



MINUTES
PCAPCD Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 2:30 PM
Board of Supervisors Chambers
175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met for a regular meeting at 2:30 PM, Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

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

Representing the District were: Erik White, Air Pollution Control Officer; Maria Swan, Administrative & Fiscal Officer II; Yushuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Section Manager; Ann Hobbs, Associate Planner; Christiana Darlington, District Counsel; Russell Moore, I.T. Technician; and Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board.

Flag Salute: Led by Robert Weygandt

Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion: Burruss/Alvord

Action: Approved 2/10/2022 Minutes / Unanimous Vote 7:0

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

Public Comment / Meeting's Public Participation Procedures: No public commenters.

Consent: Item 1

- 1. Authorization to Amend Professional Services Contract with TruePoint Solutions, LLC and Budget Revision #22-01 to increase contract obligation.** *Adopted Resolution #22-05, thereby authorizing an amendment to increase Professional Services Contract with TruePoint Solutions, LLC in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and approving Budget Revision #22-01 to increase contract obligation.*

Motion: Holmes/Weygandt

Action: Approved Consent Item 1 / Unanimous Vote 7:0

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

Closed Session: Item 2

- 2. Air Pollution Control Officer's Performance Evaluation (Closed Session).** *Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1), the Placer County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors held a closed session to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), Erik White, for the period June 11, 2021 through the present. After adjournment of the closed session, Chair Silhi reported that no action was taken as a result of the closed session.*

Action: Item 3

- 3. California Assembly Bill 2878 (Aguiar-Curry 2022) Co-sponsorship.** *Authorized the District, in coordination with the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), to become a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill (AB) 2878, by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, which will encourage a more coordinated state response to the management of forest biomass from forest management projects.*

Ms. Christiana Darlington, District Counsel presented the District's proposal to co-sponsor AB 2878 (Assembly member Aguiar-Curry), in partnership with Rural Counties Representatives of California. Ms. Darlington explained that the primary aim of the bill is to encourage a more coordinated state response to the management of forest biomass from forest management projects. She noted that AB 2878 defines forest biomass waste as forest biomass that is removed for wildfire mitigation, to reduce the risks to public safety or infrastructure from falling trees, creation of defensible space, or for forest restoration projects.

Ms. Darlington outlined key components of the bill, which include:

- Amending existing law on CARB report requirements and incorporating Forest Carbon Plan and Short Lived Climate Pollutants Plan into future CARB Scoping Plan updates;
- Establishing a Wood Utilization Program at the Board of Forestry's Joint Institute for Wood Products;
- Providing direction to California's Natural Resources Agency;
- Directing the California Energy Commission to do more with Biomass;
- Providing mandates related to the Public Utilities Commission.

Board members discussed and expressed support for the District's participation in AB 2878, and Director Alvord noted that he will pursue the City of Roseville providing a support letter for the bill.

Motion: Alvord/Holmes

Action: Approved Action Item 3 / Vote 5:0 with 2 abstentions

Ayes: Duncan/Janda/Weygandt/Holmes/Alvord

Noes: None

Abstentions: Silhi/Burruss

Information: Items 4-6

- 4. Sacramento Regional Ozone State Implementation Plan Update.** *No action was requested. District staff provided an update regarding the current status of the Sacramento Regional Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standards.*

Mr. Yushuo Chang provided an update regarding the current State Implementation Plan (SIP) status of the 2015 Ozone standard for the Sacramento Region. He first explained that the SIP is an air quality plan required by the Clean Air Act for nonattainment areas, which is usually developed by state or local air quality management agencies to demonstrate how the nonattainment area can attain and/or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by the attainment deadline. Mr. Chang also showed a map of the Sacramento

Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area (SFNA), which includes all of Sacramento county and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Solano, and Yolo counties.

Mr. Chang then focused specifically on the 2015 federal 8 hour average ozone standard, which was revised to .070 parts per million (ppm) on October 1, 2015. He noted that on August 4, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) classified the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA) with a classification of “moderate”, with an attainment deadline in August 2024. Because the proposed 2015 standard attainment deadline was earlier than the 2008 standard attainment deadline (July 2025), the SFNA air districts requested to change the SFNA classification to “Serious”, to provide an additional 3 years to attain the standard (August 2027). This was approved by US EPA in October 2021.

