

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

January 9, 2020

(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 January 9, 2020, in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Multipurpose Room at 300 Mandich Street, in Bishop, California 93514.

Governing Board members present:

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

Governing Board members absent:

None.

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
Jacklyn Bryan, Air Quality Specialist I
Tom Schaniel, Air Quality Specialist I

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

Nelson Mejia, City of Los Angeles, Department of Water & Power
Rhonda Duggan, Mono County District 2 Supervisor Candidate
Liz and Michael O'Sullivan, Mono County Residents
Taro Pusina, Inyo National Forest
Cindy Duriscoe, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

Agenda Item #1
Call to Order
Pledge of
Allegiance

Board Chair Kingsley called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at 10:00 a.m.

Board member Peters then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was taken in recognition of Earl Wilson.

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

Board Chair Kingsley asked for public comment on items not on the agenda at 10:02 am.

No comment was offered.

Agenda Item #3
Consent Items
(Action)

Board member Griffith clarified, in the November 7, 2019 minutes item no. 9, he had meant to say that the Washoe Tribe, not Alpine County, was working to get a monitoring station.

Ms. DeHaven, Clerk of the Board, noted the clarification and will review the recording to see if any change is needed in the minutes.

(following the meeting and upon review of the recording, the Clerk was able to confirm that the minutes are correct in that they are a reflection of what was said at the time and will stand as approved)

Motion (Totheroh/Hames) approving consent items a through f as follows:

- a. Approval of the November 7, 2019, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Proposed 2020 District Rule and Policy Adoption Schedule
- c. Award of Bid and Authorization to Purchase One (1) New High-Clearance 4-door 4-Wheel Drive Sport Utility Vehicle, Bid Number 2019-V1 (Action)
- d. Award of Bid and Authorization to Purchase One (1) New High-Clearance 4-door All-Wheel-Drive Hybrid Sport Utility Vehicle, Bid Number 2019-V2 (Action)
- e. Approval of District Lactation Accommodation Policy Per SB 142
- f. Adoption of Publicly Available Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as Required by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

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

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200109-03

Agenda Item #4
Potential
Revisions to the
District's Smoke
Management
Program and
Associated Open
Outdoor Burning
Regulations
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo introduced the item.

DAPCO Logan gave a brief presentation as outlined in the Board Packet.

Discussion continued between the Board and staff.

Board Chair Kingsley asked for public comment at 10:23 am.

Ms. Liz O’Sullivan, Mono County resident, noted that air quality has gone down in the thirty years that she has lived here. She stated that the Clean Air Act is trampled frequently and asked that human health be considered when considering policies. She explained that she is skeptical about why we need to implement this plan.

Mr. Michael O’Sullivan, Mono County resident, noted that this is a profoundly difficult issue with two competing interests between the regulatory agency and the federal agencies. He stated that people die from regulation failures. There are lasting effects of exposure to PM2.5. He encouraged the Board to continue to maintain and regulate air quality.

Mr. Taro Pusina, Inyo National Forest, acknowledged that all people and agencies involved want to protect public health and safety. Preventing smoke is not an option as vegetation continues to grow and burning is necessary in order to manage it. The agencies are proposing to use the best available science in order to reduce impacts.

The Board acknowledged the public’s concerns as well as the responsibilities of the agencies involved.

Agenda Item #5
Public Safety
Power
Shutdowns and
Emergency
Generators
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo presented on the item as outlined in the Board Packet and as discussed in previous Board meetings.

Discussion between the Board and staff continued. The Board expressed concerns about the use of British Thermal Units within the fee schedule as well as how generators that serve multiple locations can be permitted. Staff noted that a fee analysis could be done. Also, staff does not see the need to expand exemptions beyond current specifications: fire districts, law enforcement, and hospitals. The Board expressed that they do not see a need for a fee analysis at this time. If in the future PSPS issues cause staff to reconsider an analysis, staff should bring the item back to the Board.

Agenda Item #6
Owens Lake
Phase 9/10 Dust
Control Update
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo gave a brief update, back in May 2018 District staff brought to the Board the Reasonable Further Progress Report (RFP), also known as a Quantitative Milestone Report which is required by the California Clean Air Act (CAA), to report on whether or not the milestones, as specified in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) have been reached. The milestone of the 2016 SIP, construction of the Phase 9/10 dust control mitigation project at Owens Lake, has been reached. The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power continues to work on required Best Available Control Measure Managed Vegetation dust control area performance criteria.

Agenda Item #7
Consider
Appointing an
Alternate to the
District Hearing
Board
(Action)

Motion (Stump/Peters) appointing Mr. John Connolly to the District’s Hearing Board to serve as alternate for a term of three-years.

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

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200109-07

Agenda Item #8
Informational
Items
(No Action) No questions or comments.

Agenda Item #9
Board Member
Reports
(No Action) Board member Peters: Nothing to report.

Board Vice Chair Stump: Thanked Alpine County regarding the Burn Boss and future fuels projects.

Board member Totheroh: Nothing to report.

Board member Wentworth: An entrepreneur named Janet Hatfield, from the Plumas Corporation, convened a discussion in Mammoth Lakes with the local ranger district there about doing a very large very significant fuels treatment project all around the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Board member Griffith: Humboldt-Toiyabe is working on a forest-wide categorical exclusion for prescribed fire. The Alpine Biomass Collaborative is trying to arrange for a presentation for the public on prescribed burning at their April 7th meeting; the GBUAPCD is invited to present as well.

Board member Hames: Offered the use of the Burn Boss to the other represented counties and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Board Chair Kingsley: Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #10
Air Pollution
Control Officer's
Report
(No Action) APCO Kiddoo introduced the District's newest employees: Mr. Tom Schaniel and Ms. Jacklyn Bryan, both Air Quality Specialists, who have replaced Jan Sudomier and Jon Becknell who recently retired.

Agenda Item #11
CLOSED
SESSION The Board convened into closed session at 11:45 am.

The Board reconvened into open session at 12:08 pm.

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

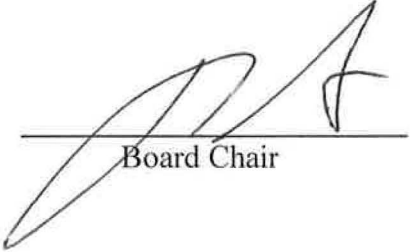
- a. Russell Covington; Robert Moore; Randy Sipes; Randal Sipes, Jr.; Laborers' International Union of North America Local Union No. 783 vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV140075; pursuant to

subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

Report: Nothing to report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Kingsley at 12:08 pm. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in Mono County California.



Board Chair

Attest:



Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk