

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

March 8, 2018

(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 March 8, 2018 in the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Administrative Building, Training Room 134A, Keeler, California 93530.

Governing Board members present:

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

Governing Board members absent:

Fred Stump, 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  
Grace Holder, Senior Scientist  
Sondra Grimm, Technical Services Specialist  
Paige Austin, Field Services Technician I  
Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board

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

Liz Calderon, City of Los Angeles, DWP  
Jaime Valenzuela, City of Los Angeles, DWP  
Mel O. Joseph, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation, Environmental  
Eddie Hermann, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation, Environmental  
Ted Schade  
Paul Lamos  
Cindy Duriscoe, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

**Agenda Item #1**  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Wentworth called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at 10:05 a.m.

Board Chair Wentworth then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Board member Totheroh would arrive later.)

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

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

Mr. Paul Lamos noted his compliments to the District Board on its past commitment to tailor regulations and manage based on the needs of the local area rather than the state. He encouraged the Board to continue doing so on its path forward.

**Agenda Item #3**  
Election of Governing  
Chair and Vice Chair  
for 2018  
(Action)

**Motion** (Corless/Kingsley) electing Board Member Griffith to the position of Chair for 2018.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-03

**Motion** (Kingsley/Corless) electing Board Member Totheroh to the position of Vice Chair for 2018.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-03

**Agenda Item #4**  
Adopt and Authorize  
the Board Chair to  
Sign Resolution 2018-  
02 Recognizing Larry  
Johnston's Service to  
the Great Basin  
Governing Board  
(Action)

**Motion** (Corless/Peters) adopting and authorizing the Board Chair to sign Resolution 2018-02 recognizing Larry Johnston, Governing Board member, upon his departure from the Board.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-04

**Agenda Item #5**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
– Fiscal Year 2018-  
2019 Total District  
Budget – Staff report  
and Public Comments  
on the Draft District  
and SB 270 Sub-  
budgets  
(No Action – First of  
Two Required Budget  
Hearings)

Board Chair Griffith opened the public hearing at 10:22 am.

Ms. Susan Cash, Administrative Projects Manager, updated the Board on the draft Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Total District Budget as provided in the Board Packet and separately to the Governing Board. She noted that this is the first of two public hearings, as is required.

Comments from the Board included a concern that legal fees were not included in a more specific and obvious category.

Board Chair Griffith asked for public comment at 10:29 am; no comment was offered.

Board Chair Griffith closed the public hearing at 10:30 am.

**Agenda Item #6**  
Consent Items  
(Action)

**Motion** (Wentworth/Hames) approving consent agenda item a as follows:

- a) Approval of the January 11, 2018 Governing Board meeting minutes.

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: Board Members - Peters*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 5/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-06a

**Motion** (Hames/Corless) approving consent agenda item b as follows:

- b) Waive the Rule 1102 annual per capita fee for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-06b

**Motion** (Griffith/Kingsley) approving consent agenda item c as follows:

- c) Approval of Contract Amendment 3 with Ramboll Environ for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for Task 2 (Hydrological Evaluation Services) with the funds to come from the SB 270 Budget Item II.K.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-06c

**Motion** (Corless/Hames) approving consent agenda item d as follows:

- d) Approval of Contract Amendment 3 with Desert Research Institute for an amount not to exceed \$33,620 for Task 2 (Porous Roughness Element Study) with the funds to come from the SB 270 Budget Item II.K.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-06d

**Motion** (Wentworth/Hames) approving consent agenda item e as follows:

- e) Approval of a time extension and expansion of Inyo County Environmental Public Benefit fund expenditure for the Lone Pine Veterans of Foreign War parking lot paving until December 2018.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-06e

**Agenda Item #7**  
Approval of  
Redirecting  
Unappropriated  
Interest to the PARS  
Pension Trust  
(Action)

**Motion** (Kingsley/Peters) approving redirection of unappropriated interest to the PARS pension trust.

*Ayes: Board Members – Griffith, Kingsley, Hames, Corless, Peters, Wentworth*

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Stump, Totheroh*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

B/O #180308-07

**Agenda Item #8**  
Keeler Dunes Dust  
Control Project  
Update  
(No Action)

Dr. Grace Holder, Senior Scientist, gave a slideshow presentation on the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project.  
*(the slideshow presentation is available by request to the Clerk of the Board and is included in the official record.)*

Board member Totheroh arrived at 11:03 am.

**Agenda Item #9**  
Informational Items  
(No Action)

No comments offered.

**Agenda Item #10**  
Board Member  
Reports  
(No Action)

The Board made the following member reports as follows:

Board member Wentworth: invited District staff to the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) to meet with representatives handling the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) Grant, which was awarded to the TOML, relating to how a fuels-based mitigation program works. The program may benefit the other local communities and act as a model.

Board member Kingsley: noted that this summer there may be a meeting/seminar, sponsored by the California Cattleman's Association, to discuss different ways to conduct controlled burns. There is a state-wide effort to find out ways to do more controlled burns as well as to have more controlled burn days.

Board member Hames: The Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS), a non-profit organization based in Amador and Calaveras counties that partners with indigenous groups to serve as a job training site with multiple opportunities for restoration activities on National forest land within the Lake Tahoe Basin, has partnered up with the Washoe Tribe to address forest restoration and fuels reduction projects.

Board Chair Griffith: added that there is \$200 million in California Climate Investments (CCI) funding for forest health available. However, agencies are running into difficulties due to the funding necessary to complete the application process. Agencies are hoping to find a way to get around those challenges. On another note, former Board member Mary Rawson sends her regard to the Board and staff.

**Agenda Item #11**  
Air Pollution Control  
Officer's Report  
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo gave a report on the following items:

- 1) The policy meeting requested by DWP in August 2017 was scheduled to happen in January 2018, however, it did not. Staff received notice that the DWP Board of Commissioner representative would speak to the Governing Board representative along with staff, directly. That has yet to occur. Staff is hoping to schedule a policy meeting sometime this spring.
- 2) DWP missed the deadline for Phase 7a to meet compliance for managed vegetation. At a meeting in December prior to the deadline, DWP said they would get back to staff with a proposed pathway forward. As of now, nothing has been received. Staff will be doing a managed vegetation compliance analysis this spring.
- 3) December 31, 2017 was the deadline for Phase 9/10 construction and infrastructure buildout of most of the project. DWP met all of the requirements for areas that had to be shallow flooding or gravel, at that

deadline, however, there was an area at the south end of the lake where they were not able to install infrastructure required to get the managed vegetation operation started. They (DWP) were not able to secure Right of Way from BLM. The City has told the District that they are going to initiate the meet and confer process which we have done. They (DWP) have indicated they would like to file a motion in California Superior Court which retains jurisdiction over this case, the Stipulated Judgement. They have not filed the motion at this time. DWP has been informed if they do file for this motion of relaxation or being excused from controls in this area the District will be there in opposition.

- 4) DWP requested District support for their application to the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists for Excellence in Environmental Engineering Science Award for their work on Owens Lake. APCO Kiddoo wrote a letter of support. DWP was the recipient of the grand prize for the award. In March, DWP asked the District to support their application to the U.S. Water Alliance for the U.S. Water Prize for the public agency category for their water conservation work. APCO Kiddoo wrote a letter of support.
- 5) The Lee Vining monitoring station is progressing. The next Board meeting will be in Lee Vining with a field trip to the monitoring station to follow.

**Agenda Item #12**  
Confirm Date and  
Location of Next  
Regular Meeting  
(May 10, 2018, in  
Mono County, CA)  
(No Action)

The next regular meeting of the District Governing Board will convene at 10:00 am on May 10, 2018 in Lee Vining, 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 #13**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened into closed session at 11:39 am.

**13. 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 11:51 am with nothing to report.

**Agenda Item #14**  
Field Trip to Keeler  
Dunes and Owens  
Lake (No Action)

The Board, District staff and members of the public left for the field trip at 11: 51 am.

The field trip concluded at 3:08 pm.

**Adjournment**


The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Griffith at 3:10 pm. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, May 10, 2018 in Lee Vining, California.



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David Griffith, Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk