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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY December 5, 2022

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 Fletcher, Blaser, Conant, Ghag, Pendergraph, Gilchrist and Ziegenmeyer. Absent: Directors Bains and Espindola. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel Nick Deal, 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**

Chairman Ghag inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve the minutes of the October 03, 2022, Board meeting.

Approve Resolution #2022-14 authorizing acceptance of a grant up to \$2,200,000 from the California Air Resources Board and participation in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER) Program Year 5 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

Approve Resolution #2022-15 consenting to County Counsel advising and representing the Feather River Air Quality Management District and waiving any actual or potential conflict of interest concerning the Agreement for Use of Motor Vehicle Registration Surcharge Fees and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Authorize budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-80-03 (Contingency Reserves) in the amount of \$20,000 to #725-9901-441-28-10 (AB2766 Blue Sky Program) to increase funding available for Blue Sky Grants.

Director Pendergraph moved to approved, seconded by Director Conant. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

Mr. Brown stated that the committee met several weeks ago and reviewed the proposals and referred to Peter Angelonides, District Planner, for staff report.

Angelonides gave a report on the Blue-Sky Program.

Discussion ensued regarding school buses.

Keith Martin, Yuba Sutter Transit, inquired as to where the additional \$20,000 would be allocated.

Mr. Brown stated that Yuba Sutter Transit would be allocated \$100,000.00 and the Yuba Water Agency would be allocated \$20,000.00.

Director Conant moved to approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals and authorize the APCO to execute related documents, seconded by Director Fletcher. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Receive the Compliance & Enforcement Program Update for FY 21-22.

Mr. Brown referred to Karla Sanders, Compliance Supervisor, to report on the Compliance & Enforcement program.

Ms. Sanders gave a report on the Compliance & Enforcement program which included, the program is staffed with 3 inspectors, the District has about 676 stationary source permits, and 319 active Ag Engine registrations. Inspectors respond to complaints as necessary; they inspect and test all stationary sources annually. This program also enforces PERP regulations and regulates diesel Ag Engines registered with the District.

Ms. Sanders presented the board with a summary of District issued NOV', NTCs, Settlement agreements.

Discussion ensued.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### Hearing to Present the Annual Report on the District's AB2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program.

Mr. Brown stated this is an annual report that needs to be completed before the end of the year. It is a public hearing but there is nothing to adopt. Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, District Planning and Engineering Supervisor for a report on the District's AB2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program.

Ms. Spaethe gave the Annual report on the District's AB2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the Air Toxics Program and wildfire concerns.

Chairman Ghag opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Ghag closed the Public Hearing.

#### **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

##### Approve APCO employment agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and Christopher D. Brown AICP and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Director Fletcher moved to approve the APCO employment agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and Christopher D. Brown, seconded by Director Pendergraph. All in favor, motion carried.

##### Approve the Agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and its Employees

regarding salaries and benefits and authorize the Chairman and related parties to execute related documents.

Director Pendergraph moved to approve the agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and District employees, seconded by Director Ziegenmeyer. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve the Agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and Administrative Services Officer, Air Quality Compliance Supervisor, and Air Quality Planning and Engineering Supervisor positions regarding salaries and benefits and authorize the Chairman and related parties to execute related documents.

Director Ziegenmeyer moved to approve the agreement between Feather River Air Quality Management District and Administrative Services Office, Air Quality Compliance Supervisor, and Air Quality Planning and Engineering Supervisor positions, seconded by Director Pendergraph. All in favor, motion carried.

### **AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Brown stated that the District is fully staffed as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, annual renewals were due at the end of November, invoices paid after that date are subject to a latte fee. Unpaid permits end up being cancelled. Intensive fall burn season is over, it was one of the smallest rice burns in recent history due to the lack of planted acres.

Mr. Brown stated there were no Hearing Board actions to report since last meeting.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities which included the release of AB32 Scoping Plan for public comment. They are also working on Air Toxic Control Measure update for chrome plating facilities. This measure would include stricter regulations for these facilities. The District is required to comply with any new Air Toxic Control Measures implemented by the state.

Mr. Brown gave an update on U.S. EPA and stated that the District has a lot of plans that would be coming before the Board next year in terms of maintenance and attainment plans. In addition, we may see extra funding coming our way from new Federal legislative laws.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Legislation and stated that Legislation would be focusing on the Oil and Gas program, and we expect to see some changes and bills directed to the Air Districts.

Mr. Brown stated there was not much to update CAPCOA or BCC. They are working on having a Biomass event late 2023 but work is moving slowly because of the other issues that are being worked on at this time.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program and stated that Moyer and Farmer programs would be announcing their schedule on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Mini Grant will begin in January 2023. The District has \$16,000.00 for Mini Grants, \$2,000.00 per grant. We also have Community Air Protection Grant that will begin in the Spring of 2023. The Woodstove and the Lawn & Garden programs are still on hold at this time, and the District was still waiting on CARB for an update.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Sacramento Region activities which included a vacancy on the Air Resources Board. There are several members from neighboring districts that are applying for the seat.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Asbestos Enforcement which included that the District does not do the work on this program, the work is being done by the EPA. Butte county has adopted a rule

and would be seeking Federal authority to implement it. Since Butte County is seeking to adopt the rule, the District could research the potential of adopting a rule also and could potentially bring it to the Policy/Finance Committee next year for a discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding NESHAP.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Channel to present certificates to our leaving members.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Fletcher thanked the District for a job well done.

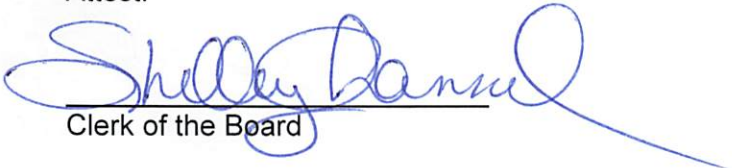
Mr. Brown stated that the Hearing Board could have some vacancies if the board members who are leaving would like an application.


Director Pendergraph stated that he had been on the District Board since 2005 and he acknowledged and thanked the District for a job well done and he has learned a lot and enjoyed his time on the board.

Director Pendergraph made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business Chairman Ghag adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Chairman