



MINUTES

PCAPCD Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 2:30 PM
Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers
175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met for a regular meeting at 2:30 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2020, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Trinity Burruss. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Board, with the following members in attendance: Scott Alvord, Trinity Burruss, Jeff Duncan, Jim Holmes, Alyssa Silhi, Kirk Uhler, and Robert Weygandt. A quorum was established.

Representing the District were: Erik White, Air Pollution Control Officer; Adam Baughman, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer; Bruce Springsteen, Compliance and Enforcement/Permitting and Engineering Section Manager; Yushuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Section Manager; Russell Moore, I.T. Technician; Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board, and Clark Moots, Moots Point—District Information Technology Consultant.

Flag Salute: Led by Alyssa Silhi

Statement of Meeting Procedures

Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion: Holmes/Weygandt

Action: Approved 12/12/19 Minutes / Unanimous Vote 7:0

Ayes: Alvord/Burruss/Duncan/Holmes/Silhi/Uhler/Weygandt

Public Comment: No public comment

Consent: Items 1 and 2

- 1. Authorization for Director Trinity Burruss to Participate in the 2020 Capital-to-Capital Program on behalf of the District.** *Adopted Resolution #20-01, thereby authorizing Placer County Air Pollution Control District Director Trinity Burruss to participate in the 2020 Capitol-to-Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) Program on behalf of the District, via participation on the Program's Air Quality Team.*
- 2. Hearing Board Member Term Expiration and Reappointment.** *Reappointed current Hearing Board member, Ms. Diane Przepiorski, as a Public at Large Representative to the Placer County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board, extending her term of office an additional three years, from February 29, 2020 to February 28, 2023.*

Motion: Alvord/Duncan

Action: Approved Consent Items 1 and 2 / Unanimous Vote 7:0

Ayes: Alvord/Burruss/Duncan/Holmes/Silhi/Uhler/Weygandt

Information: Item 3

- 3. Sacramento Regional Ozone State Implementation Plan Update.** *Provided an update regarding the current status of the Sacramento Regional Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2008 and 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standards.*

Mr. Yushuo Chang provided an update of the current status of the Sacramento Regional Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2008 and 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standards.

Mr. Chang explained that the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA) adopted the Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) Plan for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard in October 2017. The plan is pending final approval by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The SFNA air districts are working towards attaining this standard by the July 2025 attainment deadline. Due to a recent court decision, U.S. EPA has requested that all nonattainment areas submit a commitment with additional contingency measures that will automatically take effect upon failure to either, meet the RFP milestones set by the ozone SIP; or to attain the ozone standard by the attainment date. The regional commitment must be submitted to U.S. EPA in March 2020, and the SFNA air districts need to adopt the identified contingency measure(s) within a year after the commitment.

Mr. Chang then discussed the 2015 8-hour federal ozone standard. On June 4, 2018, U.S. EPA issued a final rule classifying the SFNA as a “moderate” classification for nonattainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone standard. With a “moderate” nonattainment classification, the SFNA must demonstrate attainment of the standard on or prior to August 4, 2024. However, the SFNA is unlikely to meet this deadline, which is a year earlier than the less stringent 2008 standard. The SFNA air districts have decided to request reclassification of the SFNA to a “serious” classification, which would extend the 2015 standard attainment deadline to August 2027. This reclassification request should be submitted to U.S. EPA in 2020. The revised ozone SIP for the 2015 ozone standard is due no later than August 3, 2022. The District is also required to prepare a Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) SIP analysis for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides emissions control on stationary sources prior to the respective ozone SIP submittal. The RACT SIP analysis for the 2015 ozone standard is due on August 3, 2020.

No Action – Information Item.

Closed Session: Item 4

- 4. Closed session conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation/administrative action.** *Held a closed session regarding significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case; Topic: A potential delay in the attainment designation for the 1997 ozone standard may result in new air planning requirements and federal actions.*

District Counsel, Christiana Darlington, reported that no votes were taken in closed session.

