

**Minutes for the Special Meeting
of the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board
Monday, September 18, 2017 – 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 10:02 a.m.
- 2) Director **Reca** lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Roll Call**

Robert Parris, AVEK Water Agency – Chairperson
Adrienne Lewis Reca, Landowners Alternate
Adam Ariki, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40
John Calandri, Landowners
Leo Thibault, Public Water Suppliers

- 4) **Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

No public comment was heard from the floor.

- 6) **Action Items**

A) Discussion and possible action on Watermaster attorney recruitment.

Dennis LaMoreaux reviewed the memo from the Advisory Committee. The committee recommended the following attorney's to be interviewed: (listed alphabetically)

Doug Evertz

Valerie Kincaid

Jim Markman

Jennifer Spaletta

A motion was made by Director **Thibault**, seconded by Director **Reca** to accept the Advisory Committees recommendation of the 4 candidates as listed.

Director **Ariki** requested more information on the selection process. **Dennis LaMoreaux** commented that the Advisory Committee's memo explained the process.

John **Ukkstad** requested that **Craig Parton** be added to the list of attorneys being considered.

Director **Thibault** amended his motion, seconded by Director **Ariki** to include **Craig Parton** to the list of attorneys being consisted.

Ayes: Reca, Ariki, Thibault, Parris

Nay: Calandri

Motion failed

Director **Calandri** commented that he preferred to stay with the 4 candidates recommended by the Advisory Committee.

After discussion amongst the Board members and public it was the consensus of the Board to add 2 additional candidates; adding **Craig Parton** and **Ernest Conant**. If any of the candidates drop out it was agreed there will be no replacement selected.

A motion was made by Director **Calandri**, seconded by Director **Ariki** and unanimously carried to add **Craig Parton** and **Ernest Conant** to the list of attorneys recommended by the Advisory Committee to be interviewed.

Director **Thibault** amended his original motion, seconded by Director **Reca** to accept the recommended list of 6 attorney candidates to be interviewed for the position of Watermaster Attorney. The motion was unanimously approved.

Interview process and interview questions.

The Board reviewed the questions submitted by members of the Advisory Committee and the group of attorneys that assisted with developing the list of attorneys. It was the consensus of everyone present that staff would send the candidates questions requiring a written response, these questions would pertain to and cover; conflicts, logistics and approach. Deadline for receiving the written responses will be by close of business on September 25, 2017. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Each attorney will be given a 45- minutes to answer selected questions asked by Interim Administrators Dwayne Chisam and Matthew Knudson with follow-up questions by the Board members.

7) Adjournment

A motion was made by Director **Reca**, seconded by Director **Parris** and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:00

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Robert Parris – Chairman



Patricia Rose – Interim Secretary