

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, September 12, 2019, at the Palmdale Water District at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale. Vice Chair Dino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Vice Chair Dino, Commissioner Dyas led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Roll Call.

Attendance:

Vincent Dino, Vice Chair
Kathy Mac Laren, Secretary
Leo Thibault, Treasurer
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner
Keith Dyas, Commissioner
Shelly Sorsabal, Alt. Cmsnr.

Others Present:

Matt Knudson, General Manager
Peter Thompson II, Asst. General Manager
Tom Barnes, Resources Manager
James Chaisson, LCID General Manager
Don Wilson, AVSWCA Alt. Cmsnr. (PWD)
Robert Alvarado, PWD Director
Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
0 members of the public

EXCUSED ABSENCES –
Rob Parris - Chair

3) Adoption of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, and carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting on a 5-0-1 vote, with Alt. Commissioner Sorsabal abstaining, to adopt the agenda, as written.

4) Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

5) Consideration and Possible Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting Held July 11, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 11, 2019, as written.

6) Payment of Bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve payment of the bills to PWD in the amount of \$1,388.88 for staff services, to AVEK in the amount of \$1,147.38 for staff services, and to U.S.G.S. in the amount of \$16,225.00 for the quarterly billing for cooperative water resources investigations per the 2018/2019 Joint Funding Agreement for the period of May 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

7) Consideration and Possible Action on Replacement Water Agreement Between the AVSWCA and the A.V. Watermaster for Delivery of Replacement Water Within the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Groundwater Basin. (General Manager Knudson)

General Manager Knudson and Assistant General Manager Thompson II provided an overview of the Replacement Water Agreement, and after a brief discussion of the rate schedule approved by the A.V. Watermaster, of the identified producers inside the adjudicated boundary but outside service areas, and of the next steps for this Agreement if approved, it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren, seconded by Commissioner Dyas, and unanimously carried by all members of the Board of Commissioners present at the meeting to approve the Replacement Water Agreement between the AVSWCA and the A.V. Watermaster for the delivery of replacement water within the Antelope Valley adjudicated groundwater basin, as amended, revising the recitals to include a reference to rates established by the A.V. Watermaster.

8) Report of General Manager and Assistant General Manager.

a) Update on Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project.

Assistant General Manager Thompson II stated that the recharge flow began July 16 at 5 cfs; that this flow has been extended through the end of 2019; and that 166-acre feet of water has been recharged as of one week ago.

b) Update on Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.

General Manager Knudson stated that the next Watermaster meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at AVEK's office and that two storage agreements will be considered, one with Rosamond Community Services District for proposed upgrades to their wastewater treatment plant and recharge of that water and one with Littlerock Creek Irrigation District.

c) Update on Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder meetings.

General Manager Knudson stated that the final grant applications through the Antelope Valley IRWMP Stakeholders have been submitted and that AVEK has submitted two projects for grant funding, one within the Fremont Basin and one within the Antelope Valley Basin.

The target date for the flow of water through the Amargosa Creek Recharge Project was then discussed.

9) Report of Controller.

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

General Manager Knudson provided a brief update on the Association's revenue, expenses, and change in net position for the month ending August 31, 2019 and stated that necessary funds have been collected and that a Joint Funding Agreement to continue the groundwater level and quality monitoring program with the USGS may be available for consideration at the next Association meeting.

10) Reports of Commissioners.

There were no reports from Commissioners.

11) Report of Attorney.

No attorney was present at the meeting.

12) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

It was determined that "Consideration and possible action on continuation of 2019/2020 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for groundwater level and quality monitoring" will be added to the next agenda, if available.

Commissioner Hogan recommended a tour of the Amargosa Creek Recharge Project.


There were no further requests for future agenda items.

13) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting October 10, 2019.

General Manager Knudson recommended that the next regular meeting of the Association be held on October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Palmdale Water District if the USGS Joint Funding Agreement is received and that the meeting be postponed if the Agreement is not received.

14) 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 6:21 p.m.


Secretary