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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY December 7, 2020

The Feather River Air Quality Management District held a board meeting, commencing at approximately 4:00 p.m. on the above date via Zoom Meeting. The following members were present: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Ghag, Whiteaker, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza. Absent: Directors Samayoa. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel Deborah Micheli, Air Pollution Control Officer Christopher D. Brown, AICP and Feather River Air Quality Management District Deputy Clerk of the Board Shelley Channel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Board meeting.

Director Ghag moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Board meeting, seconded by Director Cardoza.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR

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

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe, District Planner for a report on the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for Board consideration with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals.

Ms. Spaethe gave a report on the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for Board consideration with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals.

Director Whiteaker moved to approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for Board consideration with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals, seconded by Director Cardoza.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

Approve appointment of David B. Smith, Member of the Public to the District Hearing Board for the period of December 7, 2020 to December 7, 2023.

Mr. Brown gave a report on the appointment of David B. Smith, Member of the Public to the District Hearing Board for the period of December 7, 2020 to December 7, 2023.

Director Cardoza moved to approve the appointment of David B. Smith, Member of the Public to the District Hearing Board for the period of December 7, 2020 to December 7, 2023 seconded by Director Pendergraph.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

Karla Sanders and Jason Branz ARB Presentation for Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS).

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Karla Sanders, Compliance Supervisor, and Mr. Jason Branz, Air Resources Board, for a presentation.

Karla Sanders and Jason Branz gave a presentation for Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS)

Approve recommendation from Director Fletcher to establish a committee to address Wildfire issues.

Mr. Brown gave a report on the recommendation from Director Fletcher to establish a committee to address Wildfire issues.

Discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a committee to address Wildfire issues.

The Board decided to change the name of the current Ag Burn Committee to the Burn Program Committee and have members assigned at the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

Chairman Conant asked for a motion.

Director Fletcher moved to approve the committee name change from the Ag Burn Committee to the Burn Program Committee and have the members assigned at the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting, seconded by Director Bradford.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

Compliance Program Update.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Karla Sanders, Compliance Supervisor, for an update on the Compliance Program.

Ms. Sanders gave an update on the Compliance Program.

PUBLIC HEARING

Report on AB2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots annual status.

Mr. Brown referred to Ms. Sondra Spaethe for a report on AB2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots annual status.

Ms. Spaethe gave a report on AB2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots annual status.

Chairman Conant opened the Public Hearing.

Chairman Conant inquired if there were any public comment.

There were none.

Discussion ensued regarding the hours of testing.

Chairman Conant closed the Public Hearing.

APPEARANCE CALENDAR (CONT.)

Approve the following budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-18-00 (Building Maintenance and Improvement) to #725-9901-441-15-00 (Insurance – new vehicle SDRMA invoice) in the amount of \$700.

Mr. Brown gave a report on the budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-18-00 (Building Maintenance and Improvement) to #725-9901-441-15-00 (Insurance – new vehicle SDRMA invoice) in the amount of \$700.

Director Fletcher moved to authorize budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-18-00 (Building Maintenance and Improvement) to #725-9901-441-15-00 (Insurance – new vehicle SDRMA invoice) in the amount of \$700., seconded by Director Pendergraph.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

Approve budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-80-03 (Contingency Reserves) to #725-9901-441-23-00 (Professional Services) for legal fees in the amount of \$30,500.

Mr. Brown gave a report on the budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-80-03 (Contingency Reserves) to #725-9901-441-23-00 (Professional Services) for legal fees in the amount of \$30,500.

Director Cardoza moved to authorize budget allocation transfer from account #725-9901-441-80-03 (Contingency Reserves) to #725-9901-441-23-00 (Professional Services) for legal fees in the amount of \$30,500, seconded by Director Fletcher.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Bradford, Sullenger, Whiteaker, Ghag, Conant, Pendergraph and Cardoza.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Samayoa

Motion carried.

APCO Update

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District activities which included that the District office is not open to the public, but staff is in the office helping customers via phone calls and Zoom meetings. As of Friday, due to the Health Order by the Yuba County Health Officer, the District will not be conducting face to face inspections. The District was fully staffed and would be holding a Personnel Committee meeting before the February 2021 Board meeting to discuss filling the Planner position.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Hearing Board actions. Mr. Brown stated that other than approving the new member at this meeting there have been no Hearing Board actions.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities which included CTR revisions and agricultural emissions in the Sacramento Valley.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the U.S. EPA activities which included leaving the PM Standards where they are at this time.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Legislation which included any new stimulus bill would have Congressman Garamendi's language that could include funding for Special Districts.

Mr. Brown gave an update on CAPCOA and BCC which included the total burn acres for the year were down due to wildfires in the state.

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

Mr. Brown gave update on Sacramento Region Activities which included CTR meetings with ARB and Phil Serna.

Mr. Brown stated that any updates moving forward on AB617 Activities would be combined with the Grants update.

Board Member Reports

Director Fletcher inquired about the Woodstove Program and Purple Air.

Mr. Brown stated that the Purple Air was on hold at this time because of COVID. Staff has not been able to go out to the locations.

Mr. Brown stated that Ms. Spaethe would give an update on the Woodstove Program.

Ms. Spaethe stated that the Woodstove Program Year 2 was underway. The District had sent out all the vouchers to allocate just over \$100,000.00. Most of the vouchers have been redeemed and quite a few of the devices have been replaced already. Ms. Spaethe stated that the District envisions that the program will slow down now that the weather has gotten colder, and people won't want to change out their devices at this time.

Director Fletcher inquired if the District was still accepting applications.

Ms. Spaethe stated that the District was accepting applications however they were going on a waiting list. The District will accept applications until the end of the year. If any vouchers fall through the District will go to the waiting list.

Mr. Brown stated that this was the last meeting for a few of the board members. He thanked Directors Cardoza, Whiteaker, Sullenger and Samayoa for their service and dedication on the board over the past years.

Director Whiteaker stated that he has really enjoyed serving on the board and thank staffed for all that they do.

The remaining board members all thanked the leaving board members for their service.

With no further business Chairman Conant adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk of the Board


Chairman