



**MINUTES**  
**PCAPCD Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 2:30 PM**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers**  
**175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603**  
**and Via Zoom Meeting ID: 947-7673-8252**

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**Zoom Meeting Information:**

Zoom Meeting link: <https://placer-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94776738252>

Meeting ID: 947-7673-8252

Via telephone: (877) 853-5247 (Toll Free)

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met for a regular meeting at 2:30 PM, Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California.

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 via Zoom teleconference: Scott Alvord, Daniel Berlant, Trinity Burruss, Jeff Duncan, Suzanne Jones, and Alyssa Silhi. The following members were in attendance at the Board of Supervisors Chambers: Jim Holmes and Robert Weygandt. A quorum was established.

Representing the District were: Erik White, Air Pollution Control Officer; Adam Baughman, Deputy Air pollution Control Officer; Maria Swan, Administrative & Fiscal Officer; Yushuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Section Manager; Molly Johnson, Air Quality Specialist; Emmanuel Orozco, Senior Air Quality Engineer; Christiana Darlington, District Counsel; Russell Moore, I.T. Technician; and Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board.

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of Meeting's Public Participation Procedures**

**Approval of Minutes:** April 8, 2021 and June 10, 2021

**Motion:** Holmes/Berlant

**Action:** Approved Minutes / Unanimous Vote 8:0

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

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments received during the public comment period.

**Consent: Item 1**

- 1. Amendment to Integrated Communications Strategies LLC Contract for Community Engagement and Strategic Advisory Services.** *Authorized the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to negotiate and execute an amendment to the District's contract with Integrated Communication Strategies LLC, for community engagement and strategic advisory services, to extend the contract end date to 6/30/23; to approve funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 not to exceed \$40,000, as provided for in the FY 2021-22 proposed Final Budget; and to recognize potential future funding, not to exceed \$20,000, needed for these services, contingent upon approval by the Board in its Final FY 2022-23 Budget.*

**Motion: Holmes/Burruss**

**Action: Approved Consent Item 1 / Unanimous Vote 8:0**

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

**Public Hearing / Action: Items 2 and 3**

- 2. Proposed Final FY 2021-22 Budget Public Hearing and Approval.** *Conducted a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing the District's FY 2021-22 Proposed Final Budget; and adopted Resolution #21-07, thereby approving the District's Final Budget for FY 2021-22.*

Chair Weygandt opened the public hearing for the District's Proposed Final FY 21-22 Budget. Ms. Maria Swan then presented the Proposed Budget for FY 21-22. She first explained an administrative change to the budget, which is that past and current obligations for professional services contracts, Clean Air Grants and other incentive programs will now be included in full within their respective budgeted line items. This is to accommodate the method WorkDay uses for budget tracking. Ms. Swan stated that the final proposed FY 21-22 budget is \$14,896,006, which is a 25% increase from last year's FY 20-21 budget; she noted that part of this increase is due to including the obligations in full in the budgeted line items. Ms. Swan provided details of budgeted FY 21-22 revenues and expenses. She also explained proposed changes to the District's assigned (reserve) funds.

Director Alvord asked for an explanation of the increase in "burn, land and other permits" revenue. Ms. Swan explained that the increase is due to the increase in permit fees, as well as expected settlement funds from the District's James Day case, of which a portion is pass through, as the District pays half of this settlement to another air district.

There were no public comments received during this public hearing.

**Motion: Holmes/Jones**

**Action: Approved Item 2 / Unanimous Vote 8:0**

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

- 3. Amendment of District Rule 502, New Source Review.** *Conducted a Public Hearing for the proposed amendment of Rule 502, New Source Review; adopted Resolution #21-08, thereby approving the text of amended Rule 502, New Source Review, as shown in Exhibit I to the Resolution; and directed the APCO to forward the amended Rule 502, New Source Review, and all necessary supporting documents to the California Air Resources Board for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a requested revision to the State Implementation Plan.*

Chair Weygandt opened the public hearing for the amendment of District Rule 502, New Source Review. Mr. Emmanuel Orozco presented the proposed amendment to Rule 502. He first introduced the rule, explaining that the New Source Review rule provides requirements for the review of new and modified stationary sources of air pollution through regulatory mechanisms by which permits for these sources are issued, without interfering with the attainment or maintenance of ambient air quality standards. He further stated that the New

Source Review program is included as part of a federally required air quality plan, known as the State Implementation Plan or “SIP”, which is compiled by the California Air Resources Board and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval, as required by the Federal Clean Air Act. Mr. Orozco provided the rule’s history and detailed the proposed amendments to the rule, which were developed in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 and reviewed by California Air Resources Board staff.

There were no public comments received during this public hearing.

