a) Status Report on Separate Bank Accounts for Grant Funds and the Association's Agreement for Managing Grant Funds.

Establishing separate bank accounts for tracking interest earned on grant funds, having no agreement for the Association's management of grant funds, and payment to the Association for administering grant funds were discussed, and it was determined that a separate account for IRWMP Planning Grant funds be established as approved at the last Association meeting and the A-Team for the IRWMP Planning Grant be made aware of these discussions.

b) Status Report on Commitment Letter and Funding Agreement for Management of Prop. 84 Planning Grant Funding for IRWMP.

Interim General Manager Knudson stated that regarding the Prop. 84 Planning Grant funding for the IRWMP, a Commitment Letter has been received from the Department of Water Resources and the requested information has been provided to finalize the Funding Agreement; that a meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011 to

review the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement; that these funds amount to \$472,919 and have been earmarked for the IRWMP; and that staff hopes to present a Funding Agreement to the Commissioners for consideration at the November meeting.

8) Report of Controller.

a) Status Report on the AVSWCA Website.

Interim General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that sample screen-shots of the new web site, which is being developed by IES, will be presented for review at the November meeting.

b) Status Report on Tour of Sanitation District Facilities.

Interim General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that Controller Barnes has been checking weekly regarding the status of a tour of Sanitation District facilities; that this tour will be scheduled after Sanitation District Directors have had an opportunity to tour their facilities; and that staff will continue contact regarding dates for the tour.

9) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lane recommended that Interim General Manager Knudson, Association officers, and Executive Assistant Deans be listed on the Association's letterhead.

Commissioner Thibault complimented Interim General Manager Knudson and the member agencies' General Managers on the progress on regional control of the water from the State Water Project.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

10) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present.

11) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Hogan requested an item be placed on the next agenda regarding the Association's management of funds for the IRWMP Planning Grant.

The Antelope Valley adjudication was discussed, and it was determined that this matter not be placed on a future agenda.

It was determined that an item be placed on the next agenda for "Consideration and possible action on holding an Association meeting in December."


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 be held November 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

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