Information: Item 5

5. District's Program to Develop a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) "Offset Protocol" for Forest Fuel Treatment Projects. *Provided an overview and update of the District's ongoing program to develop a greenhouse gas (GHG) "offset protocol" for forest fuel treatment projects.*

Mr. Bruce Springsteen presented an update of the District's program to develop a GHG offset protocol for forest fuel treatment projects. He explained that over one-half of our county is forested land at risk for catastrophic wildfire, due to heavy fuel loads from past fire suppression and harvesting, as well as from the recent tree mortality epidemic from drought and insect attack. Wildfires are a significant source of air pollution, including fine particulate matter, ozone forming precursors, and air toxics, as well as GHG's. He described the District's program, begun in April 2015, to develop a GHG offset protocol for forest "fuel treatment" projects (Protocol). Forest fuel treatments involve selective and strategic removal of small diameter trees, understory, and brush through mechanical means or prescribed fire. Treatments are critically needed to return our forests to a fire resilient condition through mitigating the size and severity of wildfire. Mr. Springsteen described the wide range of ecosystem service benefits from forest treatments, and that they also frequently provide GHG benefits. The Protocol work has been funded through contributions from the District, the U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sierra Pacific Industries, and the Coalition of the Upper South Platte (a Colorado-based conservancy). Work is being conducted by a team led by Spatial Informatics Group, with collaboration from the University of San Francisco, University of California Berkeley, and TSS Consultants.

Mr. Springsteen explained that a first draft of the Protocol was completed in 2017. The Protocol was then used to demonstrate GHG benefits in a case-study evaluation of treatments in the neighboring Eldorado National Forest. The Protocol and case study were extensively vetted by a wide range of stakeholders, including forest scientists, regulatory agencies, conservation groups, offset registries, and land managers. In October 2018, the Protocol and case-study were submitted to the American Carbon Registry (ACR) for consideration to be adopted as a "voluntary" protocol. In October 2019, ACR made a decision not to move forward with the Protocol for various reasons which Mr. Springsteen detailed. In November 2019, we submitted an application requesting Protocol adoption into the Climate Action Reserve's (CAR) Climate Forward GHG Registry and Trading program. CAR is interested, and the District is working on determining funding requirements and a review/adoption schedule.

No Action – Information Item.

Air Pollution Control Officer Report

- A. General APCO updates
- B. Annual Report / Board of Directors Handbook Overview

Mr. Erik White provided an overview of the 2020 Board of Director's Handbook and Annual Report. He described the District's improved financial outlook and position, with the newly created cash reserve and CalPERS/PARS contribution; successful implementation of the Carl Moyer and incentive programs; continued focus on biomass

and forest resiliency; coordinated regional response with local health officials and schools during wildfire events; Public Safety Power Shutoff coordination; local land use planning support; and engagement in local, State and federal policy development and organizations. Mr. White summarized plans for 2020 that were included in the handbook, including updating forest resiliency and biomass policies; continuing to implement and grow the District's incentive program; engagement on implementation of the State's Community Air Protection Program (AB 617); development of effective policy on Public Safety Power Shutoff events; improvement of efficiency and modernization of operations; coordination with jurisdictions on land use projects; and engagement in State and federal policy.

C. Burn day Alexa voice search application update

Mr. White announced that the District's new Alexa voice search application, designed to provide another avenue for public outreach for burn day status, launched in February. Mr. Clark Moots, the District's Information Technology Consultant, demonstrated the application on an Alexa device. The application provides information on topics such as regional specific burn day information; what is allowed to be burned; non-residential burning; chipping vegetative wood-waste; composting; fire safety; how a burn day is determined; how to file a smoke complaint; and District contact information.

D. Incentive program update

Mr. White discussed the District's incentive program, and stated that about \$2 million in Moyer and AB 923 funds are expected to be available for the next funding year, with a solicitation period planned for April 1-May 31. He explained that an AB617 workshop was planned for March in Roseville. Mr. White described the ongoing FARMER program, and the beginning stages of the FARMER grants tracking application development project.

E. Fiscal update – financial report provided at meeting

Mr. White stated that the District remains on budget, with expenditures below budget, and revenues trending above budget.

Meeting Adjournment at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Shannon Harroun

Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved by Board of Directors:

Attest: *Shannon Harroun*
Clerk of the Board

6/11/2020
Date