

**COMMISSIONERS***KATHY MAC LAREN-GOMEZ, Chair**GARY VAN DAM, Commissioner**LEO THIBAUT, Treasurer-Auditor**DON WILSON, Secretary**KEITH DYAS, Commissioner**BARBARA HOGAN, Commissioner***OFFICERS***PETER THOMPSON II, General Manager**DENNIS HOFFMEYER, Controller*

April 3, 2025

**Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Commissioners
of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association
to be held at Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency at
6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale 93551**

Teleconference: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID 839 3795 7835, Passcode 0

Video Conference:

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Thursday, April 10, 2025

6:00 p.m.

NOTICE: This meeting of the Commissioners will include teleconference participation and location by Commissioner Dyas from: 2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560.

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PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES: *Each speaker has three minutes. Please avoid displays or outbursts like applause or comments. Disruptive activities that interfere with the meeting will not be allowed, and offenders may be asked to leave.*

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Roll call.
- 3) Adoption of agenda.
- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

- 5) Presentation on Healthy Rivers and Landscapes and State Water Contractors 2025 Update (SWC General Manager Jennifer Pierre)
- 6) Election of Officer for Vice-Chair
- 7) Consideration and possible action on meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on February 13, 2025.
- 8) Payment of bills.
- 9) Consideration and possible action on the authorization of staff to release received replacement water assessment (RWA) funds in accordance with the Replacement Water Plan approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster. (General Manager Thompson II)
- 10) Consideration and possible action on authorizing staff to sign and send a letter to representatives and relevant agencies regarding the impacts of homeless encampment and theft in Antelope Valley water agencies. (Tom Barnes, AVEK)
- 11) Update on the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project. (Tom Barnes, AVEK)
- 12) Report on Water Resources and Activities. (Pam Clark, PWD)
 - a) Update on grant applications
 - b) Coordination of legislative representative staff tour
- 13) Report of Controller.
 - a) Update on revenue, expenses, and change in net position.
- 14) Report of General Manager.
 - a) Status updates:
 - 1) Antelope Valley Watermaster meetings.
 - 2) Potential Support for a water resilience project at the Antelope Valley Fairground's Parris Center.
 - 3) Future agenda items.
- 15) Report of Commissioners.
- 16) Report of Attorney.
- 17) Commission Members' requests for future agenda items.
- 18) Consideration and action on scheduling the next Association meeting on June 12, 2025.
- 19) Adjournment.



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2025
TO: AVSWCA COMMISSIONERS
VIA: Mr. Peter Thompson II, General Manager
RE: *AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR VICE-CHAIR (GENERAL MANAGER THOMPSON II)*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commissioners elect a new officer to serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year.

BACKGROUND:

CURRENT OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Kathy MacLaren-Gomez (PWD) – Chair
- Leo Thibault (LCID) – Treasurer-Auditor
- Don Wilson (PWD) – Secretary
- Gary Van Dam (AVEK) – Commissioner
- Keith Dyas (AVEK) – Commissioner
- Barbara Hogan (LCID) – Commissioner

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Scott Kellerman (PWD)
- Drew Mercey (AVEK)
- Tim Clark (LCID)
- John Tenerelli (LCID)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551, at 2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560, and via teleconference. Vice Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Parris, Vice Chair
Don Wilson, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Scott Kellerman, PWD Board Director

Others Present (In-person & via Zoom):

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Peter Thompson, General Manager
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Drew Mercy, AVEK Board Director
Audrey Miller, AVEK Board Director
David Kraai, LCID Board Director
Tom Barnes, AVEK
Pam Clark, PWD
Angel Fitzpatrick, AVEK
0 members of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCE~ Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Chair, Barbara Hogan, Commissioner, and Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller.

Chair Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez and Commissioner Barbara Hogan could not attend the meeting in person. They both called in to observe but could not participate because their location was not listed on the agenda.

Commissioner Dyas arrived late at 6:09 pm.

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Kellerman, 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 adopt the agenda as written:

Vice Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Dyas – not present

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and possible action on meeting minutes for the regular meeting held on December 12, 2024.

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 meeting minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12, 2024, as written:

Vice Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Dyas – not present

6) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, 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 payment and ratification of payment of the bills received from from Helix Environment Planning in the amount of \$1,220.00 for professional services through December 8, 2024 for environmental consulting for the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project, AVEK in the amount of \$1,752.34 for staff services of Tom Barnes, Pam Clark, and Angel Fitzpatrick for the periods of December 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, and to PWD in the amount of \$116,920.30 for retention funds. These are pass-through funds received from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on behalf of the AVIRWMP Group Prop. 1 Grant Project Funding.

