TAMI RITTER, CHAIR
Supervisor, District #3

TOD KIMMELSHUE, VICE CHAIR
Supervisor, District #4

BILL CONNELLY
Supervisor, District #1

PETER DURFEE
Supervisor, District #2

DOUG TEETER
Supervisor, District #5

ANITA WILKS
Councilmember, Biggs

BRYCE GOLDSTEIN
Councilmember, Chico

BRUCE JOHNSON
Vice Mayor, Gridley

ERIC SMITH
Vice Mayor, Oroville

RON LASSONDE
Councilmember, Paradise

STEPHEN ERTLE
Air Pollution Control Officer

PATRICK LUCEY
Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer

Draft Minutes of the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors Meeting of September 24, 2026

Members Present:	
Bill Connelly	Supervisor, District 1
Peter Durfee	Supervisor, District 2
Tami Ritter	Supervisor, District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor, District 4
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember, Chico
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember, Gridley
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember, Paradise

Members Absent:	
Doug Teeter	Supervisor, District 5
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor, Oroville
Anita Wilks	Councilmember, Biggs

Staff Present:	
Stephen Ertle	Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)
Patrick Lucey	Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer (AAPCO)
Aleah Ing	Administrative Services Officer, (ASO)
Kelly Towne	Clerk of the Board

Staff Remote:	
Riley Peacock	Air Quality Engineer, II
Samuel Nassie	Air Quality Compliance Officer II

Others Present:	
Henri Castro	SDRMA

Public comments are accepted before and during the meeting by emailing ktowne@bcaqmd.org.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**
   Chair Tami Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.

2. **Additions and Deletions to the Consent or Regular Agenda.**
   No additions or deletions.

Agenda Item 3.1

3. Consent Agenda.

3.1 Minutes of August 27, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
3.2 Activity Report on Butte County Air Quality Management District Activities.
3.3 Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
3.4 Status Report on Calendar of Events.
3.5 Status Report on Communications.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

Board comments: None.
Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kimmelshue and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Kimmelshue(motion), Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Johnson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter, Councilmember Wilks, and Vice Mayor Smith.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

4. Items removed from the Consent Agenda for Board consideration and actions.

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. PERS 2025 Actuarial Report.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive report and accept CalPERS Annual Valuation reports ending June 30, 2025, and the CalPERS CEPPT Trust Account Summary report as of June 30, 2025.

The PERS 2025 Actuarial Report was presented by Aleah Ing, Administrative Services Officer.

Board comments: Discussion ensued.
Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Connelly and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to receive and accept CalPERS Annual Valuation reports ending June 30, 2025, and the CalPERS CEPPT Trust Account Summary report as of June 30, 2025.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor Connelly(motion), Supervisor Kimmelshue, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Johnson.
NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter, Councilmember Wilks, and Vice Mayor Smith.

6. Public Hearing - Rule 509 Subject Research Fees and Hourly Rate.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Following a Public Hearing, accept comments and approve the proposed amendments to Rule 509 - Subject Research Fees and Hourly Rate and the Resolution of Adoption.

Rule 509 Subject Research Fees and Hourly Rate report was presented by Stephen Ertle, APCO.

Open Public Hearing: 10:45 a.m.
Close Public Hearing: 10:48 a.m.

Board comments: Discussion ensued.
Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kimmelshue and seconded by Councilmember Lassonde to approve the proposed amendments to Rule 509 - Subject Research Fees and Hourly Rate and the Resolution of Adoption.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee, Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Kimmelshue(motion), Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Lassonde(second), and Vice Mayor Johnson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter, Councilmember Wilks, and Vice Mayor Smith.

7. FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendments.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve proposed budget transfers and amendments.

The FY2026-2027 Budget Amendments report was presented by Aleah Ing, Administrative Services Officer.

Board comments: None.
Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goldstein and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to Approve the FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendments.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Kimmelshue, Councilmember Goldstein(motion), Councilmember Lassonde, and Vice Mayor Johnson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter, Councilmember Wilks, and Vice Mayor Smith.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. **2026 Special District Risk Management Association – Excellence in Safety Award – Worker's Compensation.**
ACTION REQUESTED:
Receive presentation and file the 2026 SDRMA Excellence in Safety Award.

The 2026 Special District Risk Management Association Excellence in Safety Aware was presented by Stephen Ertle, APCO and Henri Castro, SDRMA.

Board comments: Discussion ensued.
Public comments: None.

9. **APCO Report.**
ACTION REQUESTED:
None. This Item is provided for information and discussion.

Board comments: Discussion ensued.
Public comments: None.

9. **Other Business.** No other business was presented.

10. **Public Comment Period.** Any person may address the Board of Directors on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not on the agenda for this meeting. Any person may address the Board on an agendized item when that time is called. The Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limits their presentation to five (5) minutes.

11. **Adjourn to Closed Session.**
There was no Closed Session.

13. **The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Butte County Association of Governments Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.**

Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer
Butte County Air Quality Management District

I hereby attest that this is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on September 24, 2026.

ATTEST: Kelly Towne
Kelly Towne, Clerk of the Governing Board

Attachment 1

APCO Notes

September 2026 APCO Notes

Butte County Air Quality Management District

FEDERAL

- **Prescribed Fire / Exceptional Events:** EPA is emphasizing use of the Exceptional Events Rule for qualifying prescribed-fire impacts and has released tools intended to streamline demonstrations, which may make it easier for districts to address prescribed-fire-influenced monitoring data in NAAQS determinations.

STATE

- **Community Air Protection Funding:** The 2026-27 State Budget provides $150 million General Fund for the Community Air Protection Program (AB 617), creating potential funding opportunities that may benefit local air districts.
- **GGRF / Cap-and-Invest:** The State Budget allocates approximately $3.1 billion from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and includes additional funding for zero-emission vehicle incentives and forest-health-related programs.
- **"Leno Law" SB 1392:** Governor Newsom signed into law the Bill that expands exemptions to smog requirements for certain classic cars.

LOCAL

- **2027 EPA Sampling Schedule:** EPA has issued the 2027 NAAQS sampling calendar for state and local air programs; the District should incorporate the applicable 3-day, 6-day, or 12-day schedule into monitoring operations and planning.

CAPCOA

- **SWEEG Exceptional Events Workshop - November 3:** The South West Exceptional Events Group workshop will include CAPCOA discussion of prescribed fire, EPA exceptional-events tools and updates, and a local/state/tribal/EPA roundtable; in-person and virtual attendance are available.