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Date of Release: January 21, 2021

Board Consideration: January 28, 2021

To: Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer

Staff Contact: Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer

Re: **December 24, 2020 Office Closure in Accordance with Presidential Executive Order and Employee MOU**

ISSUE:

District office closure due to Presidential Executive Order providing for the closing of federal departments and agencies on December 24, 2020, the day before Christmas Day.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve office closure by consent.

DISCUSSION:

By Executive Order, President Trump ordered all federal government agencies to be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2020, the day before Christmas Day. The District Memorandum of Understanding with employees, states that the District shall observe a holiday when that day is "appointed by the President and/or Governor, and the Governing Board for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday, when the day is celebrated as a State or federal holiday. Based upon the President's Executive Order and our MOU, the District office was closed on Thursday, December 24, 2020.

Attachment:

Presidential Executive Order issued December 11, 2020

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Executive Order on Providing for the Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on December 24, 2020

Issued on: December 11, 2020



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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government shall be closed and their employees excused from duty on Thursday, December 24, 2020, the day before Christmas Day.

Sec. 2. The heads of executive departments and agencies may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must report for duty on December 24, 2020, for reasons of national security, defense, or other public need.

Sec. 3. December 24, 2020, shall be considered as falling within the scope of Executive Order 11582 of February 11, 1971, and of 5 U.S.C. 5546 and 6103(b) and other similar statutes insofar as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the United States.

Sec. 4. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall take such actions as may be necessary to implement this order.

Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(b) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 11, 2020.



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Re: **Letter of Support for BCAG's FY 2021-22 Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant Application for North Valley Passenger Rail Extension to Butte County**

ISSUE:

Butte County Association of Governments' Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant Application Request for Letter of Support

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve letter of support for BCAG Grant application

Attachment:

Letter of Support for BCAG's FY 2021-22 Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant Application for North Valley Passenger Rail Extension to Butte County

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January 20, 2021

Butte County Association of Governments
326 Huss Drive Suite 150
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ATTN: Jon Clark, Executive Director

Subject: Letter of Support for BCAG's FY 2021-22 Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant Application for North Valley Passenger Rail Extension to Butte County

Dear Mr. Jon Clark:

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD) supports BCAG's application for the North Valley Passenger Rail Extension to Butte County project. BCAG will partner with the San Joaquin Joint Power's Authority to analyze the needed improvements and cost to provide a critical passenger rail extension between rural northern California and the urbanized Sacramento region.

The proposed project would also remove a significant number of single-occupancy vehicles from SR 70 corridor & SR 99 corridor and make meaningful passenger rail connections in Butte County, Yuba-Sutter, Marysville, Sacramento, and connecting the state's high-speed rail system. This would result in reduced emissions of smog-forming pollutants and greenhouse gases. Butte County remains in nonattainment of federal ozone standards primarily due to vehicle emissions in urbanized areas south of Butte County. BCAG continues to invest in significant financial resources to transit and hopes the Strategic Partnership Grant recognizes and supports the request for funds.

I enthusiastically support the proposed project and the pursuit of Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning funds as they will create a critical passenger rail connection between Butte County and Sacramento. Thank you for considering the grant application.

Sincerely,

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Re: **Consider Appointing an Executive Committee**

ISSUE:

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.

DISCUSSION:

Your Board's Administrative Code, Part A, Sections 7.2 and 7.4, establishes an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is a standing committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, and past Chair or other member of the Board, as appointed by the Chair. Duties are specified in Section 7.4 of the Administrative Code. Last year, Board member Jones served on the Executive Committee.

Attachment:
AQMD Administrative Code, Part A, Section 7 Committees

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PART A, SECTION 7: COMMITTEES

7.1 Special Committee(s)

All special committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

7.2 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson of the Board, who shall be Chairperson of the Committee, the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and the last past Chairperson or a member of the Board appointed by the Chairperson shall be a standing committee of the Board of Directors.

7.3 Rotation of Committee(s)

The membership on committees shall ordinarily be rotated among the Directors so as to secure participation in the work of the District by as broad a representation as may be possible.

7.4 Duties of Executive Committee

It is the function of the Executive Committee to consider such matters of policy affecting the affairs of the District as may arise from time to time when the Board of Directors is not in session. The Executive Committee shall consult with the officers of the District and, within the scope and limitations of resolutions or other policies adopted by the Board of Directors and the Brown Act, shall implement and make more specific the policies and programs for the officers of the District and within such limits determine policies for the officers of the District. The Executive Committee shall also review the Air Pollution Control Officer's performance on an annual basis.

The Executive Committee shall not have authority to authorize the expenditure of any monies otherwise than is appropriated by the budget adopted by the Board of Directors or the alter, change or reverse any policy established by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall consider and recommend legislative policies and programs of the Board of Directors. It shall keep itself informed in matters involving air pollution and make recommendations for operation of and programs to be initiated by the District as directed by the Chair. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for overseeing and guiding staff activities relative to long range planning and for receiving short range and long range proposals submitted by the Staff, as well as goals and objectives of the District. The Executive Committee should review the goals and objectives, short and long range plans of the California Air Resources Board to the extent that they are known. The Executive Committee may receive and consider staff reports, presentations by staff members or other persons, and any other matter not requiring action by the Board. The Executive Committee shall subsequently report on such matters to the Board at regular meeting of the Board.

7.5 Budget and Finance Committee

It is the function of the Budget and Finance Committee to assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the District; to present the annual budget with recommendations to the District Board of Directors. The Budget and Finance Committee also is responsible for reviewing administrative policy proposed by the Air Pollution Control Officer in the area of finance, procurement, insurance and related matters. At Budget review time

each year, the Committee shall evaluate District goals and objectives and recommend to the Board of Directors any changes, deletions and additions which it determines to be appropriate.

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Re: **Consider Appointing a Budget and Finance Committee**

ISSUE:

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.

DISCUSSION:

The Budget and Finance Committee is established by Section 7.5 of the Administrative Code. The Budget Finance Committee is a special committee of two Board members appointed by the Chair to work with the Air Pollution Control Officer in the preparation of the annual Budget. Last year, Board members Lucero and Schwab served on the Budget and Finance Committee.

Attachment:

AQMD Administrative Code, Part A, Section 7.5 Budget and Finance Committee

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Re: **Consider Appointing a Representative and Alternate Representative
to the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council**

ISSUE:

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.

DISCUSSION:

The District participates in a coordinating council which includes one representative from each local air quality management district in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, including the following air districts: Butte, Tehama, Feather River, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo-Solano, Shasta, Colusa, and Glenn. This coordinating council known as the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council or BCC has specified functions including the adoption of the Basin Smoke Management Program, the Conditional Rice Straw Burning Permit Program, and approval of proposed air quality management regulatory control strategies (i.e., proposed rules) to implement the local portions of the State Attainment Plan to attain and maintain the State health-based ambient air quality standards. Generally, the BCC meets the first Friday of every other month. The next meeting this calendar year will be held February 5th via Zoom. Last year, Board Member Schwab was the District's BCC representative and Board Member Lambert was the alternate.

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Re: **APCO Report**

ISSUE:

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.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. This item is provided for information and discussion.

DISCUSSION:

The Air Pollution Control Officer will provide a verbal report to the Board.

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