



**ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY  
ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY FINANCING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, AT 5:30 PM  
6450 WEST AVENUE "N," PALMDALE, CA 93551  
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S): 2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560 & ZOOM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL:** Division 7 – **Gary Van Dam** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 6 – **Audrey Miller** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 5 – **Robert Parris** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 2 – **Keith Dyas** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 1 – **Drew Mercy** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 3 – **Frank Donato** \_\_\_\_\_; Division 4 – **George Lane** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICERS:** General Manager – **Matthew Knudson**; Attorney – **Jim Markman/Tilden Kim**; Board Secretary/Treasurer – **Holly Hughes**

**4. VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ROLL-CALL** – If any member of the public wishes to introduce themselves, please feel free to do so now.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PERIOD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – If anyone wishes to address the board on any item not on the agenda, please feel free to do so now.

**6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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6(a-1)	Adoption of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2024	Board Order 6(a-1)	5

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION ITEMS** – The public and board shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item(s) on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.

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7(a-1)	(a-1.1) Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 27, 2023	Board Order 7(a-1.1)	7
	(a-1.2) Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2024	Board Order 7(a-1.2)	11

8. **ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**a. State Water Project and Delta Conveyance Committee (GV/GL/AM) 01/15/24** **Page**

8(a-1)	Presentation and overview on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project; Graham Bradner, Delta Conveyance Design Construction Authority and Carrie Buckman, Department of Water Resources – <b><i>Information Only</i></b>		16
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**b. Finance Committee (FD/GL/KD) 01/18/24** **Page**

8(b-1)	Consideration and Possible action to accept and file the Check Register Lists for the period of December 28, 2023, through January 10, 2024	Board Order 8(b-1)	85
8(b-2)	Consideration and Possible action to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2023 (Finance Manager Yates)	Board Order 8(b-2)	93

**c. Personnel, Legal, and JPIA Committee (RP/AM/DM) 01/12/24** **Page**

8(c-1)	Consideration and possible action on update to Employee Handbook to include a Reproductive Loss Leave Policy (Human Resources Manager Rose)	Board Order 8(c-1)	109
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**d. Watermaster & Groundwater Stewardship Committee (RP/FD/AM) 01/17/24** **Page**

8(d-1)	Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-24-01, providing a disposition of banked/stored water in consideration of receipt of replacement water assessment proceeds (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(d-1)	113
8(d-2)	Provide Guidance to AVEK Representative for Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting and Agenda for January 24, 2024, Watermaster Board Meeting (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(d-2)	115

**9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS**

- a. Overview of Monthly State Water Contractor (SWC) meetings and activities

**10. DIRECTORS REPORTS****11. ATTORNEY REPORT****12. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****13. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Possible Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, to which the local Agency is a party pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1), one case, *CV Communities, LLC v. Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV10953
- b. Possible Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, to which the local Agency is a party pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(1), five cases: (1) *Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency v. Prospect Canyon Acton LLC, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00785; (2) *Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency v. Tony Masarweh, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00801; (3) *Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency v. Oscar Sandoval, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00786; (4) *Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency v. Sierra Highway Partners LLC, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00788; and (5) *Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency v. Trinh Bui, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22AVCV00789

**14. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS****15. ADJOURN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Note:** The Board reserves the right to discuss and/or act on all the above agenda items.

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Posted: January 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. by Holly Hughes, Board Secretary-Treasurer