



ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY
ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY FINANCING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024, AT 5:30 PM
6450 WEST AVENUE "N," PALMDALE, CA 93551
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S): 89 Alafaya Woods Blvd, Oviedo, FL 32765;
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 Special Board Meeting of April 16, 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 Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2024	Board Order 7(a-1.1)	7
	(a-1.2) Adopt Resolution No. R-24-04; Consolidating Next Election with the Statewide General Election of 11/5/24 for Divisions 1, 4, 6, & 7	Board Order 7(a-1.2)	13
	(a-1.3) Ratification of Amendment No. 1 to General Manager Employment Agreement	Board Order 7(a-1.3)	15

8. ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Finance Committee (FD/GL/KD) 03/21/24 **Page**

8(a-1)	Consideration and possible action to accept and file the Check Register Lists for the period of March 14, 2024, through March 27, 2024	Board Order 8(a-1)	17
8(a-2)	Consideration and possible action to approve attendance at the Groundwater Resources Association Event on Sustainability on 10/07/24 to 10/09/24 in Olympic Valley, CA (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(a-2)	25

b. High Desert Water Bank Committee (FD/KD/GV) 03/28/24 **Page**

8(b-1)	Monthly Update on the High Desert Water Bank (HDWB) Project (General Manager Knudson)		31
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c. Customer Relations & Public Information Committee (GV/GL/DM) 04/08/24 **Page**

8(c-1)	Consideration and possible action on the designation of Independent Special District Voting Member to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the term expiring May 2028 (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(c-1)	47
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d. Surplus Property Committee (GV/GL/DM) 03/06/24 **Page**

8(d-1)	Consideration and possible action on Caretaker and Ground Lease Agreement between AVEK and Felder Ranch Cattle Company, LLC for the Healy Ranch Property (General Manager Knudson)	Board Order 8(d-1)	67
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9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS

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 pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Conference with real property negotiators
Property: Willow Springs Water Bank (Willow Avenue and 150th Street West in Rosamond, CA)
Agency Negotiator: General Manager Matthew Knudson
Negotiating parties: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and CIM Group
Under negotiation: Price and Terms

14. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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: April 12, 2024, at 2 p.m. by Angel Fitzpatrick, Administrative Technician