

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION,
FEBRUARY 16, 2012.**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Dexter called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Gordon Dexter, Chair
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair
Andy Rutledge, Secretary
Kathy Mac Laren, Commissioner
Dave Rizzo, AVEK Alt. Cmsner.

Others Present:

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

Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor—
George Lane, Commissioner—
EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting Held January 19, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 19, 2012, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

General Manager Knudson reviewed the bills received for payment after which it was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Mac

Laren, and unanimously carried to pay the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$746.58 for staff services; from The Rogee Company, Inc. in the amount of \$45.00 for the monthly web site subscription; from IES in the amount of \$976.50 for development of the new web site and \$245.00 for maintenance of the web site; and from AVEK in the amount of \$469.12 for staff services.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Joint Funding Agreement for the Continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program (Groundwater Monitoring Program) Between AVSWCA and USGS During the Period November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012. (\$54,500.00).

General Manager Knudson provided an overview of the Joint Funding Agreement for the Cooperative Water Resources Program, and after a brief discussion of funding, the benefit of this Program, and a future Antelope Valley Watermaster taking over this project, it was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, and unanimously carried to approve the Joint Funding Agreement for the continuation of the Cooperative Water Resources Program (Groundwater Monitoring Program) between the AVSWCA and USGS for the period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$54,500.00.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on the AVSWCA Hosting AB 1234 Training. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson provided an overview of past AB 1234 training, and after a brief discussion of the training, it was moved by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried that the AVSWCA host AB 1234 training to be held at the Palmdale Water District's office on March 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

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

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that the draft agreement for submittal to the Department of Water Resources prepared by Attorney Lemieux has been forwarded to AVEK and PWD's legal counsel, and staff will

review all comments and submit the draft agreement to the Department of Water Resources for review after which the Commissioners discussed the draft agreement.

9) 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. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that he and Controller Barnes are developing a presentation for each of the member agencies' General Managers to present to their Boards for direction on agency interest in funding a feasibility study for the development of a joint recharge/water banking project on the east side of the Antelope Valley.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on the AVSWCA Website. (Controller Barnes)

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that additional feedback has been provided to IES for further development of the website; that photos have been requested from the three member agencies; and that the website is expected to be live the week of February 27.

11) Report of General Manager.

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that updated contact information for the Commissioners, staff, and legal counsel has been provided in the agenda packets.

a) Status Report on Separate Bank Account for Grant Funds.

General Manager Knudson requested one Commissioner accompany him to Wells Fargo Bank to add Commissioner Mac Laren to the Association's accounts and to establish a new account for the Prop. 84 grant funds after which Commissioner Hogan volunteered for this task.

b) Status Report on Payment to the Association for Management of Grant Funds.

General Manager Knudson reported that he will discuss developing an agreement between the stakeholders and the Association for funding Association staff time for administration of the grant at the next IRWMP Advisory Team meeting.

c) Status Report on Professional Services Agreement With RMC Water and Environment for Updating the 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

General Manager Knudson reported that RMC Water and Environment has agreed to a payment payout cap of \$100,000 prior to the Association's reimbursement of grant funding under the Professional Services Agreement for updating the 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and that language has been added to the Agreement to clarify this provision.

d) Status Report on Presentation From the Association of California Water Agencies on Their Services and Activities. (Commissioner Lane)

General Manager Knudson reported that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is available to attend the Association's March 8 meeting to make a presentation regarding their services and activities and that ACWA has requested JPIA refund checks be presented to the three member agencies at that meeting after which it was agreed that these checks be presented at the Association meeting.

12) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes was not present at the meeting.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports of Commissioners.

14) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Riddell reported that at the recent State Water Contractors' meeting, there was discussion on the likelihood of reducing the State Water Project's 60% allocation, the safety of carry-over water from spilling, the Delta Habitat

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Conservation and Conveyance Plan (DHCCP) supplemental funding agreement, and dues.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held March 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

17) 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.


Vice Chair