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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY

August 1, 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, Ziegenmeyer, Gilchrist. 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Board meeting.

Authorize a budget adjustment to increase contract by \$35,000 with Regional Government Services and authorize APCO to sign related documents.

Appoint the APCO as negotiator to represent the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors for employee bargaining.

Director Fletcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Director Pendergraph.

All in favor, motion carried.

Director Espindola is now present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adoption of District Final Budget.

Chairman Ghag opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Ghag closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Fitzgerald, Creating Answers, for report on the Districts Final Budget.

Ms. Fitzgerald gave a report on the Districts Final Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed budget.

Director Conant moved to approve the adoption of the District's Final Budget, seconded by Director Fletcher .

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #2022-12 adopting Regulation I, Rule 1.3 – Emergency Declaration and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

Chairman Ghag opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Ghag closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Karla Sanders, District Compliance Supervisor, for report on Resolution #2022-12 adopting Regulation I, Rule 1.3 – Emergency Declaration.

Ms. Sanders gave a report on Resolution #2022-12 adopting Regulation I, Rule 1.3 – Emergency Declaration.

Discussion ensued regarding Resolution #2022-12 adopting Regulation I, Rule 1.3 – Emergency Declaration.

Director Pendergraph moved to approve Resolution #2022-12 adopting Regulation I, Rule 1.3 – Emergency Declaration and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents , seconded by Director Fletcher.

All in favor. Motion carried.

APPEARANCE ITEMS

Authorize Budget amendment of \$80,000 (including \$10,000 contingency) for FY2022 Database Upgrades and authorize APCO to sign related documents.

Mr. Brown gave report on the Budget amendment of \$80,000 (including \$10,000 contingency) for FY2022 Database upgrades.

Director Conant moved to approve the budget amendment of \$80,000 (including \$10,000 contingency) for FY2022 Database Upgrades and authorize APCO to sign related documents, seconded by Director Pendergraph.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Authorize Budget amendment of \$144,100 with 10% contingency for replacement of HVAC system at District office, approve exception to bidding and authorize the APCO to sign related documents.

Mr. Brown gave report on the Budget amendment of \$144,100 with 10% contingency for replacement of HVAC system at District office.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the amount on the agenda and the amount of the bidding contract.

Director Espindola moved to approve the budget amendment for replacement of HVAC system at District office, approve exception to bidding and authorize the APCO to sign related documents. with an amendment to correct the requested amount to \$130,900 with 10% contingency, seconded by Director Conant.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Receive a presentation on Open Burn Program.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sanders for presentation of the Open Burn Program.

Ms. Sanders gave a presentation of the Open Burn Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the Open Burn Program.

Director Fletcher left the meeting.

Mini Grant Program Annual Update.

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

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

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Brown notified the Board that the APCO from Yolo-Solano Air Pollution Control District had passed away unexpectedly, and the community was rallying around his family.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District's activities which included the promotion of two employees, a future Administrative Assistant recruitment and one employee on long term medical leave. Also, Annual renewal invoices will be mailed out in October and will be due November 30 and Rice burn season will be starting in September and continuing until November.

Mr. Brown stated there were no Hearing Board actions at this time

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities which included the ARB Scoping Plan. Mr. Brown stated that he had sent an email to Board members and there will be a public comment period if anyone wanted to make comments.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the EPA which included the staff was working on a number of projects that would be going forward, nothing that would be too controversial.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Legislation which included a bill that would allow the State to take over Air Districts that they feel are not doing their job properly. This bill is in suspense. Also in the budget is a provision that would waive local permit requirements for power generation.

Discussion ensued regarding the new bills and provisions in the budget.

Mr. Brown gave an update on CAPCOA and BCC which included the BCC was in the process of changing banks from US Bank and are considering Tri County Bank. Mr. Brown stated they are changing banks because of all the issues that have come up with US Bank.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program which included the Carl Moyer, CAP and Mini Grant Programs.

Mr. Brown stated there was not much to update regarding the Sacramento Region as there isn't anything that would affect the District.

Board Member Reports

Director Espindola went to DC for an EPA meeting regarding A8 and the Wastewater issues. Director Espindola stated that there were no odors coming from the area where the Wastewater Plant is located.

Director Blaser stated that Yuba County had just released their quarterly development update for the second quarter, and this is part of their Yes to Yuba Program. This was only the second quarter they have released; this is how new the program is. It is a very thorough report on planning and public works.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

CONFERENCE WITH AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:
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 II, and Air Quality Planner II.
(California government Code Section 54957.6)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(1)

Update on Ongoing Cases:

Case Number: CVCS22-0000478

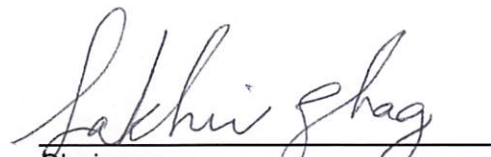
Name of Case: PEOPLE ex rel. FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT v. Thiara, Jr. et. al.

There was nothing to report following closed session.

With no further business Chairman Ghag adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk of the Board


Chairman