MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JUNE 28, 2012.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, June 28, 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, Alt. Commissioner Rizzo led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Others Present:

Gordon Dexter, Chair

Matt Knudson, General Manager

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair

Tom Barnes, Controller

Kathy Mac Laren, Commissioner Brad Bones, LCID General Manager

Dave Rizzo, AVEK Alt. Cmsner. Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant

1 member of the public

Andy Rutledge, Secretary — 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 Regular Meeting Held March 15, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2012, as written.

5) Payment and Ratification of Bills.

It was moved by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried to approve and ratify payment of the bills received from PWD in the amounts of \$789.87, \$71.05, and \$160.49 for staff services; from AVEK in the amounts of \$879.60 and \$234.56 for staff services; from the United States Geological Service (USGS) in the amount of \$27,250.00 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; from RMC Water and Environment in the amounts of \$2,122.48; \$8,081.50, and \$15,532.80 for the Antelope Valley IRWMP 2007 update; and from The Rogee Company in the amounts of \$45.00 and \$45.00 for monthly website subscription charges for December 2011 and March 2012.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Agreement for the Preparation of a Monitoring Plan to Meet the Requirements of the California Statewide Groundwater Evaluation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson provided an overview of the CASGEM Program, and after a brief discussion of the AVSWCA developing a Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Plan for the Antelope Valley, of the proposal received from RMC Water and Environment, and of funding for this work, it was moved by Alt. Commissioner Rizzo, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried to authorize staff to enter into a professional services agreement with RMC Water and Environment in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,750.00 to assist the Association with the preparation of a Monitoring Plan to meet the requirements of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program.

7) 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; that Attorney Riddell recommends this item be placed on hold due to the adjudication process; and that staff concurs with Attorney Riddell's recommendation.

8) 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 requested direction from the Commissioners on this item, and after a brief discussion, this item was tabled due to the adjudication process.

He then provided a report on PWD's request for funding and progress on the Littlerock Recharge Project included in PWD's Strategic Water Resource Plan.

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

Controller Barnes informed the Commissioners that the Association's new website is running and that staff continues to work on content and background information for the website.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on Frequency of AVSWCA Meetings. (General Manager Knudson)

After discussion of the current AVSWCA meeting schedule, of items under consideration by the Commissioners, and of a process for continued payment of the bills, it was determined that the AVSWCA will meet quarterly.

11) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Report on Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

General Manager Knudson reported that the 2012-2013 budget will be prepared and presented for consideration at the next AVSWCA meeting.

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

General Manager Knudson reported that RMC Water and Environment is working on the 2007 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update; that several outreach meetings, a flood control committee meeting, and a stakeholder meeting have been held; that several progress payments have been made to RMC Water and Environment; and that reimbursement of those amounts has been received through the Department of Water Resources.

c) Status Report on USGS Presentation.

General Manager Knudson reported that a presentation from USGS on the service they provide to the Association was requested and that he is meeting with Controller Barnes, LCID General Manager Bones, and a USGS representative in July, and the presentation will be discussed at that time.

12) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that he has no report.

13) Reports of Commissioners.

Chair Dexter recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee of one Director from each of the member agencies be formed to brainstorm and ensure the AVSWCA stays on track and the member agencies remain on common ground and that he will work with General Manager Knudson to schedule this meeting if the Commissioners concur after which the Commissioners concurred with forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

14) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present.

15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Rizzo requested the USGS presentation be placed on the next agenda.

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 September 13, 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.