

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 10, 2022.**

*A regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association was held Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550 and via teleconference. Chair Parris called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.*

**1) Pledge of Allegiance.**

No pledge of allegiance was held.

**2) Roll Call.**

**Attendance:**

Robert Parris, Chair  
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, V. Chr.  
Gloria Dizmang, Secretary  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

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

**3) Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Dizmang, 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 Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – 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 14, 2021.**

It was moved by Commissioner Dyas, 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 the minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 2021, as written:

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

**6) Payment of Bills.**

It was moved by Commissioner Thibault, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, 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 PWD in the amount of \$2,968.32 for staff services, from AVEK in the amount of \$552.52 for staff services, from Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$6,996.00 for professional services associated with the 2019 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in the amount of \$3,419.86 for professional services associated with the Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project and to the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District in the amount of \$153,993.00 for advance Prop. 1 grant funding received from the Department of Water Resources:

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

**7) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2022-1 Being a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors**

**Association Authorizing Public Meetings to be held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same. (Attorney Markman/General Manager Thompson II)**

General Manager Thompson II provided a brief overview of Resolution No. 2022-1 and AB 361 to continue teleconference meetings under special Brown Act provisions after which 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 to approve Resolution No. 2022-1 being a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association Authorizing Public Meetings to be held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same:

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

Resolution No. 2022-1 is hereby made a portion of the minutes of this meeting.

**8) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Officers. (General Manager Thompson II)**

After a brief discussion of the Association Bylaws, it was moved by Commissioner Dyas to keep the current slate of officers for the Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez after which Commissioner Dizmang announced that PWD Director Wilson will be filling her position as Commissioner for the Association and that she will assume the position of PWD's Alternate Commissioner effective the next meeting of the Association.

After further discussion of changes with PWD's Board of Directors, 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 to nominate PWD Director Wilson as Secretary for the Association and to approve the slate of officers for the Association as follows:

Robert Parris, Chair  
Kathy Mac Laren-Gomez, Vice Chair  
Leo Thibault, Treasurer-Auditor  
Don Wilson, Secretary  
Keith Dyas, Commissioner  
Barbara Hogan, Commissioner

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

**9) Presentation and Possible Action on Sponsorship of the Antelope Valley Rural Museum. (Mr. Bill Rawlings, AV Rural Museum Chairman/Resources Manager Barnes)**

Controller Barnes provided an overview of the Association's sponsorships for the Antelope Valley Fair Conservation Garden and the Antelope Valley Home Show and SMART Water Expo and stated that the Association anticipates a refund of \$10,000.00 from the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Home Show and SMART Water Expo due to COVID and that the refunded sponsorship may be reallocated to an alternative Antelope Valley Fair event or to the Antelope Valley Rural Museum for a water feature.

Mr. Bill Rawlings, AV Rural Museum Chairman, then provided a presentation of the new Antelope Valley Rural Museum, and after a brief discussion of the fundraising efforts for the Museum, it was moved by Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez, 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 reallocate the \$10,000.00 sponsorship from the cancelled Home Show and SMART Water Expo to the Antelope Valley Rural Museum for a water feature contingent upon approval by each member agency's Board:

Chair Parris – aye  
Commissioner Mac Laren-Gomez – aye  
Commissioner Thibault - aye  
Commissioner Dizmang – aye

Commissioner Dyas – aye  
Commissioner Hogan – aye

**10) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization of Staff to Release Received Replacement Water Assessment Fees in Accordance with the Replacement Water Plan Approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster. (General Manager Thompson II)**

General Manager Thompson II reviewed the approved Antelope Valley Watermaster Replacement Water Plan and the Request for Replacement Water in accordance with the 2019 Agreement between the Association and the Watermaster, and after a brief discussion of alternative replacement water options during times of minimal State Water Project supply, 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 authorize staff to release the Replacement Water Assessment Fees in accordance with the Replacement Water Plan approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster upon receipt of the Replacement Water Assessments:

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

**11) Report of General Manager.**

**a) Status Updates:**

**1) Antelope Valley Watermaster Meetings.**

General Manager Thompson II reported that staff provided a presentation to the Watermaster Board and Watermaster Advisory Committee on long-term State Water Project reliability based on AVEK's and PWD's Urban Water Management Plans; that the Watermaster Board authorized a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding water theft and groundwater contamination associated with illegal cannabis grows and encouraged law enforcement funding to combat these grow operations; that

the Watermaster Board approved the continuation of engineering services with Todd Groundwater through 2024; that the Watermaster attorney sent final warning letters to non-compliant and delinquent producers; and that Watermaster staff is preparing a request for proposals for third party administrative services.

**2) Replacement Water Plan & Assessment Rate for 2022.**

He then reported that the Watermaster Board approved the 2022 Replacement Water Assessment Rates and Replacement Water Plan based on the model developed by Raftelis and approved by the Association.

**3) Big Rock Creek Joint Groundwater Recharge Project Feasibility Study.**

He then reported that staff met with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants and discussed tasks and timelines for completing the Project's feasibility study.

**4) Antelope Valley and Fremont Basin IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings.**

He then reported that staff worked with Woodard and Curran and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to assist the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District with the advanced payment of their Prop. 1 grant award; that staff is preparing a professional services agreement and an amendment to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (AVIRWM) Memorandum of Understanding for grant administration support by Woodard and Curran for the Urban and Multi-Benefit Drought Relief Disadvantaged Community Involvement and the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Grant Program; and that staff worked with Woodard and Curran to complete the first quarterly Prop. 1 IRWM report submission to the DWR.

There was no report on the Fremont Basin IRWMP.

**5) Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies.**

He then reported that staff utilized feedback from various Antelope Valley mutual water companies to develop amendment language for the Mutual Response Agreement for Antelope Valley Agencies that would help smaller agencies with the insurance requirement to participate in the Agreement; that the amendment was reviewed at the

AV Mutual Response Agreement meeting on January 18 and was well received; and that the Agreement participants will be meeting in early April to establish the administrative committee and administrator for the Mutual Response Group.

**6) Antelope Valley Home Show and SMART Water Expo.**

He then reported that the Antelope Valley Fair will no longer be hosting a Home Show and that staff expects a refund of \$10,000.00 for the previously paid sponsorship.

**12) Report of Controller.**

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

Controller Hoffmeyer provided an overview of the Association's revenue, expenses and change in net position for the month ending January 31, 2022 and stated that staff will be following up with the agencies that have not paid their IRWMP shares.

**b) Update on ACH Service Fees.**

There was no report on this item.

**13) Reports of Commissioners.**

There were no reports of Commissioners.

**14) Report of Attorney.**

There was no report of Attorney.

**15) Commission Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**16) Consideration and Possible Action on Scheduling the Next Association Meeting April 14, 2022.**

General Manager Thompson II stated that the proposed professional services agreement with Woodard and Curran for the Urban and Multi-Benefit Drought Relief

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Disadvantaged Community Involvement and the Proposition 1 Round 2 grant support will need to be considered prior to the next regular meeting after which it was determined that a Special meeting of the Association will be held March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**17) 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 7:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. O. W.', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary