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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY June 1, 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 Vasquez, Messick, Pamma, Gilchrist, Abe, and Pasquale. Absent: Directors Ziegenmeyer, Bains, House and Flores. 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 Abe inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026, board meeting.

Approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, special board meeting.

Approve Resolution #2026-05 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Year 9 AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant Program, a grant award up to \$10,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

Authorize the APCO to enter into a one-year Professional Services agreement with Creating Answers to provide Bookkeeping, Controllershship and CFO level support to the District not to exceed \$65,000.

Authorize the APCO to continue the annual software license agreement for 10 licenses for Clarity.IO air monitoring software for a total of \$12,270 dollars.

Director Pasquale moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Messick.

All in favor, motion carried.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

Receive and accept the auditor's independent report for the FY 24/25 Independent Audit.
(Action Item)

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Rebecca Estep, Creating Answers, for a report on FY 24/25 Independent Audit.

Ms. Estep gave a report on the FY 24/25 Independent Audit.

Director Ziegenmeyer is now present.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to approve the FY 24/25 Independent Audit, seconded by Director Pasquale.

All in favor, motion carried.

Director Bains is now present.

PUBLIC HEARING CPI FEE INCREASE

Conduct a Public Hearing to Approve the District Annual Fee Increase for FY26/27.

Vice-Chairman Abe opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Channel for a report on the District Annual Fee Increase.

Ms. Channel gave a report on the District Annual Fee Increase.

Vice-Chairman Abe closed the Public Hearing.

Director Vasquez moved to approve the Annual Fee Increase for FY26/27, seconded by Director Messick.

All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT BUDGET

Conduct a Public Hearing to Review the Proposed Budget.

Vice-Chairman Abe opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments.

There were none.

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

Ms. Rebecca Estep gave a report on the draft budget and inquired if the board had any questions.

Board member discussion ensued.

Vice-Chairman closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING REGULATION 1, RULE 1.1

Adopt Resolution #2026-04 amending Regulation I, Rule 1.1 – Definitions; and (2) find the amendments to the Rule categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15308 Class 8 – Actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment; and (3) authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Vice-Chairman Abe opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments.

There were none.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, Air Quality Planning and Engineering Supervisor, for a report on Adopting Resolution #2026-04 amending Regulation I, Rule 1.1.

Ms. Sondra Spaethe gave a report on Adopting Resolution #2026-04 amending Regulation I, Rule 1.1.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to approve the Adoption of Resolution #2026-04, seconded by Director Messick.

All in favor, motion carried.

Vice-Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

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

Mr. Brown introduced Ms. Chris Sliz and requested the board appoint her as co-negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to approve Ms. Chris Sliz, Regional Government Services Representative, as co-negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining, seconded by Director Pasquale.

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. Pursuant to 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. Pursuant to California government Code Section 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:

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

-Unrepresented Human Resources employees of the Feather River Air Quality Management District: Administrative Services Officer. Pursuant to California government Code Section 54957.6

Director Bains and Vasquez left the meeting at 5:00p.m.

Upon the conclusion of the closed session, Ms. Deborah Micheli, Deputy County Counsel, stated that there was nothing to report.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

Approve the Agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and 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 regarding salaries and benefits and authorize the Chairman and related parties to execute related documents.

Director Gilchrist, moved to approve the Agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and 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 regarding salaries and benefits and authorize the Chairman and related parties to execute related documents, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer.

All in favor, motion carried.

Items 13 and 14 were pulled and will be brought to the board at a later date.

Approve Resolution #2026-06 amending the Allocation Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Director Pasquale moved to approve Resolution #2026-06 amending the Allocation Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents, seconded by Director Gilchrist.

All in favor, motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Director Ziegenmeyer inquired about the Hearing Board.

No other Board member reports.

With no further Vice-Chairman Bains adjourned the meeting at 5:15p.m.

Attest:


Clerk of the Board


Chairman