

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, MAY 29, 2014.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Hogan called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Barbara Hogan, Chair
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Neal Weisenberger,
Commissioner
Keith Dyas,
Commissioner

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, General Manager
Tom Barnes, Controller
Patty Quilizapa, Attorney *via teleconference*
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Travis Berglund, LCID Assistant Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
George Lane, Alt. Commissioner
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting
1 member of the public

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 10, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and carried by four members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting, with Commissioners Dyas and Chair Hogan abstaining, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2014, as amended, to reflect the absence of Commissioner Dyas.

5) Payment of Bills.

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from PWD in the amounts of \$649.56 for staff services and ratification of \$49.47 for the refreshments for Ethics AB 1234 Training on March 27, 2014, and from AVEK in the amount of \$479.44 for staff services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

He then reviewed and moved to approve the bill received for payment from the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$34,025.00, as well as ratification of a payment for \$14,012.50, both for cooperative resources investigations per the Joint Funding Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and after a brief discussion, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

Commissioner Thibault then welcomed Dennis Hoffmeyer to the Association and thanked him for the financial reports provided after which General Manager Knudson stated that Dennis is doing a great job with the Association's finances and that a report will be provided with the agenda on a monthly basis.

6) Presentation by RMC Water and Environment on the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. (Brian Dietrick of RMC Water and Environment)

Mr. Brian Dietrick, of RMC Water and Environment, provided a detailed overview of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) process including the history of the Integrated Regional Water Management Act, the benefits of Integrated and Regional Planning, the Legislation funding, Proposition 84 and area allocations, the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and Stakeholders, projects within the Antelope Valley, and the next steps for obtaining Prop. 84 grant funding.

After a brief discussion of available grant funds and the Lahontan Region, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Dietrick for the presentation.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2014-1 Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 2014-1 Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and after a brief discussion of the requirement for each member agency to adopt a similar resolution, it was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to adopt Resolution No. 2014-1 Approving the Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

A copy of said Resolution No. 2014-1 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Proposal for Preparation of Proposition 84, Round 3, Part 1 Implementation Grant Application. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed the proposal from RMC Water and Environment for the preparation of Proposition 84, Round 3, Part 1 Implementation Grant Application, the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) stakeholders group and advisory team's recommended approval, the project to be submitted and lead agency, and stated that staff recommends RMC Water and Environment submit the grant application in the amount of \$29,590.00, which includes optional tasks of follow-up meetings and rebuttal if the State denies the project.

He then stated that in that in 2008/2009, the Regional Water Management Group submitted funds of \$186,278.33 for the Association to manage, and roughly \$45,306.00 of those funds is available.

After a brief discussion of past projects completed with Regional Water Management Group funds, it was moved by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and after clarification that the operation and maintenance costs of the project would be the responsibility of LACWW District No. 40, it was unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Proposal received from RMC Water and Environment for

Preparation of Proposition 84, Round 3, Part 1 Implementation Grant Application in the not-to-exceed amount of \$29,590.00.

9) Discussion and Possible Action on the Principles and Objectives of the Association. (General Manager Knudson)

After a brief discussion of the Association's Agreement, Statement of Principles and Objectives, and the By-Laws, Chair Hogan recommended and appointed the Ad Hoc Committee of Commissioner Thibault, Commissioner Alvarado, and Commissioner Weisenberger, along with the General Manager or representative from each member agency, to meet and discuss these documents and the direction and purpose of the Association for report at the next regular meeting of the Association.

10) Report of General Manager.

- a) **Update on tours of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County facilities.**

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that the Sanitation Districts facilities tour is scheduled for June 12, 2014 with a second tour to be scheduled at a later date.

11) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes reported that he recently attended a State Water Contractors operations meeting and Department of Water Resources projects are on hold due to the drought; that AVEK is continuing to recover water from 8 wells and have increased pumping from 10 to 17 MGD; that they are eager to resume recharging; that the \$5.4 million in grant funds has made this recovery project possible; that Commissioner bios continue to be updated on the Association's website; and that statistics reflect a slight increase of 17% in website visits.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Weisenberger reported that he will be attending the American Water Works Association conference in Boston next month.

Commissioner Mac Laren stated that after attending the Association of California Water Agencies Conference in Monterey and recent discussions related to the water bond, she is curious if the Association would like to submit a project to the Governor for review after which Chair Hogan recommended that Commissioner Mac Laren share her thoughts with Commissioner Alvarado for discussion at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Commissioner Thibault reported that through his brother, former Commissioner Rutledge sent greetings to the Association.

Chair Hogan reported that she was out of the country in Iran; that she visited a water museum while there; that we are not the only country with water problems; and that the United States of America is the greatest place in the world, and we should all take a moment to appreciate the great things we have.

13) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Quilizapa reported that the deadline for water bond bills to be on the Governor's desk is June 26, 2014 and that she feels it's a positive step for the Association to take.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Hogan stated that the water bond will be discussed at the next meeting.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held July 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

16) 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.

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Alt. Commissioner