

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, September 11, 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 followed by a moment of silence to commemorate the victims of 9/11.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Barbara Hogan, Chair  
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor  
Neal Weisenberger, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Cmsnr.  
Joe Estes, Alt. Cmsnr.

**Others Present:**

Matt Knudson, General Manager  
Tom Barnes, Controller  
Mike Riddell, Attorney  
George Lane, Alt. Cmsnr.  
Travis Berglund, LCID General Mngr.  
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.  
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant  
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Senior Accountant  
1 member of the public

Kathy Mac Laren, Cmsnr. –  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

General Manager Knudson introduced Palmdale Water District's new Public Information Officer/Water Conservation Director, Mike McNutt.

**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 July 24, 2014.**

It was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 2014, as written.

**5) Payment of Bills.**

Commissioner Thibault reviewed the bills received for payment and then moved to pay the bills received from the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) in the amount of \$2,183.00 for the deposit premium for the October 1, 2014/15 Policy Year and from RMC Water and Environment in the amount of \$14,792.50, as well as ratification of the payment made for \$4,008.00, for the Prop. 84, Round 3 Grant Application Process. The motion was seconded by Alt. Commissioner Estes, and after a brief discussion of the ACWA/JPIA premium rate, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

**6) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers. (General Manager Knudson)**

General Manager Knudson stated that in order to meet the requirements of the Association's Agreement and Bylaws, one Commissioner from each member agency must hold a title within the Association after which it was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to appoint Commissioner Weisenberger as Secretary of the Association.

**7) Discussion and Possible Action to be a Lead Sponsor for a Landscaping for Water Conservation Workshop/Summit at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on November 1, 2014 Currently Under Development by AVEK. (General Manager Knudson/Commissioner Weisenberger)**

Commissioner Weisenberger stated that AVEK's Water Conservation Committee is planning of the Landscaping the Water Conservation Workshop/Summit to be held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on November 1, 2014 and inquired if the Association would be the lead sponsor for the event, and after a detailed discussion of the event costs, publicity, donated staff time, vendors, and the event schedule, it was recommended by Commissioner Alvarado that expenses be shared by the three member agencies using the State Water Contractors billing formula.

It was then moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve Sponsorship in the Landscaping for Water Conservation Workshop/Summit at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on November 1, 2014 with a tentative budget based on the approval of each member agency's Board.

After further discussion, it was determined that a representative from LCID and PWD will attend AVEK's Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee meeting on September 12 to further discuss the planning for the Landscaping for Water Conservation Workshop/Summit, and it was suggested that a standard method for General Manager Knudson to authorize use of the Association's name and logo be discussed.

**8) Report of General Manager.**

**a) Update on Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Net Position.**

General Manager Knudson provided a brief update of the Association's Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Net Position prepared by Senior Accountant Hoffmeyer followed by a brief discussion on the financial position of the Integrated Regional Water Management Group.

**b) Update on Antelope Valley Prop. 84, Round 3 Grant Application.**

He then reported that a response from the Department of Water Resources on the Los Angeles County Waterworks Well Arsenic Removal Project is expected very soon.

**c) Update on Department of Water Resources Multi-Year Exchange Agreement.**

Attorney Riddell provided a brief update on the Delta tunnel project and stated that with the upcoming State Water Contractors amendment, many of the restrictions currently in place may be removed to give more flexibility to the Contractors to sell, exchange, or transfer water and recommended that the Association wait on submitting an agreement to the Department of Water Resources until the amendment has been reviewed.

**9) Report of Controller.**

Controller Barnes provided a detailed presentation on the ongoing projects and costs of the State Water Project including the Oroville River Valve Outlet System and Ronald B. Robie (Thermalito) Pumping Generating Plant Recovery and Restoration followed by a brief discussion of funding for damage caused by catastrophic events and the financial liability of the State Water Contractors.

The Commissioners then thanked Controller Barnes for the presentation.

**10) Reports of Commissioners.**

Commissioner Alvarado extended an invitation to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Lancaster City Park at 10 a.m. and the Tamale Festival on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Desert Sands Park at 11 a.m. after which he stated that if the Association is interested in participating in these events in the future he would be happy to help make arrangements.

Commissioner Weisenberger reported that the Antelope Valley Water Partners are having a Smart Landscaping Workshop on Joshua Trees at 9:00 a.m. on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Antelope Valley College.

**11) Report of Attorney.**

Attorney Riddell stated that he and Attorney Lemieux discussed the Conflict of Interest Waiver brought to the Association by Palmdale Water District's Attorney Quilizapa and that he will be requesting AVEK's Board and the Association to sign a Conflict of Interest Waiver as recommended by Attorney Quilizapa.

**12) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

Commissioner Weisenberger recommended that "Discussion and Possible Action to be a Lead Sponsor for a Landscaping for Water Conservation Workshop/Summit at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on November 1, 2014 currently under development by AVEK" remain on the agenda.

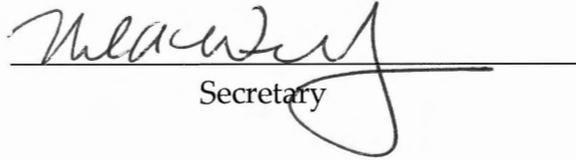
There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

**14) 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