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STEPHEN ERTL
Air Pollution Control Officer

PATRICK LUCEY
Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer

Minutes of the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors Meeting on June 22, 2023

Members Present:

Bill Connelly	Supervisor, District 1
Peter Durfee	Supervisor, District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor, District 5
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor, Oroville
Chuck Nuchols	Councilmember, Biggs
Addison Winslow	Councilmember, Chico
Angel Calderon	Councilmember, Gridley
Rose Tryon	Vice Mayor, Town of Paradise

Members Absent:

Tami Ritter	Supervisor, District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor, District 4

Staff Present:

Stephen Ertle	Air Pollution Control Officer
Aleah Ing	Administrative Services Officer
Kelly Towne	Board Clerk

Staff Remote:

Jason Mandy	Senior Planner
David Campbell	Air Quality Compliance Specialist II
Patrick Lucey	Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer
Ursula Parker	Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting using Zoom. Public comments were accepted before and during the meeting by emailing ktowne@bcaqmd.org.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Vice Chair Calderon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.

Agenda Item 3.1

2. Additions and Deletions to the Consent or Regular Agenda.

No additions or deletions.

3. Consent Agenda.

- 3.1 Minutes of the May 25, 2023, 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 2022-2023.
- 3.4 Status Report on Calendar of Events.
- 3.5 Status Report on Communications.
- 3.6 AB 197 Emission Inventory District Grant

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

Board comments: None

Public comments: None

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

AYES: Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Durfee (Motion), Supervisor Teeter, Vice Mayor Nuchols (Seconded), Councilmember Winslow, Councilmember Calderon, Vice Mayor Tryon, Vice Mayor Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue and Supervisor Ritter

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

No items removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. Woodsmoke Reduction Program Approval

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt proposed Resolution 2023-10 authorizing District participation in the State Woodsmoke Reduction Program.

Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner, presented the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, the District has received funding for this program this year. The District has run this program multiple times and has had over 550 woodstove change outs over a 10-year period. The program has done a great job reducing particulates in the county. CARB has allocated the District \$221,898 for the program with additional funding coming from the CAP incentives the Board already approved. Jason gave an overview of the particulars of the program focusing on the way the voucher program works to change out older non-EPA certified woodstoves and replace them with newer, certified models. There are two levels of vouchers: \$1,000 and \$5,000, determined by low-income status. There are minor changes to how the program was ran before and those changes come from the state guidelines. Most notably but not limited to, natural

gas devices are now longer eligible as replacement devices, limited selection of non-catalytic devices, pellet stoves are allowed, and there are advanced voucher amounts for heat pump projects with a provision that the recipient could keep the older device in case of a power outage. The District has been working with neighboring Districts to develop the forms that will be used in the program so that neighboring Districts will have a consistent program available to residents. The District is asking for approval in the Resolution for the APCO to be able to authorize any minor changes to the working documents for the program.

Board discussion: None.

Public discussion: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Connelly and seconded by Supervisor Teeter to adopt Resolution 2023-10.

AYES: Supervisor Connelly (motion), Supervisor Durfee, Supervisor Teeter (Seconded), Vice Mayor Nuchols, Councilmember Winslow, Councilmember Calderon, Vice Mayor Tryon, Vice Mayor Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue and Supervisor Ritter

6. Current Grant Project Summary Report

ACTION REQUESTED: None, this item is provided for information and discussion.

Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner presented a brief summary of the District's current grant programs. The report contains the Administrative Grants that help fund some of the District's programs. The District has the Carl Moyer Program, the FARMER program, and the CAP incentives program.

Board Discussion: Vice Mayor Tryon requested an explanation of the eligibility differences between the Carl Moyer program and the FARMER program. Jason explained that FARMER projects are agriculturally based and are either in the field, first point of processing or transportation from the field to the first point of processing. Secondary processing equipment is not eligible. The Carl Moyer program funds any heavy-duty piece of equipment and has a wider range of eligibility. Councilmember inquired about who received the zero-emission school bus in CAP Year 3, which was Chico Unified School District. APCO Ertle clarified that the zero-emission school buses have either green or blue bumpers or they can choose regular bumpers, so they blend in.

