

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 13, 2022.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Parris, Chair
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, V. Chr.
Don Wilson, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Peter Thompson II, General Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Dennis LaMoreaux, PWD General Manager
Adam Ly, PWD Asst. General Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK General Manager
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Asst. Gen. Manager
Shelley Sorsabal, AVEK Board Director
Audrey Miller, AVEK Board Director
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst
3 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting, with Commissioner Hogan absent, on the following roll call vote to adopt the agenda, as written:

Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

Chair Parris then stated that Agenda Item No. 8 would now be presented.

8) Presentation on Delta Conveyance Project. (General Manager Thompson II/ Ms. Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors)

Ms. Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors General Manager, provided a detailed presentation on the Delta Conveyance Project, including the climate adaption strategy, the drought relief component, the public policy, the proposed alignment and design objective, the community engagement, and the status of the Environmental Impact Report, followed by discussion of current and future participation, of determination of allocations, of funding, of litigation matters, of the design and construction, of completion timelines, of water rights, of aqueduct capacity and reliability, and of recycled water projects.

The Commissioners then thanked Ms. Pierre for the presentation.

Commissioner Hogan joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:53 p.m. after which Chair Parris stated that Agenda Item No. 5 would now be considered.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held August 18, 2022.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 August 18, 2022, as written:

Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan– aye

6) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve payment and ratification of payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$2,138.78 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$165.76 for staff services, from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in the amounts of \$5,342.50 and \$16,677.00 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project, from Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$6,742.50 for professional services associated with the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan update, from ACWA/JPIA in the amount of \$2,183.00 for the 2022/2023 Auto and General Liability Program, and from GoDaddy in the amount of \$21.17 for the annual avswca.org domain renewal:

Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2022-5 Being a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor Issued March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association for the Period Beginning October 13, 2022 and Ending November 12, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions. (General Counsel Markman/General Manager Thompson II)

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2022-5 being a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor Issued March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association for the Period Beginning October 13, 2022 and Ending November 12, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions:

Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

Resolution No. 2022-5 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Extend the Agreement Term to June 30, 2023 for the Analysis of Big Rock Creek Recharge Alternatives. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II provided an overview of the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to extend the term of the Agreement for the Analysis of the Big Rock Creek Recharge Alternatives after which it was moved by Commissioner Wilson, 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 Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Extend the Agreement Term to June 30, 2023 for the Analysis of Big Rock Creek Recharge Alternatives:

Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

10) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Thompson II reported that the Hallmark Group was selected as the new Watermaster administrator; that a kick-off meeting for the administration transfer was held on October 12, 2022; that the administration transition is anticipated to be completed by early 2023; that staff is working with the Hallmark Group on the 2023 Budget; that the Watermaster Board approved a resolution amending Section 6 of the Rules and Regulations designating the current Advisory Committee to fill the role of the Sub Area Management Advisory Committee; and that the revision to the Rules and Regulations will require the Court's approval.

2) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

He then reported that the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Stakeholders met on October 6, 2022 to discuss the projects chosen for the Proposition 1 Round 2 grant program, including Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District's Lawn Reduction Rebate Program and Palmdale Water District's East Avenue Q Recycled Water Extension Project, and that storm water resource programs were also discussed for future grant opportunities.

There was no report on the Fremont Basin IRWMP.

3) Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies.

He then reported that the Mutual Response Group for Antelope Valley Agencies (AV MRG) met on July 26, 2022; that a tabletop exercise is scheduled for October 19, 2022; that staff contacted the Joint Powers Insurance Authority regarding insurance policies and potential claims for mutual response agreements; that staff outreach continues with the mutual water companies in the Antelope Valley; and that staff will prepare a draft Mutual Aid Agreement between the Association and mutual water companies for review by the member agencies and legal counsels.

4) Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project.

He then reported that staff made contact with potential East Branch partners for interest in the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project; that the initial interest is limited due to lack of pump-back options; that there is interest in selling water to the Association in wet years for delivery to the Project; that a meeting with Todd Groundwater is scheduled for October 27, 2022 for feedback on potential recharge and

replacement water obligations; and that staff efforts continue on making contact with the Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles County regarding the proposed connection to the aqueduct and culverts.

11) Report of Controller.

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

Controller Hoffmeyer provided a brief overview of the Association's revenue, expenses and change in net position for the month ending September 30, 2022.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports of Commissioners.

13) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present at the meeting.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

15) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting December 8, 2022.

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held on December 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

16) 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 7:15 p.m.



Secretary