Amended Minutes of the  
Butte County Air Quality Management District  
Governing Board of Directors Meeting of  
January 28, 2021

Members Present:  
Doug Teeter  Supervisor, District 5  
Bill Connelly  Supervisor, District 1  
Tod Kimmelshue  Supervisor, District 4  

Remote:  
Tami Ritter  Supervisor, District 3  
Debra Lucero  Supervisor, District 2  
John Busch  Vice Mayor, Biggs  
Alex Brown  Councilmember, Chico  
Angel Calderon  Councilmember, Gridley  
Rose Tryon  Councilmember, Town of Paradise  

Members Absent:  
Chuck Reynolds  Mayor, City of Oroville  

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was closed to public attendance. Public comments were accepted before and during the meeting by emailing ccollins@bcagqmd.org.

1. Call to Order. 
Pro Tem Chair Teeter called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the BCAG Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, California.

Roll Call.
PRESENT: Teeter, Connelly, Kimmelshue
REMOTE: Ritter, Lucero, Busch, Brown, Calderon, Tyron
ABSENT: Reynolds


ACTION REQUESTED: Exiting Chair Teeter, named as Chair Pro Tem, to oversee the election of a Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2021.

A motion was made by Supervisor Connelly and seconded by Supervisor Lucero to elect Supervisor Ritter as Chair for calendar year 2021.

Motion carries by the following vote:
AYES: Teeter, Connelly (Motion), Kimmelshue, Ritter, Lucero (Seconded), Busch, Brown, Calderon, Tyron
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Reynolds

Supervisor Connelly amended his motion to nominate Supervisor Lucero as Vice Chair and Supervisor Kimmelshue seconded the motion.

Motion carries by the following vote:
AYES: Teeter, Connelly (Motion), Kimmelshue (Seconded), Ritter, Lucero, Busch, Brown, Calderon, Tyron
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Reynolds

Supervisor Ritter served as the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Teeter left the meeting and joined by phone at 10:15.

3. Recognize Leaving Board Members and Welcome to New Board Members.

Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer, recognized Leaving Board Member - Mayor Ann Schwab.

Ann Schwab shared a few words.

Stephen Ertle also recognized Leaving Board Members: Councilmember Angela Thompson, Supervisor Steve Lambert, Councilmember Quintin Crye, Vice Mayor Jones who will now serve as the Paradise Alternate, Councilmember Scott Huber, Chico Alternates, and Councilmember Melissa Schuster, Paradise Alternates.

He welcomed New Board Members: Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, Vice Mayor John Busch, Biggs Representative and Alternate Jerome Squires, Councilmember Alex Brown, Chico Representative and Alternate Vice Mayor Kasey Reynolds, Councilmember Angel Calderon, Gridley Representative, Councilmember Rose Tryon, Paradise Representative and Alternate Vice Mayor Jones. Mayor Chuck Reynolds, Oroville Representative and Alternate Scott Thomson will serve as until a selection is made.

4. Additions and Deletions to the Consent Agenda.
There were no additions or deletions to the Consent Agenda.

5. Consent Agenda.

5.1 Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors.
5.2 Activity Report on Butte County Air Quality Management District Activities.
5.4 Status Report on Calendar of Events.
5.5 Status Report on Communications.
5.6 Resolutions of Appreciation - Recognizing Staff Tenure with the District.
5.7 Meeting Schedule for 2021.
5.8 Rule Adoption Schedule for 2021.
5.9 December 24, 2020 Office Closure in Accordance with Presidential Executive Order and Employee MOU.
5.10 Letter of Support for BCAG’s FY 2021-22 Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant Application for North Valley Passenger Rail Extension to Butte County.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

There were no Board or public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Supervisor Connelly to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Brown and Supervisor Kimmelshue abstained from Item 5.1 Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion carries by the following vote:
AYES: Connelly (Seconded), Kimmelshue, Ritter, Lucero, Teeter, Busch, Brown (Motion), Calderon, Tyron
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Brown, Kimmelshue abstained from Item 5.1 Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors
ABSENT: Reynolds

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

None

7. Consider Appointing an Executive Committee. Appointment by Board Chair of the Executive Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Chair to appoint one (1) member to serve with the Chair and Vice Chair on the Executive Committee.

Chair Ritter asked if a board member was interested in serving on the Executive Committee. Councilmember Brown volunteered. Chair Ritter appointed Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Tryon to serve on the Executive Committee. Chair Ritter appointed Supervisor Kimmelshue, Councilmember Calderon and herself to serve on the Board Protocol Committee.
8. **Consider Appointing a Budget and Finance Committee.** Appointment by Board Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Chair to appoint two (2) members to serve as the Budget and Finance Committee.

Chair Ritter asked if two (2) board members were interested in serving on the Budget and Finance Committee. Supervisor Lucero and Councilmember Tryon volunteered. Chair Ritter appointed Supervisor Lucero and Councilmember Tryon to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee.

9. **Consider Appointing a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council.** Appointment by Board Chair of a representative and alternate to the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council (BCC) for calendar year 2021.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Chair to appoint one (1) Primary and one (1) Alternate to represent the District on the BCC.

Chair Ritter requested to be the BCC Primary Representative and ask for a volunteer for the Alternate representative. Councilmember Tryon volunteered. Chair Ritter appointed Councilmember Tryon to serve as the Alternate.

10. **APCO Report.** Report from the Air Pollution Control Officer on current areas of potential interest to your Board, including air quality-related activities at the local, state, and federal scenes.

Stephen Ertle, APCO, reported on the following:

**Local Scene:**
- Changes to District staffing: Robyn Sousa retired, internal promotions were made leaving a vacancy for the Administrative Technician position, a candidate is scheduled to start on Monday.
- Check Before You Light update - Butte County experienced overall clean air. One (1) advisory was issued for Chico and no advisories for Gridley and Paradise, two (2) exceedances of the 24-hour PM on December 20th in Chico and November 20th in Gridley.

**State Scene:**
- CARB appointed new chair Liane M. Randolph, who previously served as the Commissioner at the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Staff continue to work with CARB & CAPCOA

**Federal Scene:**
- EPA nominated a new Administrator, and 23 leading agricultural groups support this nomination. Staff expect more changes with the new administration.

Board discussion.

Councilmember Calderon asked, What is an advisory? Jason Mandly provided an explanation.

Supervisor Ritter requested an update on woodsmoke reduction program. Jason Mandly replied that currently the woodsmoke reduction program is not funded but there may be ways to fund a woodstove replacement through other grants.
Councilmember Calderon asked if there were advisories for pesticides. Stephen Ertle replied that the Ag Commissioner has authority over pesticide applications and would provide Councilmember Calderon with the Ag Commissioner’s contact information.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** None. This item is provided for information and discussion.

No public comment.

9. **Other Business.**

No other business.

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. **The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Butte County Association of Governments Board Room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.**