

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, DECEMBER 10, 2020.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, December 10, 2020, via teleconference. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

No pledge of allegiance was held.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Robert Parris, Chair
Vincent Dino, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Sec.
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Peter Thompson II, General Manager
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager
Dennis Hoffmeyer, Controller
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Asst. Gen. Manager
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Don Wilson, PWD Alt. Commissioner
Danielle Henry, Management Analyst
0 members of the public

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Dino, 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 Parris – aye
Commissioner Dino – aye
Commissioner Thibault - aye
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye
Commissioner Dyas – aye
Commissioner Hogan – aye

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 8, 2020.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting held October 8, 2020, as written:

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

6) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on the following roll call vote to approve payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$3,740.39 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$220.14 for staff services, and from Kennedy/Jenks in the amount of \$7,638.75, and ratification of payment made in the amount of \$9,626.25 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project:

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

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II reviewed the proposed Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the Antelope Valley IRWM Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications from Woodard and Curran, including Proposition 1 grant funding of \$80,000.00 for administration, and after a brief discussion of Woodard and Curran's hourly rate structure for 2021 and of the Association's financial status, it was moved by Commissioner Dino, 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. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the Antelope Valley IRWM Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications:

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

8) Consideration and Possible Action on Developing Draft MOU for Mutual Aid from AVSWCA to Mutual Water Companies Within the Antelope Valley. (General Manager Thompson II)

General Manager Thompson II reviewed staff's recommendation to develop a MOU for mutual aid between the AVSWCA and the mutual water companies of the Antelope Valley in response to the recent Bobcat fire, and after discussions of expanding aid to water agencies in addition to mutual water companies within the service boundaries of the member agencies and of the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) Mutual Aid Agreement, General Manager Thompson II was directed to prepare a draft budget and MOU for Mutual Aid from the AVSWCA to the Mutual Water Companies and Agencies Within the Service Boundaries of the Member Agencies.

9) Report of General Manager.

a) Status Updates:

1) Watershed Impact from Bobcat Fire.

General Manager Thompson II reported that the Bobcat Fire and the 2009 Station Fire combined burned approximately 80% of Littlerock Reservoir's watershed area; that PWD estimates a cost of approximately \$5 million dollars over a period of ten-years to mitigate the effects of the fire; and that the effects include soil run-off, debris and sediment removal and water quality impact.

2) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

He then stated that staff has the necessary data to calculate the 2021 replacement water assessment rates which will be presented for consideration by the Watermaster Board early next year; that discussions are taking place with the General Managers of the member agencies to develop practical boundaries for providing replacement water for new production within the Antelope Valley adjudicated areas; and that the 2021 Watermaster Budget was approved at the meeting held on December 2, 2020.

3) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.

He then stated that he is meeting with Woodard and Curran tomorrow to discuss the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Preparation of Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Applications that was approved this evening; that he met with the Department of Water Resources earlier this week to discuss changes to the grant template and agreements; that staff will be working on the update of the Antelope Valley IRWMP MOU to ensure sufficient funding for the approved Amendment and U.S.G.S. Program costs; and that he has no update on the Fremont Basin IRWMP.

4) U.S.G.S. Program

He then reported that the Watermaster Board agreed to take over the administrative responsibilities of the U.S.G.S. Program and that the Program cost share will remain the same at this time.

10) Report of Controller.

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

Controller Hoffmeyer stated that the budget for the U.S.G.S. Program should be considered for approval at the next meeting based on the determination of the

Watermaster Board regarding the Program cost share and then provided a brief update on the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position for month ending November 30, 2020.

11) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Thibault questioned the status of the alternative options for the Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge Project after which General Manager Thompson II stated that preliminary layout options from Kennedy/Jenks will be presented at the next Association meeting followed by a brief discussion of the Antelope Valley projects receiving Proposition 1 grant funding.

There were no further reports.

12) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present at the meeting.

13) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Consideration and possible action on developing a draft budget and MOU for Mutual Aid from the AVSWCA to the Mutual Water Companies and Agencies Within the Service Boundaries of the Member Agencies" and "Discussion and possible action on alternative Big Rock Creek Joint Ground Water Recharge options" be added to the next meeting agenda.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

14) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting February 11, 2021.

It was determined that the next meeting of the Association will be held February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

15) 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 6:57 p.m.


Secretary