Vice Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Dyas – not present

7) Consideration and possible action on election of officers. (General Manager Thompson II)

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, 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 keep the same slate of officers as the previously year with no recommended changes:

Vice Chair Parris – aye
Commissioner Thibault – aye
Commissioner Wilson – aye
Commissioner Kellerman – aye
Commissioner Dyas – not present

Commissioner Dyas arrived via teleconference at 6:09 pm.

8) Update on the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project. (Tom Barnes, AVEK)

Tom Barnes provided an update on the Littlerock Creek Project, highlighting its key elements and current status. The update mentioned the filing of the Notice of Exemption, a long-term operational agreement between member agencies is currently pending, and that the member agencies are working together to draft the Watermaster groundwater banking and storage agreement for the project.

9) Update on developing the Littlerock Creek Recharge Project Application for the Groundwater Banking and Storage (Tom Barnes, AVEK)

Tom Barnes provided an overview of the application process for a Groundwater Banking and Storage Agreement with the Antelope Valley Watermaster. He provided the elements of the project to be considered during the review of the application, including the source and quantity of recharge water, recovery and delivery methods, a material injury analysis, proposed benefits to the basin, and a monitoring program including annual reporting.

10) Report on Water Resources and Activities. (Pam Clark, PWD)

1) Update on grant applications for the Culverts Projects.

Pam Clark with AVEK provided the following updates on the grant programs to fund the construction of the culverts for the Upper Amargosa Creek, Littlerock Creek, and Big Rock Creek Recharge Projects:

Staff successfully submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Program for the Antelope Valley Groundwater Recharge and Roadway Creek Passage Project (Culverts Project) on October 7, 2024. Additionally, the application is currently under review and grant awards will be announced in March 2025.

2) Update on grant applications for the Stream Gage Data.

Pam Clark with AVEK provided the following updates on the California Stream Gage Improvement Program:

Staff successfully submitted a grant application for DWR's Stream Gage Improvement Program (CAL SIP) for 13 potential stream gage sites on December 24, 2024. These stream gages would be used to monitor native flows at different points throughout the basin, including Big Rock Creek, Littlerock Creek, and Lower Amargosa Creek.

She also explained that the staff expects to get an email this week regarding the grant award. Staff continues to work with USGS to determine long-term monitoring costs for each site.

Vice Chair Parris requested that a slide showing the locations of the streams be provided at the next association meeting.

11) Report of Controller.

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

In Controller Hoffmeyer's absence, General Manager Thompson II provided an overview of the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position for the month ending January 31, 2025.

13) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Thompson II reported that the Watermaster Board reviewed options for administrative services, including extending its agreement with AVEK or issuing a new request for proposals. Additionally, the Board adopted the 2025 application fee schedule. The Watermaster Engineer is currently evaluating potential illegal pumping in a designated area of concern. Lastly, the replacement water plan is scheduled for consideration and approval at the March meeting.

2) Letters of support to elected officials regarding theft and homeless encampment impacts on member agencies

He reported that letters will be drafted to legislators and the County Supervisor addressing the impacts of theft and homeless encampments on Association members and

AV water retail agencies. Staff will prepare the letters for review and approval by Association member GMs before sending them. Additionally, staff will collect impact statements from agencies in the coming weeks.

After discussions with other retailers, he also reported that there is a broader problem than just the homeless encampments. After several conversations with retailers in the Antelope Valley, it was said that there is significant metal theft, including fire hydrants and fire flow valves. We will incorporate these concerns in the letters to the legislature.

3) Potential Support for a water resilience project at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds' Parris Center

He reported that staff met with AV Fair and the City of Lancaster representatives to discuss water resiliency concepts for the AV Fairground's Parris Center. The discussion included plans for a dedicated well, water treatment, and onsite storage tanks. AV Fair and the City of Lancaster are refining the proposal, and staff anticipates receiving a revised support request from them to the Association and its member agencies in the coming months.

