

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY  
August 3, 2020

The Feather River Air Quality Management District held a board meeting, commencing at approximately 4:00 p.m. on the above date via Zoom Meeting. The following members were present: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Conant, Samayoa, Ghag, Whiteaker, Pendergraph and Cardoza. Absent: None. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel Deborah Micheli, Air Pollution Control Officer Christopher D. Brown, AICP and Feather River Air Quality Management District Deputy Clerk of the Board Shelley Channel.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Board meeting.

Director Whiteaker moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Board meeting, seconded by Director Ghag.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve Resolution #2020-10 of the Board of Directors Authorizing Participation in the AB 617 Community Air Protection Incentives Program and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

Approve amending Blue Sky Agreement VF-19-04 with Playzeum Yuba-Sutter to amend the scope of work due to COVID-19 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

Director Whiteaker moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items, seconded by Director Cardoza.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Approve Resolution #2020-08 adopting amendments to Regulation IV Rule 4.8 – Further Information and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Chairman Conant opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, Air Quality Planning and Engineering Supervisor, for a report on Resolution #2020-08 adopting amendments to Regulation IV Rule 4.8 – Further Information.

Ms. Sondra Spaethe gave a report on Resolution #2020-08 adopting amendments to Regulation IV Rule 4.8 – Further Information.

Chairman Conant closed the Public Hearing.

Director Pendergraph moved to approve Resolution #2020-08 adopting amendments to Regulation IV Rule 4.8 – Further Information and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents, seconded by Director Ghag.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #2020-07 adopting Regulation III, Rule 3.22 – Stationary Internal Combustion Engines and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Chairman Conant opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Robin Demma, Air Quality Engineer, for a report on Regulation III, Rule 3.22 – Stationary Internal Combustion Engines.

Ms. Robin Demma, Air Quality Engineer, gave a report on Regulation III, Rule 3.22 – Stationary Internal Combustion Engines and reviewed the public comments that the District received.

Chairman Conant closed the Public Hearing.

Director Fletcher moved to approve Resolution #2020-07 adopting Regulation III, Rule 3.22 – Stationary Internal Combustion Engines and authorized the Chairman to execute related documents, seconded by Director Whiteaker.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #2020-09 adopting the Reasonably Available Control Technology Analysis and Negative Declaration for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Chairman Conant opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comments.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe for a report on Resolution #2020-09 adopting the Reasonably Available Control Technology Analysis and Negative Declaration for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Ms. Sondra Spaethe gave a report on Resolution #2020-09 adopting the Reasonably Available Control Technology Analysis and Negative Declaration for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Chairman Conant closed the Public Hearing.

Director Pendergraph moved to approve Resolution #2020-09 adopting the Reasonably Available Control Technology Analysis and Negative Declaration for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard and authorized the Chairman to execute related documents, seconded by Director Cardoza.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Presentation on new budget format.

Mr. Brown stated that Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, Creating Answers was going to give a presentation of the new budget format but had a scheduled vacation.

Mr. Brown gave a presentation of the new budget format.

Discussion ensued regarding new budget and accrual accounting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### Adoption of Final Budget

Chairman Conant opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comment.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. McKenzie, District Administrative Services Officer, for a report on the Final Budget numbers.

Discussion ensued regarding the final budget.

Chairman Conant closed the Public Hearing.

Director Pendergraph moved to approve the final budget, seconded by Director Cardoza.

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Conant, Ghag, Samayoa, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

### APCO Update:

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District activities that included 2 new contracts that were issued since the last board meeting related to COVID-19 issues. Those were the District remodel of the Inspectors work area to create proper spacing for the employees in the office. The remodel was almost complete. There were also upgrades to the HVAC system to reduce both public and employee's exposure to COVID and those were completed the previous week.

Mr. Brown stated that the District had contracted with Colusa County to assist them with providing Engineering Services to the Air District and FRAQMD's staff time will be billed at the District's adopted hourly rate. The contract would not exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year without an amendment.

Mr. Brown stated that at this time the District office was following Sutter County and remains closed to the public. Staff was however serving the public through phone calls, emails and other means. Employees at the office are limited to a total of 4 employees at any one time and most days there are 3 admin staff that are present in the office so one other employee can show up on a scheduled basis. Most of the District staff were working remotely at this time. The District

has been using social distancing and mask protocol, per Dr. Lu, while on inspections. The inspectors have also been doing virtual inspections.

Mr. Brown stated that, on the PG & E/Brownsville situation, the Air Districts have gotten together and proposed a compromise to PG & E that would let them go forward with what they want to do, then they would have to come into compliance. Mr. Brown stated that the Districts were expecting them to accept the compromise so that the project can go forward. If they do not accept, then the project would not be able to move forward.

Mr. Brown stated that the Air Resources Board was working remotely at this time. ARB faced some significant budget cuts which included transferring funds from the ARB to the Department of Toxics, to the Water Resources Board. They wanted to take some of the ARB monies and spread it around to CalEPA. The Legislature said no and that resolved a lot of the funding problems that the Air Districts were facing.

Mr. Brown stated that some of the Districts grant programs were taking some small cuts and those were due to CAP and TRADE revenues coming in below expectations.

Mr. Brown stated that ARB was working on expanding the Criteria Toxics Reporting (CTR) Regulation which could have significant impacts on local businesses. The District may request the Board send a letter to Assemblyman Gallagher's office.

Mr. Brown stated that there were no new significant Legislation at this time, however there were a number of bills that were trying to get rid of permit fees and permit requirements, but they did not have any traction this year. Mr. Brown also stated that Mr. Garamendi's office had done a lot of work and sponsored some Special District COVID Relief legislation which has Bipartisan support at both the House and the Senate and was moving forward at this time.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants Programs which included that the Blue Sky Program would be starting soon. Mr. Brown stated that the approval process would be starting however, the contracts would not go out until later in the spring.

Mr. Brown stated that the Mini Grant Program would begin after the Blue Sky Program closes.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Sacramento Region activities. Mr. Brown stated that Clean Air Partnership had been very engaged with the CTR Regulation. Both business and environmental groups have expressed concerns and it seems that they will be requesting that the ARB put a pause on the changes to the rule that they are proposing. Those changes would have a significant impact on all businesses.

Mr. Brown stated that the last items have had no significant updates.

Director Fletcher inquired about the Wood Stove Program.

Mr. Brown stated that the District was accepting applications at this time, but it was difficult because a lot of the Contractors were having difficulty with the program.

Ms. Spaethe, District Planning and Engineering Supervisor, stated that the District would be accepting applications for the program on August 13, 2020. Ms. Spaethe stated that the District had reached out to people who had expressed interest in the program and had started sending

out applications so that they could get a head start on them. The applications would be posted to the District website on August 13, 2020 and they will be first come, first served as before.

Mr. Brown stated he stood corrected. The District was receiving a lot of phone calls regarding the Wood Stove Program, but it had not started yet.

Board Member Reports

Director Cardoza stated that he would like to thank Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Brown for their work on the Budget.

With no further business Chairman Conant adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Chairman