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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY February 23, 2026

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, Joan Bechtel Conference Room, Yuba City, California. The following members were present: Directors Ziegenmeyer, Bains, Flores, Pamma, Gilchrist, Abe and Pasquale. Absent: Directors House and Vasquez. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel, Deborah Micheli. Air Pollution Control Officer Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO and Feather River Air Quality Management District Deputy Clerk of the Board Maria Ramos.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Flores inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

#### **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

##### Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for year 2026.

Director Flores nominated Director Bains as Chairman for year 2026, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Pasquale nominated Director Abe as Vice Chairman, seconded by Director Gilchrist.

All in favor, motion carried.

##### Assign Committee Members

Mr. Brown gave a brief report about the existing Committees.

After a short board member discussion, the following committees were created.

##### Basin Control Counsel Representative

Director Ziegenmeyer nominated Director Abe for BCC Representative, seconded by Director Gilchrist.

Director Flores nominated Director House for BCC Alternate Representative, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

All in favor, motion carried.

##### Policy and Finance Committee

Director Gilchrist nominated Director House, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

Director Bains nominated Director Pasquale, seconded by Director Gilchrist.

Director Bains nominated Director Pamma, seconded by Director Gilchrist.

All in favor, motion carried.

### Personnel Committee

Director Bains nominated Director Flores, seconded by Director Gilchrist.  
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Director Bains nominated Director Abe, seconded by Director Flores.

All in favor, motion carried.

### Burn Program Committee

Director Flores nominated Director Ziegenmeyer, seconded by Director Gilchrist.  
Director Flores nominated Director Abe for the Burn Program Committee, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.  
Director Flores nominated Director Bains, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Bains is now chairing the meeting.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, Board Meeting.

Approve the adoption of Resolution #2026-02 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the 2022 Climate Heat Impact Response Program, a grant award up to \$750,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents

Approve Resolution #2026-01 authorizing acceptance of a grant up to \$100,000 from the California Air Resources Board and participation in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER) Program Fiscal Year 2024-25 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

Declare the MetOne EBAM (Emergency Beta Attenuation Monitor) and associated components surplus and authorize the APCO to transfer the EBAM and associated components to North Coast Unified AQMD.

Director Gilchrist moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

Receive Mid-Year Fiscal Update.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Rebecca Estep, Creating Answers for a Mid-Year Fiscal Update.

Ms. Rebecca Estep gave a virtual report on the District's Mid-Year Fiscal status.

Approve Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.

Mr. Brown explained the budget adjustments.

Board member discussion ensued.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Rebecca Estep, Creating Answers for a report on the budget adjustments.

Ms. Rebecca Estep gave a report on the budget adjustments.

Director Flores moved to approve the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

All in favor, motion carried.

Approve the following budget allocation adjustment for \$1,554.40 to renew two additional Clarity air quality monitoring sensors.

Mr. Brown explained the Budget Adjustment for \$1,554.40 to renew two additional Clarity air quality monitoring sensors.

Director Pasquale moved to approve the Budget Adjustment for \$1,554.40 to renew two additional Clarity air quality monitoring sensors, seconded by Director Abe.

All in favor, motion carried.

## **AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

Receive APCO Update: (Informational Only).

Mr. Brown gave an update on District activities, Air Resources Board Activities, U.S. EPA activities, Legislation, Hearing Board, CAPCOA, BCC, Grant programs and Sacramento Region activities.

Board member discussion ensued.

## **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

Appoint Regional Government Services Representative Kris Humphries as co-negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining.

Mr. Brown introduced Regional Government Services Representative, Ms. Kris Humphries, and requested the board appoint her as co-negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining.

Ms. Humphries inquired if the Board had any questions prior to going into closed session.

The Board had none.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to appoint Regional Government Services Representative Kris Humphries as co-negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining, seconded by Director Flores.

All in favor, motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

CONFERENCE WITH AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:

KRIS HUMPHRIES AND CHRISTOPHER D. BROWN, AICP, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

-Unrepresented employees of the Feather River Air Quality Management District: Administrative Assistant, Administrative Fiscal Assistant, Air Quality Engineer I, Air Quality Engineer II, Air Quality Compliance Specialist I, Air Quality Compliance Specialist I, Air Quality Compliance Specialist II, and Air Quality Planner I/II. (California government Code Section 54957.6)

CONFERENCE WITH AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:

KRIS HUMPHRIES AND CHRISTOPHER D. BROWN, AICP, AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

-Unrepresented management employees of the Feather River Air Quality Management District: Administrative Services Officer, Air Quality Compliance Supervisor and Air Quality Planning and Engineering Supervisor.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code section § 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4)  
1 Case

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Case Name: Feather River Air Quality Management District v. Jasmin Thiara  
Case: Sutter County Superior Court Case No.: CVCS25-0002534  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Case Name: Feather River Air Quality Management District v. Sarb Thiara Jr.  
Case: Sutter County Superior Court Case No.: CVCS25-0002533  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

After the Closed Session, Ms. Deborah Micheli reported that by a vote of 7/0, the Board has provided authority to initiate litigation against Jennifer Wilson and Baltisar Balencia, as Trustees of the Richard Wilson 2016 Separate Property Trust and DOES 1-10, related to a breach of contract of the Carl Moyer Grant.


**BOARD REPORTS**

No Board member reports.

With no further Chairman Bains adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Chairman