



MINUTES
PCAPCD Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 2:30 PM
Via Zoom Meeting ID 964 1771 3239

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (Board) met for a regular meeting at 2:30 PM, Thursday, February 11, 2021, via Zoom Webinar ID 964-1771-3239.

Public participation procedures due to COVID-19 concerns: In order to protect public health and safety due to concerns regarding COVID-19, this meeting was held remotely via the Zoom meeting listed above, in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Robert Weygandt. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Board, with the following members in attendance: Scott Alvord, Daniel Berlant, Trinity Burruss, Jeff Duncan, Jim Holmes, Greg Janda, Suzanne Jones (arrived after minutes approval at 2:33 p.m.), Alyssa Silhi (arrived after minutes approval at 2:33 p.m), and Robert Weygandt. A quorum was established.

Representing the District were: Erik White, Air Pollution Control Officer; Adam Baughman, Deputy Air pollution Control Officer; A.J. Nunez, Administrative & Fiscal Officer II; Yushuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Section Manager; Russell Moore, I.T. Technician; and Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board.

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Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Holmes/Janda

Action: Approved 10/08/2020 Minutes

Ayes: Alvord/Berlant/Burruss/Holmes/Janda/Weygandt

Abstain: Duncan

Public Comment: No public comment.

Consent: Items 1 and 2

- 1. Authorization to Accept and Use Air Quality Mitigation Funds for the Clean Air Grant Program.** *Adopted Budget Revision #21-02, thereby authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to accept and use the available funds in the Mitigation Fund for the Clean Air Grant Program.*

Director Alvord asked where the mitigation funds associated with this budget revision came from. Ms. Nunez responded that a portion of these mitigation funds came from the Glen Willow project, and the remaining funds came from other developer projects.

- 2. Authorization to Accept Settlement Funds and Enter into a Contract with Feather River Air Quality Management District to Distribute 50% of Settlement Funds Received for the James Day Enforcement Case.** *Adopted Resolution #21-01 and Budget Revision #21-03, thereby authorizing the acceptance of \$50,000 in settlement funds received, and the acceptance of future settlement funds to be received, pursuant to the [Stipulated] Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (Final Judgment) filed October 19, 2020, for the Placer County Superior Court Case #SCV-0043170 (James Day Case); and authorizing the Placer County Air Pollution Control District to enter into a contract with Feather River Air Quality Management District, which specifies a payment schedule to distribute 50% of settlement funds received pursuant to the Final Judgment on the James Day Case.*

Motion: Holmes/Berlant

Action: Approved Consent Items 1 and 2 / Unanimous Vote 9:0

Ayes: Alvord/Berlant/Burruss/Duncan/Holmes/Janda/Jones/Silhi/Weygandt

Information: Items 3 and 4

- 3. Sacramento Regional State Implementation Plan Update.** *No action required. This information item provided an overview of the State Implementation Plan and an update regarding current planning developments for the Sacramento Region's federal ozone and fine particulate matter standards.*

Mr. Yushuo Chang presented an update of the District's regional State Implementation Plan (SIP). Mr. Chang first defined the SIP as a federal air quality plan which is required for areas that do not meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The SIP demonstrates when and how a nonattainment area plans to attain the NAAQS. He explained that if an area does not meet the standard, it is designated as "nonattainment" and given a nonattainment classification. The classification determines the deadline to attain the standard. If a nonattainment area cannot meet the standard at the attainment deadline, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) can issue a "Finding of Failure" for that nonattainment area. When a "Finding of Failure" is issued for ozone, several consequential actions can be taken. If the nonattainment area meets the standard by the attainment deadline, the U.S. EPA will issue a "Clean Data Finding"; the nonattainment area then submits an Area Redesignation Request. Once the request is approved by U.S. EPA, the nonattainment area is officially redesignated as in attainment.

Mr. Chang then identified the status of the Sacramento region's State Implementation Plan, stating that the Sacramento Region is currently designated as nonattainment for Ozone, and is pending approval of its Area Redesignation Request for PM 2.5.

