

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 8, 2020.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, October 8, 2020, via teleconference. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

No pledge of allegiance was held.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:** *(via teleconference)*

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

**Others Present:** *(via teleconference)*

Peter Thompson II, General Manager  
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager  
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller  
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Asst. Gen. Manager  
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager  
Claudia Bolanos, PWD Res./Analyt. Spvsr.  
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst  
2 members of the public

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Dino, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Dino – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

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

There were no public comments.

Chair Parris stated that Agenda Item No. 7 would now be considered.

**7) Presentation on the State Water Contractors Organization and Status Update on the State Water Project. (Ms. Jennifer Pierre, Department of Water Resources/General Manager Thompson II)**

Ms. Jennifer Pierre, of the Department of Water Resources, provided a detailed presentation on the State Water Project, including the current state of the Delta, after which the Commissioners thanked Ms. Pierre for the presentation and information provided.

Chair Parris stated that Agenda Item No. 5 would now be considered.

**5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 10, 2020.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 2020, as written:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Dino – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**6) Payment of Bills.**

General Manager Thompson II reviewed the bills received for payment after which it moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$1,127.42 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$293.52 for staff services, from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in the amount of \$3,715.00 for the 2021 annual agency dues, from ACWA/JPIA in the amount

of \$2,183.00 for the 2020/2021 liability program, and from Kennedy/Jenks in the amount of \$1,461.25 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Dino – aye  
Commissioner Thibault – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan - aye

**8) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Letter to the Antelope Valley Watermaster Requesting the Transfer of the Financial and Administrative Responsibilities for the United States Geological Survey Ground Water Monitoring Program from the Association to the Antelope Valley Watermaster. (General Manager Thompson II)**

General Manager Thompson II reviewed the draft letter to the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board (Watermaster) regarding the transfer of the United States Geological Survey Ground Water Monitoring Program from the Association to the Watermaster, and after a brief discussion of the flexibility of incremental transfers, it was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Thibault, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the letter to the Watermaster as presented:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Dino – aye  
Commissioner Thibault – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren – aye  
Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan - aye

**9) Report of General Manager and Assistant General Manager.**

**a) Status Updates:**

**1) Replacement Water Assessments.**

General Manager Thompson II reported that the replacement water delivery plan requested by AVEK and LCID was accepted by the Watermaster Board and that the funds have been transferred for payment to the two member agencies.

**2) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.**

General Manager Thompson II reported that recent Watermaster discussions included the need for new water production accounting and that staff will be meeting to discuss the ability to meet future replacement water demand.

**3) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.**

General Manager Thompson II reported that the Antelope Valley IRWMP Stakeholders met on October 7, 2020; that projects identified in the IRWMP Update are moving forward; that staff expects to receive the Proposition 1 Grant Agreement from the Department of Water Resources within two weeks; and that the next IRWMP Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2021.

He then reported that the next Home Show and SMART Water Expo is scheduled for April 17-18, 2021 with back-up dates of October 30-31, 2021 pending COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

**10) Report of Controller.**

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

Management Analyst Henry reported that Controller Hoffmeyer had to excuse himself from the meeting after which it was determined to table this item to the next regular meeting.

**11) Reports of Commissioners.**

There were no reports.

**12) Report of Attorney.**

No attorney was present at the meeting.

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

After a brief discussion of the damage caused by the Bobcat Fire and the impact on local utilities and infrastructure, General Manager Thompson II was directed to provide an update on current mutual aid options at the next regular meeting.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next meeting of the Association will be held December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**15) 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 at 7:21 p.m.

  
Secretary