

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

September 5, 2019

(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 5, 2019 in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, 437 Old Mammoth Road (Suite Z), Mammoth Lakes, California 93546.

Governing Board members present:

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

Governing Board members absent:

John Peters, Mono County

A quorum was present.

GBUAPCD staff present:

Phill Kiddoo, Air Pollution Control Officer  
Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer  
Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board  
Susan Cash, Administrative Projects Manager  
Steve Mobley, Air Monitoring Technician II  
Kimberly Mitchell, Research & Systems Analyst II  
Chris Lanane, Air Monitoring Specialist

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

Cindy Duriscoe, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

**Agenda Item #1** Board Chair Kingsley called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at  
Call to Order 10:02 a.m.  
Pledge of  
Allegiance

Board Member Stump then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item #2** Board Chair Kingsley asked for public comment on items not on the agenda at 10:02  
Public Comment am.  
on Matters not on  
the Agenda

(No Action) No comment was offered.

**Agenda Item #3**  
Consent Items  
(Action)

**Motion** (Griffith/Hames) approving consent items a through e as follows:

- a. Approval of the July 18, 2019 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Authorize Air Pollution Control Officer to Sign and Submit Application for Subvention Funds
- c. Approve and Authorize Board Chair to Sign Memoranda of Understanding with District Management and Non-Management Employee Associations Regarding Changes to Employee Wages and Benefits and Authorize Transfer of Corresponding Funds from Reserves to Budgets
- d. Adoption of the Publicly Available Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as Required by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)
- e. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for the Air Pollution Control Officer to Attend the 2020 Great Salt Lake Issues Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Board Members – Peters*

Motion carried 6/0 and so ordered.

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**Agenda Item #4**  
Wildfire Smoke  
Conditions  
Update  
(No Action)

Ms. Kimberly Mitchell, Research and Systems Analyst II, gave a brief report. She noted that compared to past years, the smoke impacts this season has been minimal to none. There were some impacts over Labor Day weekend from the Cow Fire. Ms. Mitchell added that the biggest update from the staff report is that we have had eight days, since June 1, with moderate air quality only three of which were caused by smoke. There has been one day that was unhealthy for sensitive groups and that was near Coso Junction. She then asked the Board for questions.

Board Chair Kingsley asked if there were any complaints from the public regarding the Cow Fire.

Ms. Mitchell replied that there have not been any calls, voicemails or emails from the public regarding smoke complaints particular to the Cow Fire.

Board member Griffith asked if there has been improved communication with the agencies on the other side.

Ms. Mitchell said that the District has been working with San Joaquin and have had excellent communication but, again, there haven't been any major events.

Board Vice Chair Stump asked if there had been any complaints about the Springs Fire as he had received some.

Ms. Mitchell noted that the District has not received any complaints.

**Agenda Item #5**  
Informational  
Items  
(No Action)

No discussion or questions.

**Agenda Item #6**  
Board Member  
Reports  
(No Action)

Board member Wentworth – A local fire safe council got a large grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to do the fuels work up in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. They are a little short on the amount of money that they need and have come to the Town and Mono County for help and the issue of prevailing wage has popped up. The question is whether prevailing wage is triggered if the state of California is granting money to do work on federal public lands. Also, the state of California is trying to set up an office for outdoor recreation, however that has not gone through.

Board member Griffith – Big news in Alpine County, there are now two traffic lights. Regarding prevailing wage, it does not apply to fuels reduction if it is pure fuels reduction. If it's peripheral to a public works project, it does apply.

Board member Hames – Nothing to report.

Board Vice Chair Stump – Starting next Monday, Mono County will have a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Steve Barwick. He then requested to be Cc'd on any documentation regarding prevailing wage that Board member Griffith finds, in order to share it with county counsel.

Board Chair Kingsley – Senate Bill 1111, the outdoor recreation bill, Inyo County is going to try and write a letter of support even though it's in suspension. Regarding fire safe councils, Board Chair Kingsley did meet with Cal Fire Chief Porter. Board Chair Kingsley is pushing an idea to RCRC to get money given to counties to help start fire safe councils particularly in communities that are disadvantaged or economically depressed because its very difficult for those kinds of communities to gather themselves together and have the resources to actually go out and try to get grants, contracts etc.

Board member Totheroh – Nothing to report.

**Agenda Item #7**  
Air Pollution  
Control Officer  
Report  
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo reported on the following items:

- 1) Work has begun on the Smoke Management Plan update.
- 2) Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP, pg. 91 of the Board Packet) is at \$2.5M.
- 3) Woodstove replacement program funding information. California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association is responsible for helping to set up contracts between the state and air districts. The allocation of funds hadn't been decided. The only thing that was decided is that the large/urban districts will not be taking any money which means that allocation will be going to the medium and small districts. As of now it looks like the District will be receiving at least \$100,000 for the program for fiscal year 2019-2020.

**Agenda Item #8**  
**CLOSED**  
**SESSION**

The Board convened into closed session at 10:48 am.

The Board re-convened into open session at 11:16 am.

**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.

**Report:** Nothing to report.


**Agenda Item #9**  
**CLOSED**  
**SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS –  
Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code: Changes regarding the  
salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe  
benefits. Employee: Air Pollution Control Officer**

**Report:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Kingsley at 11:16 am. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in Bridgeport, California.

  
Matt Kingsley, Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk