MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, MARCH 15, 2012.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, March 15, 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 Mac Laren led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Others Present:

Gordon Dexter, Chair

Matt Knudson, General Manager

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair

Mike Riddell, Attorney

Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor Tom Barnes, Controller

Kathy Mac Laren, Commissioner Brad Bones, LCID General Manager

George Lane, Commissioner

Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

(arrived 6:50 p.m.)

Dave Rizzo, AVEK Alt. Cmsner. 3 members of the public

Andy Rutledge, Secretary—

EXCUSED ABSENCE

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 16, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Lane, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2012, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to approve payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$1,094.34 for staff services and from AVEK in the amount of \$469.12 for staff services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Thibault then moved to approve payment of the bill received from the United States Geological Service (USGS) in the amount of \$14,262.50 for the quarterly billing for cooperative water resources investigations in the AVSWCA area pursuant to the Joint Funding Agreement between the AVSWCA and the USGS, and after review of the Joint Funding Agreement, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren and unanimously carried.

6) Presentation From the Association of California Water Agencies on Their Services and Activities and Presentation to Member Agencies of Liability Program Rebate Funds. (Commissioner Lane/Andy Sells)

Mr. Andy Sells, ACWA/JPIA, and Ms. Melanie McDonald, Executive Committee ACWA/JPIA and Board member for San Bernardino Valley Conservation District, gave an overview of the services provided by ACWA/JPIA including liability, property, and workers compensation insurance coverage; the number of water agencies insured through JPIA; the opportunity for each agency to provide input to the JPIA through their representative; the transition of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority to the JPIA; training and program opportunities provided by the JPIA; and information provided through JPIA meetings at the ACWA Conference, and after a brief discussion of these services, as well as the online services provided by the JPIA, Mr. Sells presented each of the member agencies and the AVSWCA with a refund check for a portion of their annual agency fees.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2012-1 Being a Resolution of the Commissioners of the AVSWCA Placing in Nomination Linda Godin as Member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Board as a Board Member.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2012-1 being a Resolution of the Commissioners of the AVSWCA Placing in Nomination Linda Godin as Member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Board as a Board Member.

A copy of Resolution No. 2012-1 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

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 a draft multiyear exchange agreement for regional control of the water from the State Water Project is under review by the member agencies' legal counsels after which Attorney Riddell gave an overview of the provisions of the draft agreement followed by discussion of additional provisions, and it was determined that the Commissioners and General Managers review the draft agreement and needs of the member agencies and that the draft agreement be presented to the member agencies' Boards for consideration prior to initial submittal to the Department of Water Resources.

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)

After a brief discussion of the adjudication and recharge projects, of extraction areas owned in Big Rock and Littlerock Creeks, of developing a recharge study, of the previous study conducted by Stetson Engineers, and of potential grants, projects, and studies in or near Littlerock Creek, it was recommended that staff request Stetson Engineers to revise their previous study to concentrate on specific recharge and extraction areas and grant opportunities be pursued.

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

Controller Barnes informed the Commissioners that staff continues to work with both website hosts; that pictures are being added to the new website; and that the Commissioners will be notified when the new website is live.

11) Report of General Manager.

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

General Manager Knudson stated that a bank account has been established for funds associated with the update of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan grant.

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

General Manager Knudson reported that the Association being compensated for time spent managing grant funds for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) update will be discussed at the next IRWMP Advisory Team meeting.

c) Status Report on Updating the 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

General Manager Knudson reported that the kick-off meeting for updating the 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan went well.

d) Status Report on Tour of Sanitation District Facilities.

Controller Barnes reported that the Sanitation Districts are holding special Board meetings on March 22; that these meetings will include tours of their facilities; and that specific information on these tours will be distributed as it becomes available.

12) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that he has no report.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault encouraged Board and staff members to attend JPIA meetings at the ACWA Conferences as they provide valuable information and updates.

a) Designation of ACWA/JPIA Representative.

After discussion, Chair Dexter designated Commissioner Thibault as the AVSWCA's ACWA/JPIA Representative.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

14) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Riddell reported that the State Water Contractors' gave an update on their water supply report, and they are encouraged by the current weather pattern.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Lane requested a future presentation by USGS on their different projects.

There were no further 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 April 12, 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.

Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION PLACING IN NOMINATION LINDA GODIN AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association encourages and supports the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA); and

WHEREAS, Linda Godin, an individual and former Commissioner, has indicated a desire to serve as a Board Member of ACWA Region 8;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION:

- (i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of Linda Godin for Board Member of ACWA Region 8.
- (ii) Does hereby determine that the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association and ACWA assume no liability, no responsibility, and will provide no expense reimbursement or compensation for or on behalf of Linda Godin per action taken by the Board of Commissioners at its January 19, 2012 meeting.

Adopted and approved this 15th day of March, 2012.

Gordon Dexter, Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair

CERTIFICATION:

I, Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair to the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said Association held on the 15th day of March, 2012 and was adopted at that meeting by the following vote:

AYES:

Commissioners Dexter, Hogan, Thibault, Mac Laren, and Lane

Alt. Commissioner Rizzo

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Commissioner Rutledge

ATTEST:

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair