

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

September 14, 2017

(All Meetings Are Mechanically Recorded)

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board of the Counties of Alpine, Inyo and Mono, State of California met at 10:00 am on September 14, 2017 in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, 437 Old Mammoth Road (Suite Z), Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Governing Board members present:

John Wentworth, Board Chair, Town of Mammoth Lakes
David Griffith, Board Vice Chair, Alpine County
Fred Stump, Mono County
Stacy Corless, Mono County Alternate
Matt Kingsley, Inyo County
Dan Totheroh, Inyo County
Ron Hames, Alpine County

Governing Board members absent:

Larry Johnston, Mono County

A quorum was present.

GBUAPCD staff present:

Phill Kiddoo, Air Pollution Control Officer
Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
Susan Cash, Administrative Projects Manager
Paige Austin, Field Services Technician I
Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board

Members of the public included: (as indicated by voluntary sign-in)

Liz O'Sullivan, Mono County Resident
Danna Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Agenda Item #1
Call to Order
Pledge of
Allegiance

Board Chair Wentworth called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at 10:06 a.m.

Board member Stump then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #2
Public Comment on
Items not on the
Agenda
(No Action)

Board Chair Wentworth asked for public comment on items not on the agenda at 10:06 am.

Ms. Liz O'Sullivan comment that there has been a lot of smoke this summer. She asked that the Board form a general consensus and ask the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to have more coordination with Air Pollution Control District's and

land management agencies so we don't have smoke all summer long. Some fires are unavoidable and some are management burns. There needs to be some sort of coordination so we don't have smoke on this side of the mountains continually. PM2.5, regardless of the source, is a health issue and makes people irreversibly sick. There must be a fine line between managing the forest and preserving the health of the public.

Board Chair Wentworth closed the public comment period at 10:09 am.

Agenda Item #3
Consent Items
(Action)

District staff removed consent agenda item no. 3h.

Motion (Griffith/Totheroh) approving consent item as follows:

- a. Approval of the May 11, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

(vote was taken by roll call)

Ayes: Board Members – Wentworth, Griffith, Totheroh, Kingsley, Hames, Stump

Noes: 0

Abstain: Board Member - Corless

Absent: Board Member – Johnston

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #170914-03a

Motion (Griffith/Totheroh) approving consent item b as follows:

- b. Approval of the July 13, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

(vote was taken by roll call)

Ayes: Board Members – Wentworth, Griffith, Totheroh, Kingsley, Hames, Corless

Noes: 0

Abstain: Board Member - Stump

Absent: Board Member – Johnston

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #170914-03b

Motion (Griffith/Totheroh) approving consent items c through g as follows:

- c. Approval of purchase order 2017-1041CBH of one Annual AirVision Support Renewal in the amount of \$12,660 from Agilaire LLC, Knoxville, Tennessee
- d. Approval of the purchase with Sensit Inc. in the amount of \$52,840.20 and Campbell Scientific Inc. in the amount of \$18,653.22 for maintenance of Sensit sites and authorize the Board Chair to sign the referenced purchase

orders totaling \$71,493.42.

- e. Awarding the three bids for which quotes were received to Henkels & McCoy, Inc., for the following bid requests:

1) 2017-LV1B-1 Site Preparation, etc.,	\$18,498.17
2) 2017-LV1B-3 Installation of Buried Electrical Line, etc.,	\$32,796.26
3) 2017-LV1B-4 Installation of a Perimeter Fence,	\$29,733.90

Total of the Three Bids: \$81,028.33

- f. Authorizing the APCO to sign purchase orders for the procurement of up to four (4) Teledyne-API Model T640X PM10/PM2.5 Particle Measurement Systems and associated equipment from Clipper Controls, Inc., regional distributor for Teledyne-API, and a District sole-source provider, for \$170,000. Funds will be taken from the FY 2017-18 SB270 (\$130,000) and District (\$20,000) budgets with additional funds from the District Capital Asset Reserve account (\$15,000) and the EPA 105 Grant (\$5,000) for the procurement of the monitors.
- g. Authorizing the APCO to sign and submit the FY 2017-18 Subvention Application and accompanying financial reports to the California Air Resources Board by the November deadline

(vote was taken by roll call)

Ayes: Board Members – Wentworth, Griffith, Totheroh, Kingsley, Hames, Stump, Corless

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Board Member – Johnston

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #170914-03c

Agenda Item #4
Air Quality
Permitting for
Biomass Facilities
(No Action)

Deputy APCO Logan made a brief presentation on the item as outlined in the Board Packet. She also explained the permitting process the District performs for any new source or modification including the assessments used to screen sources for potential human health impacts. She also encouraged early and frequent communication with District staff prior to a source applying for a permit.

Discussion between the Board and staff occurred regarding Biomass Facilities. The permitting process was discussed at length as well as the District's responsibility to enforce permitting regulations as handed down by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Board expressed its support for Biomass Facilities as they have proven to be less emissive than open burning.

Ms. Danna Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, thanked the District staff for its efforts and cooperation in getting the Mono County Biomass Facility operational and permitted. She asked if staff has shared their experience with this source with other colleagues and APCD's who are considering permitting similar facilities.

APCO Kiddoo responded that staff has shared its experience with the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA), specifically.

Agenda Item #5
Informational Items
(No Action)

No questions from the Board or the public.

Agenda Item #6
Board Member
Reports
(No Action)

Board member Kingsley noted that at last Tuesday's Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting, there was an archaeological district workshop. It was informative and answered a lot of questions while also generating new questions. Many people were in attendance including District staff, the Bureau of Land Management as well as tribal representatives.

Board member Stump indicated that he had a conference call with members of CARB's meteorological section, concerning smoke and policy. The outcome is that CARB will be attempting, at least with the west side forests and Yosemite if possible, to hold weekly meetings during smoke production season to look at the cumulative impact of all sources and emissions. This may force those entities to prioritize who is going to be allowed to continue to emit and who must take more aggressive action.

Board member Hames reported that he attended a meeting of the Regional Sierra Nevada Conservancy to discuss an upcoming meeting regarding "Biomass Utilizations from a Statewide Perspective" which is being held on October 23 in Quincy, California.

Board member Corless noted that Mono County's biomass boiler project was the recipient of a California State Association of Counties Merit Award and received recognition in the state legislature when Assembly Member Frank Bigelow was in town in August.

Board Vice Chair Griffith acknowledged his support for agencies communication and coordinating together. He added that he is still interested in a tour of Owens Lake.

Board Chair Wentworth reported that he was at a climate change conference in San Luis Obispo which had a consistent theme, in line with the District's, of looking at these efforts from a regional and statewide perspective. He noted that rural representation is lacking.

Agenda Item #7
Air Pollution
Control Officer's

APCO Kiddoo reported that the District has a new employee named Paige Austin. She is the District's Field Services Technician and will be working in Keeler. He

Report
(No Action)

added that at the next meeting staff will be presenting on the emergency air quality monitoring that the District has been doing and should have a comprehensive season report by November. He went on to summarize some of the recent smoke impact sources.

Agenda Item #8
Confirm Date and
Location of Next
Regular Meeting
(November 9, 2017,
in Mono County)
(No Action)

The next regular meeting of the District Governing Board will convene at 10:00 am on November 9, 2017 in Mammoth Lakes, California. The District’s Clerk of the Board will find and reserve a handicap accessible meeting room and contact the District Board members as to its location.

**Agenda Item #9,
#10, #11
CLOSED
SESSION**

The Board convened into closed session at 11:20 am.

9) **CLOSED SESSION** - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District; pursuant California Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4).

10) **CLOSED SESSION** - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – City of Los Angeles v. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2013- 80001451-CU-WM-GDS, Interpretation of 2014 Stipulated Judgment Recital BB, Paragraphs 2, 3, 9, District 2013 Stipulated Order of Abatement, and District Board Order #160413-01, pursuant California Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4).

11) **CLOSED SESSION** – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

- a. Russell Covington; Robert Moore; Randy Sipes; Randal Sipes, Jr.; Laborers’ International Union of North America Local Union No. 783 vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV140075; pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.
- b. Mammoth Community Water District vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV140076; pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

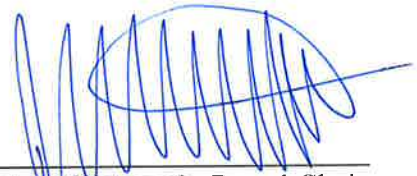
The Board reconvened into open session at 12:34 pm. Board Chair Wentworth reported on the items as follows:

Regarding Closed Session Item No 9: **Motion** (Griffith/Hames) by unanimous vote, authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer, for this particular action, to have full settlement authority to come to a conclusion of the item as presented to the Board.

Regarding Closed Session Item No.s 10 through 11: Nothing reported.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Wentworth at 12:35 pm. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, November 9, 2017 in Mammoth Lakes, California.



John Wentworth, Board Chair

Attest:



Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk