

Antelope Valley Watermaster Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency
6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

1) Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) **Roll Call**

Robert Parris, AVEK Water Agency – Chairperson

Dennis Atkinson, Landowners – Vice Chairperson

Richard Gomez, Alternate - Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40

John Calandri, Landowners

Leo Thibault, Public Water Suppliers

Alternates Present: Adrienne Reca and Derk Yurosek

Phyllis Stanin, Todd Groundwater – Watermaster Engineer

Craig Parton, Price Postel & Parma LLP – General Counsel

3) **Director Thibault** lead the Pledge of Allegiance

4) **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Director **Calandri**, seconded by Director **Thibault** and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda.

5) **Public comments for non-agenda items.**

No public comment was heard from the floor.

6) **Consent Agenda**

A. Payment of the bills through February 22, 2018

B. Treasurer’s Report month ending January 31, 2018

C. Approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2017 and January 24, 2018

D. Correspondences

A motion was made by Director **Atkinson**, seconded by Director **Ariki** and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

7) **Advisory Committee Report**

8) **Action Items**

A. Public Hearing to consider the proposed well approval applications for replacement wells or new production wells.

Chairperson **Parris** opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

Phyllis Stanin reviewed the proposed well approval applications for replacement wells or new production wells; she presented a flow chart explaining the process and reviewed the forms used to evaluate the proposed usage.

Chairperson **Parris** opened the floor for comments from the public

Dwayne Chisam – AVEK General Manager, reported that AVEK approves of the well process and would be agreeable to approving today as long as there was an opportunity to review the process once the final revisions were made before going to the court for approval.

Craig Parton – We can file this with the court now or wait 2 weeks giving AVEK time to review.

Dwayne Chisam – Before the final rules and regulations is fine.

Larry Rottman – Questioned the CEQA requirement.

Phyllis Stanin – That requirement is in the Judgment, help will be provided to the property owner's to write a statement to cover that requirement.

Aaron DeFranco – Impression that not all wells need to be metered?

Phyllis Stanin – All new wells will be required to install meters.

Chairperson **Parris** closed the hearing at 10:29 a.m.

- a. Motion to approve Resolution No. R-18-05 being a Resolution approving the process and procedures for replacement wells or new production wells.
 - b. A motion was made by Director **Atkinson**, seconded by Director **Ariki** and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-18-05 being a Resolution approving the process and procedures for replacement wells or new production wells.
- B. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Filing of Annual Report.
- a. Motion to approve Resolution No. R-18-06 making August 1 of each year the date for filing the Annual Report with the Court in order to administer and carry out the terms of the Judgment.
 - b. A motion was made by Director **Thibault**, seconded by Director **Calandri** and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-18-06 making August 1 of each year the date for filing the Annual Report with the Court in order to administer and carry out the terms of the Judgment.
- C. Adoption of Resolution Consenting to enter the Joint Protection Program of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.
- a. Motion to approve the Antelope Valley Watermeter ACWA Membership.
A motion was made by Director **Atkinson**, seconded by Director **Thibault** and unanimously carried to approve the ACWA Membership.
 - b. Motion to approve Resolution No. R-18-07 being a Resolution Consenting to enter the Joint Protection Program of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.
A motion was made by Director **Atkinson**, seconded by Director **Thibault** and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-18-07 being a Resolution Consenting to enter the Joint Protection Program of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority.
- D. Adoption of a Resolution to establish the 2018 Replacement Water Assessment for the Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency service area.
- a. Motion to approve Resolution No. R-18-08 being a Resolution setting the 2018 Replacement Water Assessment for the Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency service area.
- Dwayne Chisam** – Point out that this is for the properties in the AVEK service area only, Palmdale Water District and Little Rock Irrigation District proposing their cost in the future.
- A motion was made by Director **Calandri**, seconded by Director **Ariki** to approve Resolution No. R-18-08 being a Resolution setting the 2018 Replacement Water Assessment for the Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency service area.

E. Consideration of request of New Goldensands Investment LLC for Stipulation from Watermaster to Intervene in Judgment.

- a. Motion to approve Resolution No. R-18-09 to enter into stipulation to allow New Goldensands Investment LLC to intervene in the Judgment.
This item was tabled.

F. Public Water Suppliers Pre-Rampdown Production.

At 11:35 a.m. **Director Atkinson** excused himself and Alternate Director **Adrienne Reca** replaced him.

- a. Update of January 31, 2018 Hearing
Craig Parton updated the Board on the courts decision regarding the Pre-Rampdown Production.
- b. Calculation of Pre-Rampdown Production for Public Water Suppliers
Phyllis Stanin reviewed the methodology using the 2011/2012 average production less average 2011/2012 imported water return flows. Discussion centered on the negative impact that this methodology has on Quartz Hill Water District since they used imported water.
- c. Discussion and possible direction to staff.
Staff was directed to review the methodology to bring this item back at the next meeting.

At 12:27 p.m. Director **Calandri** excused himself and Alternate Director **Derek Yurosek** replaced him.

G. Administrative Staff Update.

- a. Presentation on Administrative Staff Roles and Responsibilities.
- b. Discussion and direction to Advisory Committee.
Board requested that the Advisory Committee review and bring back next regular meeting.

H. Draft Rules and Regulations Section, Order of Water Use under the Judgment.

- a. Discussion and refer to the Advisory Committee for further review and recommendation to the Board.
Board requested that the Advisory Committee review, it will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

I. Draft Rules and Regulations Section, Transfers.

- a. Discussion and possible direction to staff.

A motion was made by Director **Thibault**, seconded by Director **Yurosek** and unanimously carried for staff to post a notice of public hearing for Transfers and Order of Water Use under the Judgment.

J. Draft Rules and Regulations Section, Water Storage Agreements.

- a. Discussion and possible direction to staff.
Board requested that the Advisory Committee review, it will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

K. 2017 Production Report Forms and Quarterly Meter Reading Forms.

- a. Information only.
Noted

L. Meter Installation Update.

- a. Information only.
Noted

M. Southern California Water Bank Authority (Willow Springs Water Bank)

- a. Presentation by Mr. Mark Bueller – Information only.

9) Attorney's Report

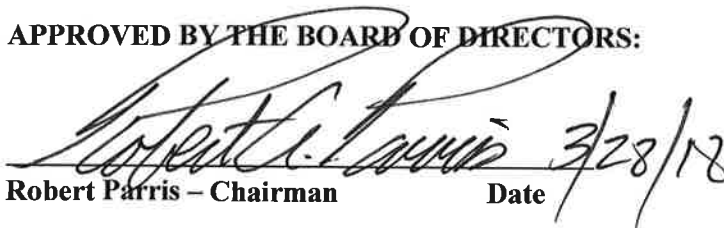
10) Staff Report's

11) Board Members Request for Future Agenda Items

12) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

 3/28/12
Robert Parris – Chairman Date


Patricia Rose – Interim Secretary