4) Tours for member agency political representatives

He reported that staff will work on coordinating tours for legislative representatives. Would like to have a three-agency tour to talk about things we really care about, like individual agency project support such as SNIP Phase II, Pure Water AV, and local recharge projects. Also, talk about SWP issues that affect all member agencies, such as subsidence repair and cost-sharing, DCP affordability, environmental permit streamlining, and energy program cost impacts. Staff will coordinate tours for legislative representatives and offer two separate tour dates to maximize attendance and engagement.

5) Future Agenda Items.

He reported that future agenda items will include an update on projects and grants, that he plans to invite a State Water Contractor's staff member to provide a presentation on the State of the State Water Project (SWP), an update on the Stream Gage grant, and a presentation on water resilience proposal for AV Fairgrounds Parris Center.

14) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault reported being sad to hear about Phyliss Stanin's passing. Vice Chair Parris invited Commissioner Thibault to the memorial services.

15) Report of Attorney.

No Attorney was present.

16) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

No future agenda items were requested

17) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting on April 10, 2025.

After a discussion among the Commissioners, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on its regular date and time of April 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

18) 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 6:50 p.m.

AVSWCA Secretary
Commissioner Don Wilson



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2025

TO: AVSWCA COMMISSIONERS

VIA: Mr. Peter Thompson II, General Manager

RE: *AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF STAFF TO RELEASE RECEIVED REPLACEMENT WATER ASSESSMENT (RWA) FUNDS UPON RECEIPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REPLACEMENT WATER PLAN APPROVED BY THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize staff to release and distribute the fees received from the Antelope Valley Watermaster (Watermaster) in accordance with the approved Replacement Water Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Association and the Watermaster entered into an agreement on October 23, 2019, for the purpose of recharging the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin with imported water and assisting the Watermaster in fulfilling its replacement water objectives. In accordance with this agreement, the Watermaster submitted a request for 310.98 acre-feet of replacement water in exchange for the corresponding Replacement Water Assessment (RWA) fees totaling \$182,423.92. Association staff worked with staff from the three member agencies to draft a plan for supplying the replacement water to the Watermaster. This plan was submitted and approved by the Watermaster Engineer. The Watermaster Board accepted this Plan at their meeting held on March 26, 2025.

The Plan assigns the replacement water obligations and subsequent funds from RWA fees collected to the agency within which the over-pumping occurred. Replacement water obligations and funds for RWA fees resulting from over-pumping outside of the Association's boundaries are divided amongst the agencies in proportion to their State Water Project Table A allocations. The attached plan provides a breakdown of the replacement water provided, the storage locations it will be deducted from, and the RWA provided to the agencies in compensation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- AV Watermaster Replacement Water Request Letter
- AVSWCA Replacement Water Plan
- Replacement Water Obligation Map



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December 10, 2024

Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association
 Mr. Pete Thompson, General Manager
 6500 West Avenue N
 Palmdale, CA 93551

**RE: ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER – REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT
 WATER PER AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 23, 2019**

Dear Mrs. MacLaren-Gomez:

The Watermaster is required to impose a Replacement Water Assessment (“RWA”) on Groundwater Production by Parties to the Judgment in excess of any Party’s right to produce Groundwater (Judgment ¶ 9.2.). The Watermaster has assessed RWA and collected funds from the following Parties to the Judgment.

Producer	Year Assessed	AF Assessed	\$/AF Assessed	Payment Received	Subarea	In/Out AVSWCA
60 th Street Association Water	2018	4.66	\$415	\$1,933.90	Central	In
60 th Street Association Water	2019	2.62	\$451	\$1,181.62	Central	In
60 th Street Association Water	2020	3.10	\$486	\$1,506.60	Central	In
60 th Street Association Water	2022	2.16	\$523	\$1,129.68	Central	In
AV Joint Union High School District	2023	52	\$563	\$29,276.00	Central	In
Bible Holiness Church	2023	0.06	\$563	\$33.78	Southeast	In
Carlos and Paola Diaz Hernandez	2021	2.54	\$607	\$1,541.78	West	In
Carlos and Paola Diaz Hernandez	2022	2.54	\$607	\$1,541.78	West	In
Carlos and Paola Diaz Hernandez	2023	2.54	\$607	\$1,541.78	West	In
Clan Keith Estate Investment	2022	64.1516	\$523	\$33,551.29	Central	In
Clan Keith Estate Investment	2023	59.17	\$563	\$33,312.71	Central	In
Copart, Inc.	2022	50.00	\$607	\$30,350.00	Central	In
Copart, Inc.	2023	0.92	\$563	\$517.96	Central	In
Del Sur Gardens LLC	2016	0.92	\$415	\$381.80	Central	In
Del Sur Gardens LLC	2017	0.92	\$415	\$381.80	Central	In
Del Sur Gardens LLC	2018	0.92	\$415	\$381.80	Central	In

Del Sur Gardens LLC	2019	0.92	\$451	\$414.92	Central	In
Del Sur Gardens LLC	2020	0.92	\$486	\$447.12	Central	In
Del Sur Gardens LLC	2021	0.92	\$498	\$458.16	Central	In
Espiridion and Yvonne Perez	2023	0.50	\$563	\$281.50	Central	In
John Jefferies	2023	0.02	\$563	\$11.26	West	In
Jose and Mayra Rodriguez	2023	0.25	\$563	\$140.75	Central	In
Joshua Acres MWC	2017	14	\$415	\$5,810.00	Central	In
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LA Cosepa Church	2021	14.00	\$607	\$8,498.00	Southeast	In
LA Cosepa Church	2022	14.00	\$607	\$8,498.00	Southeast	In
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Leticia Espinoza	2023	0.02	\$563	\$11.26	Central	In
Mettler Valley MWC	2022	47.33	\$523	\$24,753.59	West	In
Milana VII, LLC	2023	4.14	\$563	\$2,330.82	Central	In
Moises Salazar	2023	0.04	\$563	\$22.52	West	In
Phelan Pinon Hills CSD	2023	8.27	\$1,119	\$9,254.13	South East	Out
Piute Mutual Water Company	2022	9.34	\$523	\$4,884.82	Central	In
Piute Mutual Water Company	2023	7.45	\$563	\$4,194.35	Central	In
Ron Banuk	2023	16.49	\$563	\$9,283.87	West	In
Wesley Ellis	2023	0.02	\$563	\$11.26	Southeast	In
Wilsona Gardens	2016	11.926	\$415	\$4,949.29	Southeast	In
Wilsona Gardens	2017	12.617	\$415	\$5,236.06	Southeast	In
Young Park	2023	0.09	\$563	\$50.67	Southeast	In
Replacement Water Adjustments						
Ron Banuk ¹	2021	(18.898)	\$498	(\$9,411.20)	West	In
RTS Orchards ²	2019	(90.77)	\$451	(\$40,937.27)	West	In
West Valley County Water District ³	2020	(19.84)	\$486	(\$9,642.24)	West	In

Based on the table above, the Watermaster is submitting a request for **310.977 AF** of Replacement Water to be provided by the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (Association). Upon approval of payment, the Watermaster will submit payment in the amount of **\$182,423.92** to the Association.

¹ Ron Banuk was invoiced a 2021 RWA of 134.27 for \$66,866.46. This invoice was revised on 5/25/22 to 115.372 AF of actual use for \$57,455.26 for a difference of 18.898 AF and \$9,411.20. The original amount of \$66,866.46 was paid to AVSWCA on 1/11/22 RWA request letter. This amount shows as a credit in QuickBooks but an adjustment is needed to the Water Accounting by the Watermaster Engineer.

² RTS Orchards was included for \$40,937.27 for 2019 RWAs on the RWA request letter dated 11/20/23. This replacement water was already replaced under the previous production right holder under the name of H&N Development. As a result, these funds need to be refunded to the Watermaster by AVEK and an adjustment is necessary for the Water Accounting by the Watermaster Engineer.

³ West Valley County Water District's 2020 RWA of \$9,642.24 was paid to AVSWCA on RWA request letter dated 1/11/22 and then paid again on RWA request letter dated 11/20/23. These funds need to be refunded to AVWM from AVEK and an adjustment made to the Water Accounting by Watermaster Engineer.

The Watermaster looks forward to conferring with the Association and its member agencies regarding the plan and location where the subject Replacement Water will be recharged utilizing imported water supply.

