

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY  
October 3, 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, Bains, Conant, Ghag, Pendergraph and Espindola. Absent: Directors Ziegenmeyer and Gilchrist. 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.

**APPEARANCE ITEMS**

Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022, Board meeting.

Director Fletcher moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Pendergraph.

Director Bains abstained.

All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Approve Resolution 2022-13 authorizing submittal of historical District rules to the State Implementation Plan, and request removal of rules from Yuba County and Sutter County air districts.

Chairman Ghag opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Ghag closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brown gave staff report and referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, District Planning and Engineering Supervisor, to elaborate on this report.

Ms. Spaethe presented the District Board Members with a copy of the updated Resolution and gave a report on the submittal of historical District rules to the State Implementation Plan, and request removal of rules from Yuba County and Sutter County air districts.

Director Bains moved to approve Resolution 2022-13 authorizing submittal of historical District rules to the State Implementation Plan, and request removal of rules from Yuba County and Sutter County air districts, seconded by Director Conant.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Director Ziegenmeyer and Director Gilchrist now present.

### **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 AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:  
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.**

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title Air Pollution Control Officer**

There was nothing to report following closed session.

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

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District's activities which included the hiring of a new Administrative Assistant and one vacant position in the Engineering department. Also, annual renewal invoices were mailed out in October and will be due November 30. Staff is working weekends for the fall burn season.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Hearing Board actions which included an Emergency Variance with Calpine. Only the Chairman needed to be present.

Mr. Brown stated nothing critical to report on ARB activities. Discussion ensued regarding electric vehicles charging stations in rural areas.

Mr. Brown stated the District is working on additional air plans to submit to EPA which included renewing the smoke and dust PM Maintenance plan. Also, additional Federal are expected from all the new bills that are going into effect.

Mr. Brown gave an update on Legislation the extension of the Carl Moyer program. The program has been extended for another 9 years. Also, the Governor vetoed the bill that would allow the State to take over Air Districts that they feel are not doing their job properly.

Mr. Brown stated there's nothing much to report on CAPCOA and BCC. Discussion ensued regarding Biomass facilities.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program which included the District is accepting applications for Blue Sky program until October 11<sup>th</sup>. Carl Moyer and FARMER program for next year will be announced in December. Mini Grant Programs will open in January. Also, we have

the CAP program for disadvantage communities. Discussion ensued regarding the CAP program and the Woodstove program.

Mr. Brown stated there was not much to update regarding the Sacramento Region.

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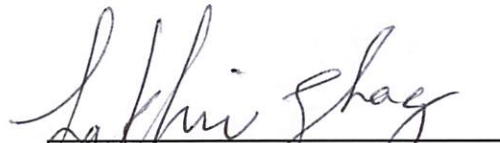
Director Fletcher stated that Ms. Karla Sanders, Compliance Supervisor, did a zoom meeting regarding FRAQMD. He stated that she did a great job and suggested that she did a meeting via zoom at least once a year to give members of the public an opportunity to ask questions and have a better understanding on how the District functions.

Director Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Director Espindola.

With no further business Chairman Ghag adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Chairman