

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 23, 2014.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Chair Mac Laren called the meeting to order.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Chair Mac Laren, Commissioner Alvarado led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Kathy Mac Laren, Chair
Barbara Hogan, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treas.-Auditor
Andy Rutledge, Secretary
Robert Alvarado, Commissioner
Keith Dyas, Commissioner

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, General Manager
Wayne Lemieux, Attorney
Tom Barnes, Controller
Brad Bones, LCID General Manager
Travis Berglund, LCID Assistant Manager
Dan Flory, AVEK General Manager
Dwayne Chisam, AVEK Asst. General Mngr.
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

3) Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

4) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 24, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 24, 2013, as written.

5) Payment of Bills.

After a brief discussion of the bills, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, and unanimously carried to approve payment of the bills received from PWD in the amount of \$1,405.54, from AVEK in the amount of \$839.02, from the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$14,012.50, from Interactive Educational Services, Inc. in the amount of \$294.00, and from the Association of California Water Agencies in the amount of \$1,755.00.

6) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers.

It was moved by Commissioner Rutledge, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried that Commissioner Hogan become Chair.

It was then moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried that Commissioner Alvarado become Vice Chair.

It was then moved by Commissioner Hogan and seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren that Commissioner Rutledge become Secretary. Commissioner Rutledge declined the nomination.

It was then moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Rutledge, and unanimously carried that Commissioner Mac Laren become Secretary.

It was then moved by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried that Commissioner Thibault remain Treasurer-Auditor.

The slate of officers for the Association is as follows:

Barbara Hogan, Chair
Robert Alvarado, Vice Chair
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Andy Rutledge, Commissioner

7) Presentation, Consideration, and Possible Action on Acceptance and Filing of Audit for Years Ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

General Manager Knudson reviewed the audits, findings, and recommendations for the years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, and after a brief discussion of the recommendations from Burkey Cox Evans & Bradford, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Rutledge, and unanimously carried to accept and file the audit reports for the three years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012 and to approve the entry adjustments recommended by Burkey Cox Evans & Bradford.

8) Consideration and Possible Action on the AVSWCA Hosting AB 1234 Training. (General Manager Knudson)

After a brief discussion of past AB 1234 training, it was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Rutledge, and unanimously carried that the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association host AB 1234 training with Attorney Lemieux conducting the training.

9) Consideration and Possible Action on the Association's Website. (Commissioner Thibault)

Controller Barnes provided a brief update on the content of the Association's website, requested continuing input on content, and stated that he will provide website tracking statistics to the Commissioners.

There was no action taken on this item.

10) Report of General Manager.

a) Update on PWD's Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project.

General Manager Knudson stated that one stakeholder meeting has been held regarding PWD's Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project; that Kennedy-Jenks Consultants will be meeting with LCID and AVEK regarding supply and demand information; that the details of this Project will be placed on the Association's web site as a regional project; and that Kennedy-Jenks Consultants will be invited to the March AVSWCA meeting to provide an overview of this Project followed by discussion of the reservoir level at Littlerock Dam.

b) Update on Antelope Valley IRWMP.

He then stated that the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan has been finalized and distributed for public review; that the Plan is available for viewing at www.avwaterplan.com; that the Plan will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources for review and comment; that various agencies will need to adopt the Plan at a later date; and that work continues on receiving grant reimbursements.

c) Update on Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Antelope Valley.

He then stated that the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan is in the final stages and there has been coordination between this Plan and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

11) Report of Controller.

Controller Barnes stated that AVEK was awarded Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Funds for their WSSP II Groundwater Banking Project; that they have received a portion of this funding and are also experiencing delays in the processing of the remaining funding; that this Project is approximately 85% complete; and then reviewed the construction and progress of the Project.

12) Reports of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dyas reported that a new integrated regional water management group is being formed in the region within AVEK's service area in the Fremont Valley and that current members are the City of California City, Mojave Public Utility District, and AVEK.

Commissioner Rutledge reported that he is stepping down from his seat as a Director for AVEK; that he will miss the Commissioners; that he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the different agencies and the camaraderie; and that it is nice that the agencies have worked together to solve problems.

Commissioner Thibault thanked Commissioner Rutledge for his time and service to the Association and leadership to the Districts.

He then expressed concern regarding potential liability and conflict of interest issues for the Commission members regarding recent events in the adjudication litigation followed by a detailed discussion of these recent events involving a Water-Master, return flows, and the opinions of the member agencies.

It was then recommended that a potential joint Board meeting be held between PWD, LCID, and AVEK to resolve adjudication issues and that the AVSWCA meet on a regular monthly basis to continue to resolve issues among the three member agencies and to encourage the agencies to continue working together after which Attorney Lemieux stated that he will obtain additional information regarding the need for a joint meeting with AVEK, PWD, and LCID.

There were no further reports of Commissioners.

13) Report of Attorney.

Attorney Lemieux stated that Association legal counsel rotates among the member agencies' legal counsels, and this may no longer be the best option; that current practice has been for legal counsel to attend meetings on an as-needed basis; that he suggests more consistent legal counsel attendance either in person or through Skype; and that he recommends the Commission consider this at a future meeting.

14) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was stated that "Consideration and possible action on legal counsel representation for the AVSWCA" will be placed on the next agenda.

Director Alvarado requested the Association meet monthly regardless of the agenda content.

General Manager Knudson stated that "Presentation on PWD's Littlerock Creek Recharge and Recovery Project" will be placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Dyas requested periodic presentations regarding the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project as this Project develops after which General Manager Knudson provided a brief update on this Project.

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

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

It was determined that the next regular meeting of the Association will be held February 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at PWD.

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.


Secretary