



**ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY**  
**ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY FINANCING AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024, AT 5:30 PM**  
**6450 WEST AVENUE "N," PALMDALE, CA 93551**  
**TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S): 2600 E Seltice Way Suite A, Post Falls, ID 83854;**  
**2856 Owens Way, Rosamond, CA 93560; & ZOOM**

**Teleconference: (669) 900-6833; ID No. 894 3572 7657#; PASSCODE: 0**

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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 July 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 June 17, 2024	Board Order 7(a-1)	6
	(a-1.2) Approve the selection of Jo MacKenzie for California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Seat A, Southern Network Election 2024 (Public Information Committee Review 7/15/24)		10

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

**a. Finance Committee (FD/GL/KD) 07/18/24** **Page**

8(a-1)	Consideration and possible action to accept and file the Check Register Lists for the period of June 27, 2024, through July 10, 2024 (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(a-1)	19
8(a-2)	Consideration and possible action to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2024 (Finance & Administration Manager Yates)	Board Order 8(a-2)	28
8(a-3)	Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. R-24-13; Setting Tax Rates for the Counties of Los Angeles, Kern, and Ventura (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(a-3)	43
8(a-4)	Consideration and possible action to approve the High Desert Water Bank OM&R and Management Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Funded by Metropolitan Water District (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(a-4)	48
8(a-5)	Consideration and possible action to approve a Purchase Order with Carrier for the repair of the Operations Center Chiller in the not-to-exceed amount of \$31,020.00 (Operations Manager Bozigian)	Board Order 8(a-5)	52

**b. High Desert Water Bank Committee (FD/KD/GV) 07/16/24** **Page**

8(b-1)	Monthly Update on Design, Construction, and Operation of the High Desert Water Bank (HDWB) Project (Engineering Manager Livesay)		59
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8(b-2)	Consideration and possible action on Change Order No. 2 for the High Desert Water Bank Stage 1 & 2 Recharge System Improvements; Time & Materials Not-to-Exceed \$820,000 – Nicholas Construction (Engineering Manager Livesay)	Board Order 8(b-2)	87
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**c. Water Projects Committee (AM/KD/GL) 07/19/24**

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8(c-1)	Consideration and possible action on filing the Notice of Completion and release of retention for Sierra Construction (Operations Manager Bozigian)	Board Order 8(c-1)	90
8(c-2)	Consideration and possible action of granting an easement to Golden Fields Solar IV for access and installation of power lines (Engineering Manager Livesay)	Board Order 8(c-2)	93

**d. Watermaster & Groundwater Stewardship Committee (RP/FD/AM) 07/22/24**

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8(d-1)	Provide Guidance to AVEK Representative for Antelope Valley Watermaster Meeting and Agenda for July 24, 2024, Watermaster Board Meeting (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(d-1)	117
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**9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS**

- a. State Water Project Update (Assistant General Manager Thompson)

**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 Community Facilities District No. 90-1 of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water 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*

- c. *Possible* Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – Government Claim Presented by Southern California Edison on High Desert Water Bank Project.
  
- d. *Possible* Closed Session – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8  
PROPERTY: A lien on real property commonly referred to as Rancho Sierra Properties (golf course), 47205 60<sup>th</sup> Street East, Lancaster, CA 93535  
Concerns unpaid Replacement Water Assessments levied by the Antelope Valley Watermaster  
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Matthew Knudson, General Manager  
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and Antelope Valley Watermaster  
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Potential assignment of lien to Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency In consideration of acquisition of Replacement Water

**14. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**15. ADJOURN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 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: July 19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. by Holly Hughes, Board Secretary-Treasurer