

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY
February 27, 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, Conant, Ghag, Fuhrer, Gilchrist, Shelton, Pasquale and Ziegenmeyer. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel Nick Deal, 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 Ghag inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

APPEARANCE ITEMS

Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for year 2023.

Director Blaser moved to approve Director Gilchrist for the 2023 Board Chairman, seconded by Director Fuhrer.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Messick, Blaser, Fuhrer, Ziegenmeyer, Conant, Ghag, Gilchrist, and Shelton
Noes: None
Abstain: Director Pasquale
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Gilchrist is now chairing the meeting.

Ms. Channel stated the Board needed to elect a new Vice-Chairman for the upcoming year.

Mr. Brown stated that the Vice-Chairman needed to be a representative from Sutter County.

Director Ghag moved to approve Director Ziegenmeyer for the 2023 Board Vice-Chairman, seconded by Director Conant.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Messick, Blaser, Fuhrer, Ziegenmeyer, Conant, Ghag, Gilchrist, and Shelton
Noes: None
Abstain: Director Pasquale
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Assign Committee Members.

Mr. Brown introduced himself to the new Board members and referred to Ms. Channel, Clerk of the Board, to take the lead on this item.

Ms. Channel stated that every year the board needed to make committee assignments. There are members on the committees that are no longer on the board that need to be replaced on any committees they were on. The District would like representatives from both Yuba and Sutter counties on each committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the committees.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to approve the updated committee assignments, seconded by Director Conant.

All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022, Board meeting.

Approve the adoption of Resolution #2023-01 to apply to the "Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program" for the fiscal year 2022/23 (Year 25), apply off-site mitigation towards match funding, and authorize the APCO to sign documents relating to implementation of the Program.

Director Conant moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Director Ghag.

All in favor, motion carried.

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District activities which included that the District was currently fully staffed. The new HVAC system has been nearly completely installed and working. The District will be upgrading all lights to LED lights.

Mr. Brown stated that the Hearing Board is a very important body for the District. They serve as a permit appeals board for anyone wanting to appeal a permit decision. The Hearing Board meets on an as needed basis. The Air Resources Board is proposing to do a Hearing Board Training in the near future.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities including board member vacancies and the new member appointments.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the EPA which included that the District is working on a maintenance plan for particulate matter and would be coming to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Legislation regarding bills dealing with penalties and proposed budget cuts.

Mr. Brown gave an update on CAPCOA and BCC which included that the BCC would be focusing on updating the burn program language. District staff attended the Prescribed Fire Training in Redding. The District would be co-sponsoring a Biomass conference this fall.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program which included Carl Moyer, FARMER, Mini Grants, Blue Sky and Community Air Protection grants.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Sacramento Region.

APPEARANCE ITEMS

Receive and accept the auditor's independent report for FY 20/21 Independent Audit.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, Creating Answers for a report on the auditor's independent report for FY 20/21 Independent Audit.

Ms. Fitzgerald gave a report on the auditor's independent report for FY 20/21 Independent Audit.

Director Ghag moved to accept the auditor's independent report for FY 20/21 Independent Audit, seconded by Director Conant.

All in favor, motion carried.

Receive Fiscal Update.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, Creating Answers for the Fiscal Update.

Ms. Fitzgerald gave an update on the Fiscal status of the District.

Informational Item on Exceptional Event Demonstrations for Wildfire Smoke Events in 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, District Planning and Engineering Supervisor, for an update on Exceptional Event Demonstrations for Wildfire Smoke Events in 2020 and 2021.

Ms. Spaethe gave an update on Exceptional Event Demonstrations for Wildfire Smoke Events in 2020 and 2021.

Discussion ensued regarding the Exceptional Event Demonstrations for Wildfire Smoke Events in 2020 and 2021.

Proposed Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, District Planning and Engineering Supervisor, for an update on Proposed Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter.

Ms. Spaethe gave a report on the Proposed Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter.

Discussion ensued regarding the Proposed Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter.

Update on Emission Reduction Credit Program.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Robin Demma, District Engineer, for an update on the Emission Reduction Credit Program.

Ms. Demma gave an update on the Emission Reduction Credit Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the Emission Reduction Credit Program.

Board Member Reports

None.

Director Gilchrist made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business, seconded by Director Fuhrer.

With no further business Chairman Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Chairman