Minutes of the
Butte County Air Quality Management District
Governing Board of Directors Meeting of
March 25, 2021

Members Present:
Bill Connelly Supervisor, District 1	Staff Present:
Tod Kimmelshue Supervisor, District 4	Stephen Ertle Air Pollution Control Officer
Doug Teeter Supervisor, District 5	Cora Collins Clerk of the Board
John Busch Vice Mayor, Biggs	Remote:

Remote:
Tami Ritter Supervisor, District 3
Debra Lucero Supervisor, District 2
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@bcaqmd.org.

1. Call to Order.
Chair Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the BCAG Conference Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, California.
Roll Call.
PRESENT: Connelly, Kimmelshue, Teeter, Busch.
ABSENT: Reynolds.

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

Stephen Ertle, APCO, requested that Item 8 Emergency Paid Sick Leave (ESPL) & Extended Family and Medical Leave (EFLMA) Benefits from American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 be removed from the Regular Agenda. This item will be considered at next month's meeting.

No additions or deletions from the Board or the public.

3. Consent Agenda.

3.1 Minutes of the February 25, 2021 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 2020-2021.
3.4 Status Report on Calendar of Events.
3.5 Status Report on Communications.
3.6 AB197 Emission Inventory District Grant Resolution.
3.7 Letter of Support for BCAG 2021 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

No Board or public comments.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lucero and seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

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

5. Community Air Protection Support Grant. District staff propose funding Community Air Protection (CAP) Support Grants using AB617 Implementation funds to help further the goals of AB617 and the Community Air Protection Program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the release of an RFP and application requesting projects from local community groups, public entities, and businesses. Approve budget amendment.

Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner, requested approval of Community Air Protection (CAP) Support Grant (CAP Support Grant) and associated budget amendments. The CAP Support Grant is a new grant program and different
from the Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentive Grant. The goal of AB617 is to reduce pollution or exposure to pollution in disadvantaged or low-income communities. Funding for the CAP Support Grant will come from the AB617 Implementation Funds. A month-long Request for Proposals (RFP) will request the community, businesses, and agencies to identify projects that are important to them to reduce air pollution or exposure to air pollution. Priority will go to disadvantaged communities, then low-income communities, then offered to other communities. Grant amounts would range from $500 to $15,000 with a total of $75,000. Projects will be brought before the Board for approval.

Board discussion: Who is eligible? Non-profit organizations, schools, small business. Examples projects: projects that promote active (walking, biking, etc.) or shared transportation, urban forest health, projects promoting zero-emission technology and electrification, alternatives to open burning, projects to reduce wildfire risk or reducing exposure to wildfire smoke, installing a low-cost particulate sensor for a community location. The Board requested an email notification of the RFP release.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lucero and seconded by Councilmember Calderon to approve the release of an RFP and application requesting projects from local community groups, public entities, and businesses. Approve budget amendment.

No public comments.

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

6. Annual Air Quality Report including 2020-2021 Check Before You Light Season. District staff to provide the Annual Air Quality Summary for 2020 and report on the 2020-2021 Check Before You Light Program season.

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

Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner, reviewed the 2020 Annual Air Quality Summary and the 2020-2021 Check Before You Light Program. Air quality was heavily impacted by the wildfires in August through October, causing exceedances. The District is working with CARB and U.S. EPA to flag and report wildfire impacts as part of the Exceptional Events process.

Board discussion: How many complaints does the District receive annually? Stephen Ertle, APCO, referred to the Activity Report. This is a monthly report, included in the board packet. Since the State adopted the residential burning ATCM in 2003, complaints overall are trending down. The District receives less violation complaints but more nuisance complaints.

No public comments.

7. Consider Approving Determination that 2018-2020 PM2.5 Design Value Was Due to 2018 & 2020 Exceptional Events (Wildfires). Exceptional Events (wildfires) in 2018 and 2020 caused an exceedance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM2.5, triggering contingency actions in the District’s Maintenance Plan.
ACTION REQUESTED: Consider approving Resolution 2021-09 determining that the 2018-2020 PM2.5 design value was significantly impacted by exceptional events and that additional measures are not necessary to ensure attainment.

Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner, requested approval of Resolution 2021-09 determining that the 2018-2020 PM2.5 design value was significantly impacted by exceptional events and that additional measures are not necessary to ensure attainment. Exceptional Events (wildfires) in 2018 and 2020 caused an exceedance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM2.5, triggering contingency actions in the District’s Maintenance Plan.

The three-year design value for 2018-2020 is estimated to be 68 µg/m3 based on preliminary data, exceeding the NAAQS, and triggering the contingency measures in the PM2.5 maintenance plan. District staff estimate, based on preliminary data, that the three-year design value for 2018-2020 would be 28 µg/m3 excluding days impacted by exceptional events in 2018 and 2020.

Because the 2018-2020 design value would not have exceeded the NAAQS without impacts from exceptional events, and because current District outreach programs, incentive programs, and rules are expected to help the District remain in attainment with the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard, District staff recommend a determination that no additional measures are necessary to remain in attainment.

District staff will continue to work with the California Air Resources Board and U.S. EPA to report exceptional events from 2020 that may impact the Planning Area’s attainment status.

No Board or Public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tryon and seconded by Supervisor Lucero to approve Resolution 2021-09 determining that the 2018-2020 PM2.5 design value was significantly impacted by exceptional events and that additional measures are not necessary to ensure attainment.

Motion carries by the following vote:

AYES: Connelly, Lucero (Seconded), Ritter, Kimmelshue, Teeter, Busch, Brown, Calderon, Tryon (Motion).
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Reynolds.

There were no Board or Public comments.

9. 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:
- CARB is proposing a small engine emission regulation to meet zero emission target by 2035.
- The Budget and Finance Committee met on March 11th recommending a reorganization of the District’s accounts. A second meeting is scheduled for March 31st.
- Staff are preparing for Air Quality Awareness Week, May 3 to 7. Staff will have additional information for the Board at the April meeting.
• Items planned for the April 22nd meeting: Burn Program Overview Report, Reopening Plan, Public Hearing to Accept Comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

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

No Board or public comment.

10. **Other Business.**

No other business.

11. **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.

No Public comment.

12. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Butte County Association of Governments Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.

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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
March 25, 2021.

**ATTEST:** ________________
Cora Collins, Clerk of the Governing Board