

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, APRIL 10, 2014.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Vice Chair Alvarado, Dennis Hoffmeyer led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Neal Weisenberger,
Commissioner
George Lane,
Alt. Commissioner

Barbara Hogan, Chair --
Keith Dyas, Commissioner --
EXCUSED ABSENCE

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, General Manager
Tom Barnes, Controller
Travis Berglund, LCID Asst. General Mngr.
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Danielle Henry, Administrative Assistant
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Accounting
0 members 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 February 27, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, 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 February 27, 2014, as written.

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 \$1,001.93 and \$722.58 for staff services and ratification of \$200.00 paid by PWD to the Antelope Valley Fair Association for the Association's booth at the Home Show and from AVEK in the amount of \$1,018.82 for staff services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and after a brief discussion of the booth fee for the Home Show, the motion unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Legal Counsel Representation for the AVSWCA. (General Manager Knudson/Ad Hoc Committee)

General Manager Knudson provided an overview of the current legal counsel rotation and the options discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and after a brief discussion of increasing the length of rotation, retaining one attorney to represent the Association, legal counsel expenses, the need for legal counsel attendance at every meeting, and the option for telephone conferencing with legal counsel during Association meetings, it was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to keep the legal counsel rotation as is with the attendance of legal counsel on an as-needed basis at the discretion of the General Manager.

General Manager Knudson then informed the Commissioners that Palmdale Water District's new legal counsel is Aleshire and Wynder LLP.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Professional Services Agreement with RMC Water and Environment to Provide As-Needed Services Related to the Completion of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Update. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson reviewed the proposal received from RMC Water and Environment for as-needed services recommended and requested by the Advisory Team and Stakeholders Group of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to help finalize the Plan, answer any questions from the Department of Water Resources, and help the Stakeholders Group implement future projects eligible for grant funding, and after a brief discussion of available Association funds, of scheduling an IRWMP presentation for the Association, and of a letter of recommendation from representatives of the Advisory Team, it moved by

Commissioner Weisenberger, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Professional Services Agreement with RMC Water and Environment to Provide As-Needed Services Related to the Completion of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as an amendment to the original Agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,642.00.

8) Report of General Manager.

a) Update on the AVSWCA AB 1234 Training.

General Manager Knudson informed the Commissioners that Attorney Lemieux provided AB 1234 Ethics Training on March 27, 2014 with very good attendance after which Commissioner Alvarado and Commissioner Thibault stated that they really enjoyed the training.

b) Update on Antelope Valley IRWMP.

He then stated that the final Integrated Regional Water Management Plan has been submitted to the Department of Water Resources; that a letter of confirmation has been received stating all criteria has been met; and that the Plan is currently under the public review process.

c) Evaluation on Participation in the Antelope Valley Home Show.

He then informed the Commissioners that AVEK staff did a great job on the set up for the Association's booth at the Antelope Valley Home Show and that several Commissioners and members of staff volunteered followed by discussion of the photos used to highlight the current drought conditions and the number of people attracted to the booth with questions and concerns related to the drought and the State Water Project.

The mission and direction of the Association were then briefly discussed after which General Manager Knudson provided copies of the Association's Agreement, Statement of Principles and Objectives, and By-Laws to the Commissioners for review at the next meeting.

He then informed the Commissioners that a new contact list was included with the agenda packets; that Danielle Henry will be taking over for Dawn Deans as secretary for the Association; and Dennis Hoffmeyer will be taking over Gene Taylor's accounting role for the Association.

Commissioner Thibault and Commissioner Mac Laren then thanked AVEK their efforts with the booth set-up.

9) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes informed the Commissioners that even with the recent storms the snowpack report for April is still quite low; that the Governor requested the Department of Water Resources streamline a process of supporting shovel-ready projects to help with the drought; that \$200 of the \$473 million drought bond has been allocated to help with these projects; that AVEK is reviewing the draft proposal package from DWR and will submit projects for review; that AVEK is currently recovering banked water due to the drought; that AVEK has four new wells pumping 10MGD with nine wells expected to be in production by the end of the month; and that AVEK provided a recent tour to DWR on their new facilities installed with Prop. 84 grant funds.

He then reviewed statistics from Google Analytics for the Association's website followed by discussion of the Feather River water rights, of carry-over water rights, and of public outreach by the member agencies supporting the Governor's request for a 20% voluntary water use reduction.

Commissioner Weisenberger then extended an invitation to attend AVEK's Special Board meeting regarding their Dry Water Program on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

10) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports of Commissioners.

11) Report of Attorney.

There was no Attorney present.

12) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Alternate Commissioner Lane requested that potential tour dates of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County facilities and a presentation by RMC Water and Environment on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan process be provided at the next meeting.

General Manager Knudson stated that "Review and Discussion of the Association's Principles and Objectives" will also be placed on the next 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 May 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

14) Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, it was moved by Commissioner Weisenberger, 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.


Secretary