Mr. Chang outlined upcoming ozone and PM 2.5 SIP activities in 2021. The District anticipates final approval of the Sacramento Ozone State Implementation Plan for the 2008 ozone standard, at which time the Sacramento region's air districts will need to implement its commitments within 12 months, including the District's amendment of Rule 218, Architectural Coating. For the 2015 ozone standard, which an attainment deadline of 8/3/2024, the Sacramento region requested a reclassification to extend this deadline to 8/3/2027. The District expects the U.S. EPA to respond to this reclassification request in April 2021. The District also plans to review Rule 502, New Source Review, in 2021, for compliance with the 2015 ozone standards.

Mr. Chang explained that, for the 2006 PM 2.5 24-hour average standard, the District is currently working with other regional air districts to develop an exceptional event notification to the U.S. EPA, due to wildfires in 2020 which impacted PM 2.5 levels in Placer County. Mr. Chang noted that an exceptional event is an occurrence that adversely impacts the data that is used to make attainment/nonattainment determinations; an exceptional event demonstration report is prepared to request exclusion of that specific data from regulatory decisions. The District anticipates a Clean Data Finding from the US EPA for the 2006 PM 2.5 standard, tentatively, in 2022 or 2023.

- 4. District's COVID-19 Response and Update.** *No action required. This information item provided a review of the District's COVID-19 response and an update on current preventative measures.*

Mr. Adam Baughman recapped the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning with the initial office closure in March 2020, when staff began teleworking and rotating through the office in shifts. He stated that District staff were accessible to the public by phone, email, and videoconference, however, routine inspections were temporarily halted. Mr. Baughman recounted that the District has worked with County departments, using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and CalOSHA, on development and implementation of a Prevention Plan for Reopening, which later became the Worksite Specific Prevention Plan. The District has also provided a Field Inspector Guide and Employee Exposure Prevention Handout, which have been updated periodically as needed. Mr. Baughman emphasized that the majority of the District's operations have continued unaffected, and routine inspections resumed shortly after the initial office closure.

Mr. Baughman reported that in June, the office gradually reopened to the public with preventative measures in place, and staff increased their office time to 2 days per week. In December, with the surge in COVID cases, the office returned to its initial schedule and office closure. All District services are still available, except the public counter. Mr. Baughman also described the one year freeze on previously approved permit fee increases. In addition, he shared that there was an improvement in air quality during 2020. He reported that there have been no known COVID-19 exposures through the District office, and that the District continues to monitor COVID-19 to evaluate reopening of the office to the public when it is safe.

Air Pollution Control Officer Report

A. General APCO Updates

Mr. White announced that the District's Administrative and Fiscal Officer II, A.J. Nunez, would be retiring soon. He also conveyed that he had been accepted into the American Leadership Forum Fellows program, which begins in May 2021. In addition, Mr. White reported that the Cap-to-Cap program would not be held in person in 2021, but that they are discussing options for targeted virtual advocacy for the Sacramento region at the federal level.

B. 2021 Annual Report/Board of Director's Handbook Overview

Mr. White provided an overview of the Director's Handbook and Annual Report which were distributed in January, 2021, including the District's 2020 activities and its goals and plans for 2021.

C. 2021 Regulatory Measures List

Mr. Baughman summarized the list of Regulatory Measures expected to be considered for adoption in 2021, which was published in December and publicly noticed per California Health and Safety Code Section 40923. Rule 501, General Permit Requirements and Rule 218, Architectural Coating, are expected to be brought to the District Board for amendment in 2021.

D. Air Quality Incentive Program Update

Mr. White outlined the expected schedule for the District's 2021 Clean Air Grant program for Carl Moyer Program funds and Community Air Protection funds, including public outreach, a community meeting, application solicitation periods, accepting California Air Resources Board funding, application review and approvals, and project awards. In addition, he reported that 17 Placer County projects have been approved for woodsmoke reduction incentive program funding.

E. Fiscal update

Ms. Nunez provided a fiscal update, reporting that seven months into its budget, the District has received 90% of budgeted revenue and expended only 48% of expenditure budget.

Meeting Adjournment: 3:39 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting: April 8, 2021, at 2:30 PM

Minutes prepared by:



Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved by Board of Directors:

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board

4/8/2021
Date