**Motion: Holmes/Silhi**

**Action: Approved Item 3 / Unanimous Vote 8:0**

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

**Action: Items 4 and 5**

- 4. Amendment of “Review of Land Use Projects under CEQA” Policy.** *Adopted the amended Review of Land Use Projects under CEQA Policy (Policy); and directed District staff to use the principles articulated in the Policy to review and provide comment on environmental documents prepared by lead agencies.*

Mr. Yushuo Chang provided the history and background of the Policy, then introduced District Counsel, Christiana Darlington to present the rationale for proposing this amendment. Ms. Darlington noted that the impetus for implementing this amendment was a recent California court ruling in the case, Golden Door Properties LLC v. County of San Diego, with regards to the use of offset credit mechanisms to mitigate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from land use projects. Ms. Darlington detailed the case and ruling and clarified how they will affect future CEQA determinations for GHG emission impacts. Mr. Chang then described the specific resulting revisions to the GHG offsite mitigation aspects of the Policy, including how to implement an offsite mitigation measure for GHG impacts, and options for developers to implement GHG offsite mitigation. He also outlined the District’s public outreach efforts and comments received regarding the proposed amendment.

Ms. Angel Green, Senior Planner with Placer County’s Community Development Resource Agency, thanked District staff for reaching out to the County Planning Division for feedback, and for the public workshop held. She expressed the support of County staff of this proposed amendment and stated that the modifications recommended by District staff will help to inform County staff as they develop the criteria for CEQA GHG mitigation requirements for offsite mitigation projects, and for the project selection criteria as part of the development of the offset program.

**Motion: Holmes/Alvord**

**Action: Approved Item 4 / Unanimous Vote 8:0**

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

- 5. Implementation of the Wood Stove Replacement Incentive Program with District and Other Grant Funds in a Cooperative Partnership with the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District.** *Adopted Resolution #21-09, thereby (1) authorizing the District to continue to implement the Wood Stove Replacement Incentive Program (Program) with District and other grant funds; (2) authorizing the redirection of a portion of Placer County's funds from the Environmental Protection Agency Targeted Airshed Grant (EPA TAG) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) grant to the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (EDCAQMD), to implement the Program in Placer County on the District's behalf; and (3) authorizing the APCO to negotiate, sign, and amend as needed, any agreements and contracts related to implementation of the Program for Placer County residents.*

Ms. Molly Johnson presented information regarding the District's Wood Stove Replacement Incentive Program and the District's request to continue implementation of the Program County-wide. She provided a history of previous California state funding and implementation of wood stove replacements, which offer a monetary incentive for approved applicants to replace their old, high particulate matter producing, uncertified wood stoves, inserts, or fireplaces with a clean-burning certified stove, insert or heating appliance. She noted that the District is recommending the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District continue to administer the Program in Placer County on behalf of the District, as EDCAQMD has successfully and cost effectively implemented the Program on behalf of Placer County over the last 2 years; 76 changeouts have been approved for Placer County to date, with 36 of those benefitting low income households or communities. She identified the additional funding sources proposed by the District for the Program, due to lack of confirmation of future funds from California Air Resources Board. These funding sources include the U.S. EPA Targeted Airshed Grant, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency grant, and District settlement funds.

Director Holmes asked how someone from Placer County would apply for these funds. Ms. Johnson responded that they would contact the EDCAQMD. Director Holmes also asked how it is determined if a wood stove qualifies for the replacement Program. Ms. Johnson explained that the wood stoves are required to be labeled as to their U.S. EPA certification. Once the application has been submitted and screened, District staff verify by inspection that the wood stove is eligible for replacement under the Program.

**Motion: Holmes/Duncan**

**Action: Approved Item 5 / Unanimous Vote 8:0**

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

### **Air Pollution Control Officer Report**

General APCO Updates:

- 2021 CAG Program

Mr. Erik White shared the results of the Clean Air Grant solicitation period which closed on June 1, 2021, noting that \$1.4 million in total funding is available, 21 applications were received, and 11 projects were selected for grant funding. District staff will provide a more in-depth update of the CAG program at the October 14, 2021 Board meeting.

- Community Air Protection Program  
Mr. White stated that funding for this incentive program has not yet been appropriated by the State legislature, and it is unclear when that may happen. The District budget anticipates an allocation similar to what we've received in the past, at \$1.1 million. Dependent on funding, the District is planning targeted engagement with the community this fall, and a joint solicitation with Clean Air Grants in Spring 2022.
- Wildfire Response  
Mr. White provided an overview of the District's response and activities regarding this year's wildfire season, including air quality advisories issued in close coordination with Placer County Health and Human Services; summary assessments developed by District staff to track trends and current PM 2.5 levels; and coordination with the National Weather Service on smoke forecasts. He encouraged use of the U.S. EPA's AirNow website at <https://fire.airnow.gov> for the latest smoke and air quality conditions. He also noted the significant press interest, locally, regionally and nationally, on wildfires, smoke, and the District's efforts.

**Meeting Adjournment: 3:55 pm**

**Minutes for this meeting will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 14, 2021, at 2:30 pm**

**Minutes prepared by:**

*Shannon Harroun*

Shannon Harroun, Clerk of the Board

**Minutes approved by Board of Directors:**

Attest: *Shannon Harroun*  
Clerk of the Board

10/14/2021

Date