

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JULY 11, 2019.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, July 11, 2019, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Parris, Commissioner Hogan led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Parris, Chair
Vincent Dino, Vice Chair
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
John Tenerelli, Alt. Commissioner

Others Present:

Peter Thompson II, Asst. General Manager
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Manager
Don Wilson, AVSWCA Alt. Cmsnr. (PWD)
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst
3 members of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCES--

Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor

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 to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 11, 2019.

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 April 11, 2019, as written.

6) Payment of Bills.

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 to approve ratification of payments made to PWD in the amount of \$777.79 for staff services, to AVEK in the amount of \$701.30 for staff services, to W.M. Lyles Co. in the amount of \$6,945.55 for concrete support work associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project, to Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$38,747.86 for professional services through April 26, 2019 associated with the 2019 IRWM Plan Update, to Kennedy Jenks in the amount of \$19,103.01 for professional engineering services through March 29, 2019 associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project, and to Nigro & Nigro in the amount of \$2,000.00 for audit preparation services as well as payment of invoices received from Interactive Educational Services, Inc. in the amount of \$294.00 for recurring monthly website charges for July through December 2019, from U.S.G.S. in the amount of \$32,450.00 for the quarterly billing for cooperative water resources investigations per the 2018/2019 Joint Funding Agreement for the period of November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, and from Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$22,427.39 for professional services through May 31, 2019 associated with the 2019 IRWM Plan Update.

7) Presentation on U.S.G.S. Joint Groundwater Monitoring Program. (Mr. Mike Lee and Mr. Jon Newby, United States Geological Survey)

Mr. Mike Lee and Mr. Jon Newby, of the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.), provided a detailed overview of the U.S.G.S. National Water Information System (NWIS) website, including locations and data of wells currently monitored through the U.S.G.S. Program, after which the Commissioners thanked Mr. Lee and Mr. Newby for the presentation.

8) Discussion and Possible Action on Developing an Agreement Between AVSWCA and AV Watermaster for Delivery of Replacement Water Within the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Groundwater Basin. (Assistant General Manager Thompson II)

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that staff recommends a formalized agreement be developed between the Association and the Antelope Valley Watermaster for the delivery of replacement water within the Antelope Valley adjudicated boundaries with the approved replacement water rate structure now in place after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to direct staff to prepare an agreement for the delivery of replacement water within the Antelope Valley adjudicated boundaries.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Sponsorship of 2020 Home Show and SMART Water Expo. (Assistant General Manager Thompson II)

Assistant General Manager Thompson II reviewed the 2020 Home Show and SMART Water Expo sponsorship and associated costs included with the proposed 2019/2020 Budget after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve participation and sponsorship of the 2020 Home Show and SMART Water Expo in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.00.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. (Assistant General Manager Thompson II/Controller Hoffmeyer)

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a detailed overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019/2020, including the General Program Funds and Restricted Funds for the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Program, the 2018/2019 U.S.G.S./CASGEM Program, and the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project, after which it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the budget for fiscal year 2019/2020.

11) Consideration and Possible Action on Acceptance and Filing of Audit for Year Ended June 30, 2018. (Controller Hoffmeyer)

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a detailed overview of the Association's audit for year ended June 30, 2018, and after a brief discussion of future reserved funds, 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 accept and file the Association's audit for year ended June 30, 2018.

12) Report of General Manager and Assistant General Manager.

a) Update on Proposed East Side Recycled Water Line Project.

Chair Parris stated that the proposed East Side Recycled Water Project may be a future project discussion for the Antelope Valley Watermaster and Sanitation District.

b) Update on Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project.

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that staff continues to monitor the outflow from Big Rock Creek; that recharge flow for the Pilot Project is anticipated to slowly begin by next week; and that Resources Manager Barnes secured a Project contract extension with the Department of Water Resources through the end of the year.

c) Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that a public hearing for the Watermaster Draft Annual Report is scheduled for the next Watermaster meeting on July 24, 2019; that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Watermaster is preparing a scope of work for Todd Groundwater and administrative staff for the next two years; and that future discussion topics include the development of a clearing house for water transfers to be hosted on the Watermaster website and a groundwater model for use by Todd Groundwater.

d) Update on Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder meetings.

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that he has no report for the Antelope Valley IRWMP Stakeholders.

13) Report of Controller.

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

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a brief update on the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position for month ending June 30, 2019 and stated that future staff time for the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project and for future Association projects will be covered by the individual member agencies.

14) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hogan stated that it's good to be back from her trip to Iran after which Commissioner Mac Laren welcomed her back.

There were no further reports.

15) Report of Attorney.

There was no report.

16) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Update on the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project," "Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings" and "Update on Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder meetings" will remain on the next meeting agenda and that "Consideration and possible action on agreement between AVSWCA and AV Watermaster for delivery of replacement water within the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Groundwater Basin" be added to the next meeting agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Palmdale Water District.

18) 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 6:55 p.m.


Secretary