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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY August 7, 2023

The Feather River Air Quality Management District held a board meeting, commencing at approximately 4:00 p.m. on the above date at 541 Washington Ave, Joan Bechtel Conference Room, Yuba City, California. The following members were present: Directors Messick, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bains, Conant, Ghag, Gilchrist, Pasquale, and Alternate Director Teter. Absent: Director Shelton. 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 Maria Ramos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Gilchrist inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

Approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, Board meeting.

Director Conant moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, board meeting, seconded by Director Pasquale.

All in favor, motion carried.

Approve initial funding recommendation of the District's PARS Pension Trust and PARS OPEB Trust accounts (\$500,000 total).

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, CFO, for a report on the initial funding recommendation of the District's PARS Pension Trust and PARS OPEB Trust accounts.

Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald gave an overview of the initial funding recommendation of the District's PARS Pension Trust and PARS OPEB Trust accounts \$500,000 total.

Discussion ensued.

Director Fuhrer moved to approve the initial funding recommendation of the District's PARS Pension Trust and PARS OPEB Trust accounts (\$500,000 total), seconded by Director Messick.

All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conduct a Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget (4/5ths Vote Required)

Chairman Gilchrist opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, CFO, to present on the final budget.

Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald gave a report on the final budget.

Director Bains moved to approve the Final Budget, seconded by Director Messick.

Chairman Gilchrist closed the Public Hearing.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Messick, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bains, Conant, Ghag, Gilchrist, Teter and Pasquale

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

Fiscal year 22/23 communication expense line-item budget overage. (Informational Only).

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Fitzgerald to explain the budget overage.

Ms. Fitzgerald updated the board on the budget overage for fiscal year 22/23.

Mini Grant Program annual update.

Mr. Brown referred to Mr. Peter Angelonides, District Planner, to give an annual update on the Mini Grant Program.

Mr. Angelonides gave an update on the Mini Grant Program.

Discuss and Recommend selection for the election of Levee District One of Sutter County Board of Directors

Director Bains made a motion to vote for all incumbents on the ballot.

Ayes: Directors Messick, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bains, Conant, Ghag, Gilchrist and Teter

Noes: Director Pasquale

Abstain: None

Absent: None

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District activities which included that the District is fully staffed, the District experienced some vehicle and property vandalism, the District is entering the state implementation plan – ozone plan for the Sacramento region.

Mr. Brown stated there were no recent Hearing Board Activities.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities which included the implementation of the new Criteria Toxics Regulation (CTR). The District is going to put this regulation on pause for a year before enforcing it.

Mr. Brown gave an update on EPA activities which included the proposal of a new powerplant rule. The Federal Government is proposing a new reporting regulation.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Legislation which included a new bill for tribal burning. This bill would exempt any tribal member from any burn regulation.

Mr. Brown gave an update on CAPCOA and BCC which included the Biomass conference scheduled for October 5th and 6th in Winters.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program which included the new Lawn & Garden Program, Blue Sky, Woodstove, CAP Program.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4)

1 Cases

Case Number: CVCS23-0001249

Name of Case: PEOPLE ex rel. FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT v. HOWE, et al.

There was nothing to report from the closed session.


BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were none.

With no further business Chairman Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk of the Board


Chairman