

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 12, 2017.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, January 12, 2017, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

At the request of Chair Alvarado, Commissioner Parris led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Mac Laren's father, the late Vic Johnson.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Robert Alvarado, Chair

Keith Dyas, Vice Chair

Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor

Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Kathy Mac Laren, Commissioner

Robert Parris, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Matt Knudson, AVSWCA General Mngr.

Tom Barnes, Controller

Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Mngr.

Shelley Golden, Interim LCID General Mngr.

Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant

0 members of the public

**3) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.**

Commissioner Thibault introduced Shelley Golden as LCID's new Interim General Manager, in addition to her current role as Office Manager, after which Commissioner Parris and Chair Alvarado congratulated Ms. Golden on her new role.

There were no public comments.

**4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held November 17, 2016.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and carried by a 5-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Parris abstaining, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 2016, 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 AVEK in the amount of \$1,708.85 for staff services, from Interactive Educational Services, Inc. (IES) in the amount of \$294.00 for the recurring monthly AVSWCA.org website charge from January 2017 through June 2017, and from AV Web Designs in the amount of \$199.95 for the recurring monthly AVSavesWater.com website charge for January 2017 as well as ratification of the December 2016 payment for \$199.95. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

**6) Presentation and Overview on the Groundwater Level and Water Quality Monitoring Program between the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). (Mr. Bob Blanchard, USGS)**

General Manager Knudson stated that Mr. Bob Blanchard, of the U.S. Geological Survey, was unable to attend this evening's meeting, and this item will be tabled to the next meeting.

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

After a brief discussion of the rotation of officers from each member agency, Commissioner Dyas made a motion to nominate Commissioner Parris for Chair of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

Commissioner Thibault then made a motion to nominate Commissioner Hogan as Vice Chair of the Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parris and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

Commissioner Hogan then made a motion to nominate Commissioner Thibault as Treasurer-Auditor of the Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Mac Laren and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

Commissioner Parris then made a motion to nominate Commissioner Mac Laren as Secretary of the Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hogan and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

The approved slate of officers for the Association is as follows:

Robert Parris, Chair  
Barbara Hogan, Vice-Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner

General Manager Knudson then stated that an updated contact list will be provided at the next meeting after which Commissioner Alvarado requested to officially transition the Chair seat to Commissioner Parris for the remainder of the meeting.

**8) Report of General Manager.**

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

General Manager Knudson stated that this report will be provided at the next meeting.

**b) Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.**

General Manager Knudson reported that the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board has been making good progress and approved a budget for 2016; that pumping assessments were set at \$1.00/acre foot, and invoices for the 2016 calendar year were mailed to the producers; that there have been discussions of utilizing Association staff to manage incoming funds; that several individuals and firms have applied for the Watermaster Engineer position, which closes February 3, 2017; and that the next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2017 at 10 a.m. at AVEK.

He then reviewed a handout provided on the North Sierra Precipitation Index as of January 12, 2017, and after a brief discussion of the 45% State Water Project Allocation, Commissioner Thibault stated that he heard on the radio that Governor Brown has declared Northern California exempt from water rationing and that the Antelope Valley Watermaster position was advertised in ACWA's newsletter.

**9) Report of Controller.**

**a) Update on Status of Agreement Related to Regional Exchange of Water from the State Water Project.**

Controller Barnes provided a brief history on the proposed agreement submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to move water more freely through the State Water Project between the member agencies, as well as a proposed storage program, and stated that it was requested by DWR to separate the proposal into two separate agreements and that the Association has not yet received a draft agreement from DWR.

Chair Parris then inquired about current storage restrictions between the member agencies, and after discussion of the DWR representative responsible for decisions on the proposed agreement, of the length of time that has passed since submitting the proposed agreement, and of the best ways to obtain approval from DWR, staff was directed to report specifics and an action plan on this item at the next Association meeting.

**10) Reports of Commissioners.**

Commissioner Thibault stated that Littlerock has been privileged in receiving the most rainfall currently in the Antelope Valley.

Chair Parris then stated that he feels honored to be Chair for the Association and looks forward to doing the best job he can after which Commissioner Alvarado officially welcomed Chair Parris to the Association.

Commissioner Dyas then welcomed Chair Parris to the Association, wished the new officers good luck, and suggested this wet year be taken advantage of.

There were no further reports.

**11) Report of Attorney.**

No attorney was present.

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

Commissioner Hogan inquired on plans for this year's Smart Landscaping Expo after which Chair Parris stated that he is now the Chair of AVEK's Water Conservation Committee and that there will be a meeting in the near future to discuss this item.

Commissioner Thibault then suggested that "Update on Status of Agreement Related to Regional Exchange of Water from the State Water Project" be a standing action item on future agendas.

General Manager Knudson then stated that the USGS presentation will carry over to the next meeting and that an item to discuss the Association's goals for 2017 will be included on the next agenda after which Chair Parris stated that the collective efforts of the three member agencies are critical for the future of the Antelope Valley and that he would like to see a series of agenda items, including presentations, on current water banking opportunities, potential water storage projects, and possible water connections between the agencies.

The Mojave Water Agency Tour scheduled for January 23 was then briefly discussed after which Commissioner Dyas suggested that those attending pay special attention to the Agency's natural filtration process.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

**13) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting. (February 9, 2017)**

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held February 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at PWD and that Chair Parris will be conferenced in via telephone.

14) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, it was moved by Commissioner Alvarado, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association at 7:42 p.m.

  
Secretary