Very truly yours,



Angel Fitzpatrick,
Watermaster Assistant Administrator



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December 12, 2024

Antelope Valley Watermaster Board
Attn: Mr. Robert Parris
5022 West Avenue N, Suite 102, PMB 195
Palmdale, CA 93551

RE: REPLACEMENT WATER FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER

Dear Mr. Parris:

The Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (Association) is prepared to receive Replacement Water Assessment (RWA) fees from the Watermaster for excess production occurring between 2016 and 2023 from the following Parties to the Judgement:

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60 th Street Association Water	2018	4.66	\$415	\$1,933.90	Central	In
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Association staff has determined that the excess pumping of 60th Street Association Water Systems, AV Joint Union High School District, Bible Holiness Church, Carla and Paola Hernandez, Clan Keith Real Estate, Copart Inc, Del Sur LLC, Espiridion and Yvonne Perez, John Jeffries, Jose and Mayra Rodriguez, La Cosepa Church, Leticia Espinoza, Mettler Valley MWC, Moises Salazar, Piute Mutual Water Company, Ron Banuk, and Wilsona Gardens MWC has occurred within the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) service area. All Replacement Water adjustments requested are within the AVEK service area.

Association staff has determined that Joshua Acres, Ellis Wesley, and Young Park have been pumping within the Palmdale Water District (PWD) service area.

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Association staff have determined that no excess pumping has occurred within the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) service area.

Meanwhile, the Phelan Pinion Hills CSD pumping has occurred outside the boundaries of the association’s agencies.

The Association's member agencies have agreed to supply replacement water for excess pumping per the Agreement between the Association and the Watermaster dated October 23, 2019. After the requested adjustments, AVEK will be responsible for 274.60 acre-feet of replacement water for excess pumping that occurred in its service area. PWD will be responsible for 28.11 acre-feet of replacement water for excess pumping that occurred in its service area. LCID will be responsible for 0.00 acre-feet of replacement water for excess pumping that occurred in its service area.

The remaining 8.27 acre-feet of excess pumping outside of the Association’s service area will be split as follows: AVEK 7.03 acre-feet, PWD 1.07 acre-feet, and LCID 0.17 acre-feet. The respective agencies recommend deducting the replacement water from previously stored imported water. AVEK has requested that the Watermaster credit the Westside Water 58.01 acre-feet to satisfy the adjustments requested, deduct 266 acre-feet from the Upper Amargosa Recharge Site, deduct 73.63 acre-feet from the Littlerock Creek Recharge Site, and both PWD and LCID have requested that their portions be deducted from water stored at the Littlerock Creek Recharge site.

Upon Board approval of this plan, summarized in the table below, the Association and its represented agencies authorize the Watermaster Engineer to make the recommended deductions.

Agency Supplying Replacement Water	AF Replaced	Deduction/Credit for Stored Imported Water or Delivery	Recharge Facility	Subarea of Recharge Facility	Payment to the Agency Providing Replacement Water
Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency	58.01	Credit	Westside Water Bank	West Antelope	\$169,353.87
	266.00	Deduction	Upper Amargosa Recharge Site	Central Antelope	
	73.63	Deduction	Littlerock Creek Recharge Site	South East	

Palmdale Water District	29.18	Deduction	Littlerock Creek Recharge Site	South East	\$12,884.97
Littlerock Creek Irrigation District	0.17	Deduction	Littlerock Creek Recharge Site	South East	\$185.08
Totals	310.98				\$182,423.92

The Association wishes to note that these RWA fees and replacement water only cover the excess production of Parties who have paid their RWA. A complete accounting of Replacement Water obligations can be found in Appendix E and Appendix B Table B-4 of the Watermaster's annual report. A map showing the location of the excess pumping and water storage sites has been attached for your information.