Public Comments: None.

7. The Board is asked to consider Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Following a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, accept comments and,
2. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to the Final Projected Budget and,
3. Adopt implementing Resolution 2023-07 Adopting the Final Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and,
4. Adopt implementing Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing Contracted Legal Services.

Aleah Ing, Administrative Services Officer presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for approval. District staff are proposing a budget of \$4,343,394, with over half of this amount, \$2,219,864, passing through as Grant funds. The

California CPI from April to April was 4.2% and per District Rule 509, the District's hourly rate is adjusted to the California CPI annually per budget amendment and the new rate will be \$101.73. The budget proposes a change in the original proposed budget for FY 23-24 to move funds from the software and subscription account earmarked for programming improvements to the District's Ag Burn tracking software into the professional services account to allow more flexibility. The professional services account does include funds for a class and comp study which was last conducted in 2006 and is recommended by the District's insurance company, to be completed every 5 years as a best practice and for transparency. The study has not been conducted since 2006. After the State finalizes their budget in preparation for the FY 22-23 audit, the District anticipates budget amendments to be brought for approval.

Board discussion: Vice Mayor asked for clarification on the transfer. It was explained that the part of the budget being transferred is for consulting services for the Ag burn software and the category that they are being transferred to does allow for the funds to be used for other types of consulting. Supervisor Connelly wanted to comment that he couldn't believe that the CPI was that low. APCO Ertle stated that is the California CPI from April to April that the District is required to use.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee to approve items 1-4 and was seconded by Supervisor Connelly.

AYES: Supervisor Connelly (Seconded), Supervisor Durfee (Motion), Supervisor Teeter, Vice Mayor Nuchols, Councilmember Winslow, Councilmember Calderon, Vice Mayor Tryon, Vice Mayor Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue and Supervisor Ritter

8. **APCO Report**

ACTION REQUESTED: None, this item is provided for information and discussion.

Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer presented his report to the Board on the Federal, State, and local scene. On the Federal scene, CAPCOA reached out to the East Coast on the recent wildfires to offer assistance. Local Districts also provided assistance on how to navigate air quality during a wildfire event. EPA is hosting a webinar on Title V laws and regulations that staff will be attending to help ensure District compliance. We are still awaiting a response from EPA 9 and have not gotten any updates; it will still be 90 days from the response before the program starts so that the District has adequate time to notify all parties. At the State level it is noted that there are possible FARMER funds available and AB617 funding is proposed to be increased. CAPCOA sent an opposition letter for AB985 which would put a sunset date on Emissions Credits and those credits would eventually expire. This bill is specific to the San Joaquin Valley and there are concerns it could move to other areas. New language changes to grants were questioned by CAPCOA and those changes have been addressed. CAPCOA is working with CARB on flyovers that had led to enforcement by CARB without District knowledge. Locally, the District worked in conjunction with Butte County Public Health to release the annual Wildfire Preparedness Press Release to help the residents of Butte County to be prepared. The District held the first merchant training for the Lawn and Garden Program.

Board discussion: Councilmember Calderon questioned why there still is discussion of Asbestos in Butte County. APCO Ertle explained that it is from construction demolition of older buildings, there are requirements for containment so that the particles do not get released into the air. It is a reporting program that the District must administer. Vice Mayor Tryon asked about the status of the Biomass Conference. APCO stated that the save the date is being completed and believes that the date is the first week in October in Winters.
Public comments: None.

9. **Other Business.** None.
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.** Conference with Labor negotiators.
12. **Report From Closed Session.** Labor negotiators have concluded their discussion and will reach out to the Employee's Association by June 30, 2023.
13. **The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2023, 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 June 22, 2023.



ATTEST: _____
Kelly Towne, Clerk of the Governing Board