

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 9, 2017.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

Vice Chair Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair  
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner  
Tim Clark, Alt. Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Matt Knudson, AVSWCA General Mngr.  
Tom Barnes, Controller  
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Mngr.  
James Chaisson, LCID General Mngr.  
Vincent Dino, PWD Director  
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant  
1 member of the public

**EXCUSED ABSENCE --**

Robert Parris, Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor

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

There were no public comments.

**4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held January 12, 2017.**

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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 2017, as written.

**5) Payment of Bills.**

General Manager Knudson reviewed the bills received for payment from PWD in the amount of \$1,141.81 for staff services, from AV Web Designs in the amount of \$199.95 for the recurring monthly AVSavesWater.com website charge for February 2017, and from AVEK in the amount of \$722.98 for staff services after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the bills received for payment as presented.

**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)**

Mr. Bob Blanchard, of the U.S. Geological Survey, provided a brief update on the Groundwater Level and Water Quality Monitoring Program between AVSWCA and USGS including the scope and purpose of the Program, groundwater levels, groundwater quality and sampling, and a summary of work scheduled for 2017 followed by a brief discussion of artesian wells and the recent precipitation.

The Commissioners then thanked Mr. Blanchard for the presentation.

**7) Discussion and Possible Action on 2017 Association Goals. (General manager Knudson)**

General Manager Knudson provided a detailed overview of staff's recommended goals for 2017, and after a brief discussion of the original Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Group, Vice Chair Hogan stated that she would like to review the list of goals with LCID's full Board and requested that this item be carried over to the next regular meeting.

**8) Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement Related to Regional Exchange of Water from the State Water Project. (General Manager Knudson/Controller Barnes)**

Controller Barnes provided a brief history of the draft agreement submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for regional exchange of water from the

State Water Project between the three member agencies and stated that DWR's legal advisory is reviewing the draft agreement which will be returned with changes; that the goal is to have approval of the agreement by mid-2017; and that DWR has indicated that the agreement would be limited to five years with a ten year water return period.

**9) 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 finances and stated that the current bank account for the Association will need to be closed and a new account established due to the discovery of fraudulent checks written against the account.

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

General Manager Knudson stated that the next Antelope Valley Watermaster Board meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2017 at 10 a.m. at AVEK and that the purpose of the meeting is to choose applicants for the interview process after which Commissioner Mac Laren stated that the Watermaster group is getting along very well and building trust.

**10) Report of Controller.**

Controller Barnes provided an update on the current North Sierra Precipitation Index, the upcoming precipitation forecast, and on the State Water Project operations including Lake Oroville, San Luis Reservoir, and the Delta followed by a brief discussion of the Oroville Dam emergency spillway.

**11) Reports of Commissioners.**

Alt. Commissioner Clark introduced LCID's new General Manager, James Chaisson, after which Commissioner Mac Laren and Commissioner Alvarado welcomed him.

Commissioner Hogan then stated that the scenery on her way home from a Las Vegas trip was very green from all of the recent rain.

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There were no further reports.

**12) Report of Attorney.**

No attorney was present.

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

General Manager Knudson stated that a presentation on current projects by the member agencies will be provided at the next Association meeting.

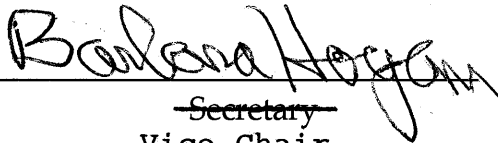
There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at PWD.

**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 7:43 p.m.

  
~~Secretary~~  
Vice Chair