Mr. Chang further explained, however, that the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB’s) latest photochemical modeling results indicate that the SFNA would not meet the attainment deadline for the “Serious” classification, unless substantial emissions reductions could be obtained. Therefore, the SFNA air districts are proposing to change the SFNA classification again, to “Severe-15”, to provide six additional years to meet the standard.

Mr. Chang detailed the initial and revised modeling results, showing how many tons per day (tpd) of emissions would need to be reduced to meet the “Serious” classification’s attainment deadline. He noted that the required emissions reductions far exceed what is possible in the SFNA.

Mr. Chang explained that the change in classification to “Severe-15” will require additional items in the SIP and in local air district regulations. Therefore, the SFNA air districts do not expect to meet the August 2022 deadline to submit the State Implementation Plan to US EPA.

No Action – Information Item.

- 5. Audit Report for The Two Years Ended June 30, 2021.** *No action was requested. District Staff provided the results of the statutorily required audit of District records and accounts for the two fiscal years that ended June 30, 2021.*

Ms. Maria Swan presented the results of the District’s independent audit for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2021. Ms. Swan stated that special districts are required by California Government Code Section 26909 to complete an audit of records and accounts, and that District Board Resolution #96-26 (1996) approved the replacement of an annual audit with a biennial audit. She described the reports provided by the audit, including the Independent Auditor’s Reports, Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Basic Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information, and noted that this audit can be reviewed on the District’s website (www.placerair.org).

Ms. Swan provided an overview of the sections of the audit report and noted that the auditor did not identify any significant audit findings or issues.

No Action – Information Item.

- 6. Overview of the Regional Spare the Air Program.** *No action was requested. District Staff provided an overview of the Regional Spare the Air Program for the upcoming 2022 ozone season.*

Ms. Ann Hobbs presented an overview of the regional Spare the Air Program, which is managed by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for the air districts in the Sacramento federal ozone nonattainment area. The District provides a match to the funding for the program. The program is aimed at reducing summertime air pollution, providing information to the public about air quality forecasts and ozone pollution's health effects, and reducing driving on days when unhealthy air is predicted. Daily Spare the Air alerts are sent to subscribers via e-mail, and daily forecasts are updated on the Spare the Air website and mobile application. Alerts are also made as necessary through electronic roadway billboards, and television and radio commercials, based on budget and media availability. The website, at www.sparetheair.com, also provides resources for current conditions, ozone maps, historical data, and wildfire smoke support. The program also provides outreach in the form of social media, and printed materials that are distributed by Spare the Air partners and at events at which Scooter, the Spare the Air mascot, participates.

No Action – Information Item.

Air Pollution Control Officer Report

A. General APCO Updates

Mr. White announced that he has been appointed as California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's vice president. He also informed the Board about the upcoming State of the Air Report, which is annually issued by the American Lung Association (ALA), noting that the District continues to have concerns about the ALA's methodology and lack of context.

B. Legislative/State Update

Mr. White discussed several bills that are working their way through the legislature, including Senate Bill (SB) 1109, a biomass procurement bill, and AB 2836, which reauthorizes Moyer and AB 923 programs for 9 more years. He also noted that the state budget is moving forward, and the District continues to advocate for incentive and implementation funding.

C. Cap-to-Cap Update

Mr. White discussed the annual Cap-to-Cap conference, which begins on April 30th, mentioning that District Directors Alyssa Silhi and Trinity Burruss are both attending on the air quality team. He and Trinity Burruss will also be participating on the wildfire sub-team.

D. Incentive Program Update

Mr. White shared information about the District's Clean Air Grant program and the upcoming application period, April 1st through May 31st, noting that projects will be selected for funding by July 31st. He also informed the Board that the woodstove replacement program is accepting applications, that a new web page has been launched,

and that additional outreach efforts will be beginning soon. He also provided an update on the District's Community Air Protection Program. Mr. White announced a new District web page for information regarding various funding opportunities available to the public, including helpful links to other agencies' websites.

E. Clean Air Awareness Week

Mr. White discussed Air Quality Awareness Week, which is from May 2nd through May 6th, the various daily themes, the District's new air quality flag program, and an article featured on the Air Quality Awareness Week website, which communicates helpful resources during smoke impacts.

F. Fiscal update – financial report was provided at meeting

Ms. Maria Swan provided a budget update to the Board.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Shannon Harroun

Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved by Board of Directors:

Shannon Harroun

Clerk of the Board

6/9/2022

Date