



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Meghan Kane, Program & Research Analyst Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.	
B. Approval of Agenda	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#18-38 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Borja seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
C. Public Comment	Heather Vaikona, CEO, Lift to Rise, explained that the organization recently launched its action plan to increase the supply of affordable housing over a period of 2 years.	



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	<p>Collaborative meetings are underway, and the action plan aligns with the District’s mission to work together to create solutions.</p>	
<p>D. Consent Agenda 1. Board Minutes a. Board of Directors Meeting – December 17, 2019 b. Approval of the November and December 2019 Financial Statements - F&A Approved January 14, 2020</p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#18-39 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Rogers approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report 1. AB 617 – Consideration to approve CONCUR, Inc. proposal and proposed budget for stakeholder assessment and facilitation services for Eastern Coachella Valley Air Quality Emergency Communication Plan – NTE \$225,000</p>	<p>Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO, explained the work to address airborne environmental hazards, and Congressman Ruiz’s support of the District to concentrate on and complete the emergency communication plan as discussed in prior meetings, while using the Board-approved allocation of funds from the Avery Family Trust, further explaining that the Eastern Coachella Valley was selected by South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) as one of the areas for air monitoring. Dr. Bázquez described the Board’s</p>	



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	<p>direction to identify opportunities, advance the data gaps, and explained the service agreement for CONCUR, Inc. to move forward with an emergency communication plan for prevention, mitigation, and emergency preparedness on airborne environmental hazards in the Eastern Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja explained that she shared CONCUR's proposal with environmental advocates in the east, and the feedback was concerning AB 617 and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), which has established a steering committee. Ms. Borja's concerns are that CONCUR is most likely not familiar with the community for the proper outcomes. Water was a missing piece such as flooding in the past that created mold and odor, and the Salton Sea was also missing from the report. Mrs. Borja is requesting that the Board wait one month for potential approval. A meeting on AB 617 will be held on Feb. 20, and a report that was submitted to South Coast</p>	
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	<p>AQMD that the District supports will be presented, again requesting postponement until staff has conversations with legislators about AB 617 and others in the community.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga explained that there are some misunderstandings within the community, and there has been finger-pointing and confusion. The proposal is for an emergency communication plan and preparedness if an airborne environmental disaster happens again.</p> <p>Director Matthews described his work with South Coast AQMD describing their finances and resources, which can assist in the east. Director Matthews moved to table the item for one month.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga explained that tabling the matter will delay the work, and in September, the same cycle with the fires will begin again.</p> <p>President De Lara explained that better coordination is necessary as both bodies of work are important. Mrs. De Lara</p>	
		<p>#18-40 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Vice-President Borja to table for one month the CONCUR, Inc. proposal and proposed budget for stakeholder assessment and facilitation services for Eastern Coachella Valley Air Quality Emergency Communication Plan – NTE \$225,000. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, and Director Shorr NOES – 1 Director Zendle ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>does not understand how the emergency plan is incorporated with AB 617. Per request, President De Lara applied to serve on the AB 617 steering committee, and she also requires additional understanding and conversations on her role as it relates to the District's function.</p> <p>Claudia Galvez, Clinicas De Salud, explained that the fires have been ongoing in the community since May. Clinicas De Salud is collaborating with Riverside County to assist in the East Valley community. Ms. Galvez explained that the most recent fire was on the tribal reservation, which created barriers. It is a benefit to delay the process and determine the results of AB 617 meeting, which could be more beneficial.</p> <p>Lesly Figueroa, Leadership Counsel for Justice Accountability, explained that the agency works with community members of the Eastern Coachella Valley in Thermal, Oasis Mecca, and the North Shore on mostly environmental justice</p>	
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	<p>issues such as water, housing, and air quality. Ms. Figueroa explained that she is echoing the remarks of Vice-President Borja, President De Lara, and Clinicas De Salud, as her agency has been working a lot on AB 617 and an emergency communications plan would advance the work, but it would be really good and common courtesy to share the plan with residents before approval. There is an opportunity for change with any proposal for it to be meaningful to residents, but this happens a lot. Agencies want to come in to solve the problem, we think it is great and perfect, but we haven't talked about it or done a full circle yet, and maybe that is what needs to be done, the full circle, speak with the AB 617 Steering Committee that is coming together and meeting for 12 months, and their main purpose is to create an emissions reduction plan, create a monitoring plan, and does not include the emergency plan, which would have been handy for residents these past years, and delaying for one month or two months is not going to</p>	
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<p>2. Consideration to approve a contract for grant #1046 with the Public Health Institute, a project funded through the Avery Trust – Pulmonary Services to gather and analyze data on air quality and health concerns in the Coachella Valley – 3 years - \$250,000</p>	<p>make a huge dent, but if done well and meaningful and thoughtful enough, then it will be a lot more powerful in the community if it is something they want and do not want agencies not doing anything – waiting asking and doing a full circle to discuss at the steering committee where there will be a lot of public comments, but it is courtesy if this is what the they want.</p> <p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained that the contract is to assess the data gaps for poor air quality in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The staff has had conversations with some agencies involved with AB 617, with an understanding that there are no conflicts between the future work of AB 617 to monitor air quality and assess the health impact of poor air quality.</p>	<p>#18-41 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Zendle to approve a contract for grant #1046 with the Public Health Institute, a project funded through the Avery Trust – Pulmonary Services to gather and analyze data on air quality and health concerns in the Coachella Valley – 3 years – \$250,000. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>F.1. Finance, Legal, Administration and Real Estate Committee</p> <p>a. Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2020 meeting</p> <p>2. Program Committee</p> <p>a. Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2020</p>	<p>Director Matthews explained the minutes of the January F&A Committee meeting.</p> <p>Director Rogers described the minutes of the January Program Committee</p>	



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<p>Consideration to approve the following grant proposals through the East Valley Funding Application:</p> <p>a. Grant #1035 – Angel View: Angel View Children’s Outreach (East Valley) - \$50,000</p> <p>b. Grant #1038 – Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine: Affordable and Accessible Healthcare Services for East Valley Residents - \$50,000</p> <p>c. Grant #136 – Pueblo Unido: Fostering Healthy Communities - \$50,000</p>	<p>meeting, explaining the three grants for Board consideration of approval.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the process and organizations that responded to the District’s request for proposals in the east valley, describing Angel View’s outreach program to improve the health and wellness of children and their families with disabilities in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the affordable and accessible health services for East Valley residents concentrating on whole person care for Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the grant for Pueblo Unido as a first-time recipient for access to safe water and to improve the health and quality of life of east valley residents, a long-term ongoing project with short-term filtration devices.</p>	<p>#18-42 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by President De Lara approve Grant #1035 – Angel View: Angel View Children’s Outreach (East Valley) - \$50,000.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#18-43 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers seconded by Director Matthews approve Grant #1038 Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine: Affordable and Accessible Healthcare Services for East Valley Residents - \$50,000.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#18-44 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director Shorr approve Grant #136 – Pueblo Unido: Fostering Healthy Communities - \$50,000.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</p>
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	The recommendation from CVAG is to devise a subcommittee inviting President De Lara, Director Rogers, and Dr. Bázaga, requesting approval of the appointment to the subcommittee.	
G. Old Business	There was no old business.	
H. New Business	There was no new business.	
I. Directors' Comments, Reports, Informational Items, & Staff Direction and Guidance	There was no Directors' comments, reports, informational items, or staff direction and guidance.	
J. Adjournment	President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.	<i>Audio recording available on the website at https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</i>

ATTEST: 
 Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board