Respectfully,

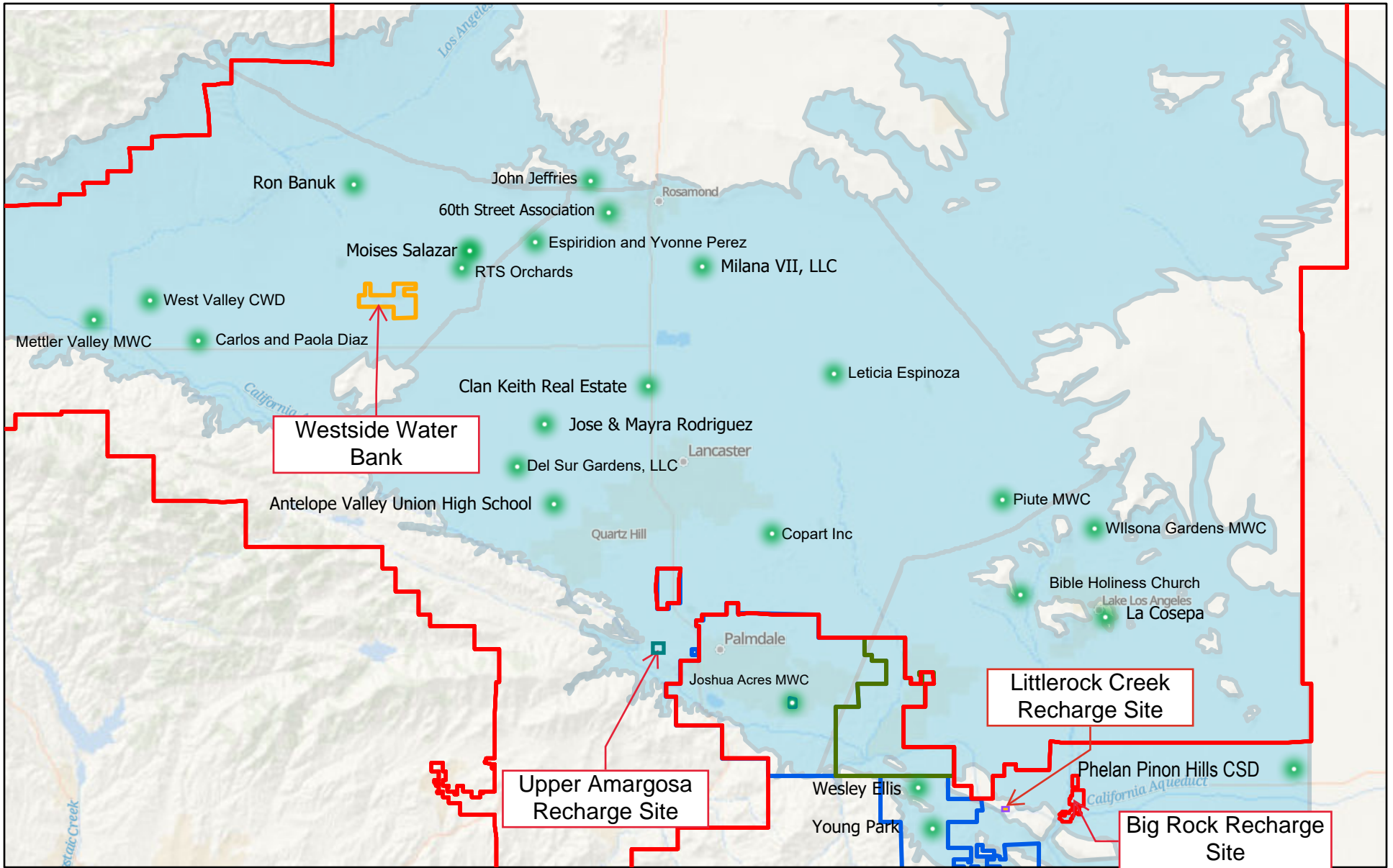


Peter Thompson II,
General Manager
Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association

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Attachment: RWA Replacement Location Map

Replacement Water Obligations



- LCID Service Area Boundary
 AVEK Service Area Boundary
 Paid Replacement Water Assessments
- PWD Service Area Boundary
 AV Watermaster Subareas



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2025
TO: AVSWCA COMMISSIONERS
VIA: Mr. Peter Thompson II, General Manager
RE: ***AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SIGN AND SEND A LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVES AND RELEVANT AGENCIES REGARDING THE IMPACTS OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AND THEFT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER AGENCIES. (TOM BARNES, AVEK)***

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the commissioners authorize staff to sign and send the approved letter to local representatives and relevant agencies regarding the impacts of homeless encampment and theft in Antelope Valley water agencies.

BACKGROUND:

Regular crimes of vandalism, damage, and theft to water-related facilities within the Association’s service areas have continued to impact their ability to safely and effectively deliver water to the residents within the greater Antelope Valley. These crimes are most notable within regions with a higher presence of illegal homeless encampments on private or public-owned properties. In recent months, the public’s attention has also been directed to the need to protect our water storage and delivery facilities to ensure a source of water during times of emergency.

To make our local legislative and community leaders aware of the growing vulnerabilities within local water systems due to these crimes, the Association staff has drafted a letter to be sent to the Los Angeles and Kern County Board of Supervisors offices. The Association is also requesting that a higher level of community outreach and increased law enforcement be promoted within their districts to better support water agencies’ efforts to supply high quality and affordable water to their residents.

