

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 28, 2024.

A special meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, August 28, 2024, at 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551, at 2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560, and at 35141 87th Street East, Littlerock, CA 93543 and via teleconference. Chair Mac Laren-Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Mac Laren-Gomez, Commissioner Van Dam led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair
Scott Kellerman, Alt. Cmsnr.
Leo Thibault, Treasurer
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Gary Van Dam, Alt. Cmsnr.

Others Present:

Peter Thompson, General Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
Pamela Lee, Legal Counsel
Matthew Knudson, AVEK General Manager
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Dennis LaMoreaux, PWD General Manager
Audrey Miller, AVEK Board Director
Pam Clark, AVEK
Tom Barnes, AVEK
Angel Fitzpatrick, AVEK
Jack Husted, LA County Public Works
0 members of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCE~

Robert Parris, Vice Chair
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Don Wilson, Secretary

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Kellerman, seconded by Commissioner Van Dam, 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 Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Van Dam – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Special Presentation: Culverts Project and Grant Funding. (Tom Barnes, AVEK / Jack Husted, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works)

Included in the presentation, Tom Barnes with AVEK explained that AVSWCA staff is collaborating with Los Angeles County Waterworks staff and their consultants to identify potential grant funding opportunities for proposed flood control culverts that will enable improved recharge at the Big Rock, Littlerock, and Upper Amargosa Creeks.

Jack Husted with Los Angeles County Public Works explained the two potential grant funding opportunities identified, the Drought Resiliency Program and the Small Storage Program; he then provided a breakdown of the collaboration efforts by the Los Angeles County Public Works for this project, including preparing the grant application, providing construction permit to construct at county roads and the design and hydrology review. He also touched on the next steps of continuing project development, which included the Association's continuing development discussions with LA County and kicking off the grant application process for WaterSMART, beginning weekly meetings, and gathering data.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on approval to recommend to the Association's representative boards to cooperate with Los Angeles County Public Works on the preparation and submission of grant applications for the Culvert Project. (General Manager Thompson II)

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Van Dam, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve the recommendation to the Association's representative boards to cooperate with Los

Angeles County Public Works on the preparation and submission of the grant applications.

Chair Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Van Dam – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

7) Report of General Manager.

General Manager Thompson II reported that DWR staff will present at the next meeting on the lessons learned over the past year for the State Water Project. He then reported that that staff is working on scheduling a tour of the Edmundston Pumping Plant, which will allow each agency to send eight representatives.

8) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

There were no requests for future agenda items from the Commissioners.

9) Adjournment.

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, the regular meeting of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Commissioners was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Secretary, Don Wilson