Several local water providers were contacted and asked to share about the impacts that crimes of vandalism and theft have had on their water systems. Water providers who have been harmed by these crimes include Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts #40 & #37, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock Irrigation District, Boron Community Services District, and other Mutual Water Companies. Examples of these crimes and the impacts are contained in the provided draft AVSWCA letter.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

AVSWCA Letter Draft: *Antelope Valley Homeless Encampments & Theft - Health & Safety Impacts on Local Water Agencies*

**COMMISSIONERS***KATHY MAC LAREN-GOMEZ, Chair**ROBERT PARRIS, Vice Chair**LEO THIBAUT, Treasurer-Auditor**DON WILSON, Secretary**KEITH DYAS, Commissioner**BARBARA HOGAN, Commissioner***OFFICERS***PETER THOMPSON II, General Manager**DENNIS HOFFMEYER, Controller***DRAFT**

April 3, 2025

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**RE: ANTELOPE VALLEY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS & THEFT
HEATH & SAFETY IMPACTS ON LOCAL WATER AGENCIES**

DEAR Chair Barger & Supervisor Parlier,

The Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (Association, AVSWCA) member agencies are writing to you to make you aware of ongoing thefts & vandalism within the Antelope Valley that are impacting the ability for the local water agencies to safely and effectively deliver water to the residents within the region. With the recent wildfires in Los Angeles County, protecting our water supply infrastructure against vulnerabilities is key to the most basic of human health and safety requirements. We are requesting that a higher level of community outreach and increased law enforcement be promoted within your powers to allow these water suppliers to perform this very important task of supplying high quality affordable water to their residents.

The Association was created in 1999 as a joint powers authority to optimize the use of water resources and protect surface water and groundwater sources within the Antelope Valley. Three public agencies combined to form the AVSWCA in serving the Antelope Valley: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID), and Palmdale Water District (PWD). This group of water providers supplies water to most of the greater Antelope Valley. All these agencies and many of their customers have increasingly become victims of tagging, vandalism, theft, and illegal dumping at their water facilities.

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Regular and reoccurring damage or theft with water-related facilities, along with vandalism and dumping of chemicals near water wells have been most notable within regions with a higher presence of illegal homeless encampments on private or public-owned properties. Water providers who are impacted by these crimes include Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts #40 & #37, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock Irrigation District, Boron Community Services District, and the region's Mutual Water Companies.

In recent months, the public's attention has been directed to the need to protect our water storage and delivery facilities to ensure a source of water during times of emergency. Multiple incidents of damage to critical fire equipment have occurred in the region. The increased theft of fire hydrant parts (or the complete hydrants themselves) has led to high-cost repair or replacement by local districts.

Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts #40 (LACWD40) Lancaster field office has shared with the AVSWCA that major theft and vandalism incidents have led to an estimated \$848,000 in repairs for 22 incidents over the last 3-1/2 years. The types of crimes against LACWD40 included: wire theft, generator theft, vandalism, and equipment theft.

In Palmdale, the Water District (PWD) has experienced an increased number of thefts and break-ins at their main offices and Water Treatment Plant. Additional security has been initiated with increased costs to the District.

Another example of the impact of these crimes on water suppliers can be found near the town of Littlerock (LCID) where homeless encampments have continued to grow more steadily. Here, theft of water repair & maintenance vehicles and equipment, increased vandalism of local dams and water tanks, and illegal dumping of trash and liquid waste at water well sites directly threaten water supply delivery and groundwater quality.

The community of Quartz Hill has experienced several recent issues with theft and vandalism including fire hydrants being stolen. This puts a strain on the need for fire protection in certain parts of Quartz Hill Water District's service area. The District costs for each occurrence due to theft is \$2,600/hydrant. Another common theft is of copper wire from water wells, pump facilities, and tank sites. Often these wires are stripped from their conduits even as they are energized causing even greater damage to the facility's equipment. Vandals have also repeatedly broken in to and vandalized District offices and operations facilities leading to multiple thousands of dollars being borne by the District. As expected, these incidents will compromise the water supplier's ability to serve their customers and ultimately cost their ratepayers more to cover these unforeseen expenses.

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Multiple mutual water companies are encountering repeated damage to fencing, company vehicles, water well equipment, and fire hydrants. Encounters with homeless groups have also brought an increased concern about the physical safety of water company staff. Boron Community Services District located in the Eastern Kern County portion of AVEK's service area has also reported several incidents of fire hydrant damage with increased cost to the District and water loss after the damage.

These examples of ongoing incidents of thefts & vandalism are only a small representation of how crime and the increase in homeless encampments within the Antelope Valley are impacting the residential water supply and quality in the region. Support from your office in the development of effective community outreach and increased law enforcement presence will help ensure that local water suppliers can continue to safeguard the quality, reliability and affordability of water for Residents of the Antelope Valley.

Thank you for your continued support of the Antelope Valley region and we appreciate your commitment to helping to resolve issues that have a direct impact on the basic health, safety, and quality of life for each of us.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly or to Peter Thompson, the Association's General Manager (pthompson@avek.org, 661-943-3201).

Best regards,

Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez
Chair, Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association

April 3, 2025

**RE: ANTELOPE VALLEY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS & THEFT
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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2025
TO: AVSWCA COMMISSIONERS
FROM: Dennis J Hoffmeyer, Controller
VIA: Peter Thompson II, General Manager
RE: *AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – UPDATE ON REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION.*

The following are the key highlights of the Association’s financials.

Statement of Net Position:

In March, the Association still has an outstanding amount related to DWR invoice that was previously excluded. This amount, \$6,300, is shown as a credit under pass-through grant funding and was approved by the DWR program manager. As indicated in the last staff report, coordination with Woodard & Curran will take place, to request the State process the missing amount so the agency can receive the payment.

As previously reported, the Accounts Receivable remains at \$16,923.00. This represents the outstanding balance for the AVRWMG MOU update funding, which is still pending from one agency. Staff has been in contact with this agency to ensure the invoice is paid in the near future.

The current outstanding liabilities (Accounts Payable) total \$15,549.44. These payments are allocated to tonight’s payments for Helix Environmental Planning, Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency, Streamline, and Woodard & Curran. Additionally, \$6,300 is included in this total, with a corresponding offset recorded under Pass-Through Grant Funding to correct the outstanding liability.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Net Position:

As of today’s meeting, \$11,071.25 has been paid toward Helix’s contract, and this amount is recorded under Contracted Services – General Projects.

All other invoices have been recorded based on the period in which the charges were incurred. Only invoices with a March invoice date are shown in the current month’s column.

ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS
Profit & Loss Statement
For the Nine Months Ending 3/31/2025

	March	YTD
Revenues:		
Contributions - Member Agency		\$30,000.00
Contributions - Member Programs (USGS & CASGEM)		38,310.00
Contributions - Member Programs (Financial Analysis PSA)		
Contributions - Member Programs (Big Rock Creek)		
Contributions - Member Programs (AV Fair-Conservation Garden)		
Contributions - Non-Member Programs (USGS)		
Contributions - Others (AVRWMG)		
Contributions - Others (DACI)		
Water Sales - Replacement Water Assessments		
Miscellaneous Refund		
Interest Earnings	11.16	108.74
Total Revenue		\$72,671.24
Expenditures:		
General Government		
Bank Fees		
Insurance	181.22	1,732.85
Memberships		3,655.00
Outreach	1,260.00	1,283.17
Purchased Water		
Miscellaneous		
		6,671.02
Public Resource		
Contract Services - Administration	1,455.69	9,973.87
Contract Services - USGS & CASGEM		38,310.00
Contract Services - AVRWMG		
Contract Services - IRWMP 2013 Update		27,287.50
Contract Services - DACI		
Contract Services - BIG ROCK CREEK		
Contract Services - FINANCIAL ANALYSIS		
Contract Services - General Projects		11,071.25
Contract Services - AV Fair Conservation Garden		
Contract Services - Home Show/WaterSmart Expo		
Contract Services - Rural Museum		
Contract Services - Other		
		86,642.62
Total Expenditures		\$93,313.64
Change in Net Position		(\$20,642.40)
Net Position - Beginning of Year		259,866.36
Net Position - End of Year		\$239,223.96

ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS
Balance Sheet
For the Nine Months Ending 3/31/2025

	YTD
ASSETS	
Cash - General Fund	\$123,771.98
Restricted - AVRWMG	106,691.11
Accounts Receivable	16,923.00
Prepaid Insurance (Premium Period 10/1 - 9/30)	1,087.31
Prepaid Expense	0.00
Total Assets	\$248,473.40
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$15,549.44
Pass-Through Grant Funding	(6,300.00)
Total Liabilities	9,249.44
 FUND BALANCE	
Unassigned	239,223.96
Total Fund Balance	239,223.96
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	 \$248,473.40