

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

March 5, 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 March 5, 2020, in the Mono County Board of Supervisors Chamber (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Mono County Courthouse, Main Street (U.S. Highway 395), Bridgeport, California.

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  
Tom Schaniel, Air Quality Specialist I  
Travis Powell, Air Monitoring Technician I

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

Nelson Mejia, City of Los Angeles, Department of Water & Power

**Agenda Item #1** Board Chair Kingsley called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at  
Call to Order 10:03 a.m.  
Pledge of  
Allegiance

Board Chair Kingsley then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item #2** Board Chair Kingsley asked for public comment on items not on the agenda at 10:03  
Public Comment am.  
on Matters not on  
the Agenda  
(No Action) No comment was offered.

**Agenda Item #3**  
Election of  
Governing Chair  
and Vice-Chair  
for 2020

**Motion** (Griffith/Hames) electing Board member Peters to the position of Chair for 2020.

**Motion** (Totheroh/Griffith) electing Board member Wentworth to the position of Vice-Chair for 2020.

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200305-03

**Agenda Item #4**  
**PUBLIC**  
**HEARING** -  
**Fiscal Year**  
**2020-2021 Total**  
**District Budget**  
- Staff Report  
and Public  
Comments on the  
Draft General  
Fund and SB 270  
Sub-budgets (No  
Action - First of  
Two Required  
Budget Hearings)

Board Chair Peters opened the public hearing at 10:08 am.

APCO Kiddoo gave a brief staff report as outlined in the Board Packet. He noted that comments were received from LADWP and have been included in the staff report.

Discussion between the Board and staff continued. The Board asked for clarification regarding funding for the Keeler Dunes now and in the future. Clarification was provided by staff.

Board Chair Peters asked for public comment at 10:30 am.

Mr. Nelson Mejia, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, noted that LADWP may have further comments from other internal departments. LADWP does have a concern that SB 270 funds are being put towards Mono Lake.

Board Chair Peters closed the public hearing at 10:32 am.

**Agenda Item #5**  
**PUBLIC**  
**HEARING** -  
Consideration of  
Amendments to  
Rule 411  
Wildland  
Vegetation  
Management  
Burning in  
Wildland and  
Wildland/Urban  
Interfaces and  
the Smoke  
Management  
Program (Action)

Board Chair Peters opened the public hearing at 10:38 am.

APCO Kiddoo gave a brief introduction.

DAPCO Logan gave the staff report as presented in the Board Packet and recapped for the Board the progress made while working with the affected agencies.

Board Chair Peters asked for public comment at 10:55 am.

Mr. Taro Pusina, Inyo National Forest, acknowledged the hard work that went into developing the program and into coordinating communication with everyone involved.

Mr. Mike O’Sullivan, Mono County resident, agreed that the program seems to recognize and protect public health.

Board Chair Peters closed the public hearing at 11:08 am.

**Motion (Kingsley/Griffith) approving amendments to Rule 411 Wildland Vegetation Management Burning in Wildland and Wildland/Urban Interfaces and the Smoke Management Program. The Board made the following motion:**

- Conducting the Public Hearing
- Adopting Board Resolution 2020-01 which includes
  - 1) Make the necessary findings as required by HSC §40727,
  - 2) Adopting the revisions to the Smoke Management Program and Rule 411, and
  - 3) Authorizing and directing the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute the CEQA Addendum and file notice of determinations reflecting that action.

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200305-05

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

**Motion (Hames/Stump) approving consent items a through d as follows:**

- a. Approval of January 9, 2020, Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Waiver of District Rule 1102 Annual \$0.55 Per Capita Town and Counties Assessment Fee for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
- c. Waiver of Consumer Price Index Increase to District Fees for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
- d. Approval of Purchase Order with Greenheart Farms, of Arroyo Grande, California, a Sole-Source Provider, for Propagation and Delivery of 10,000 Native Shrubs for the Keeler Dunes Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,489.08.

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200305-06a

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

e. Approval of Draft Updated Unification Agreement

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

*Noes: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: 0*

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

B/O #200305-06e

**Agenda Item #7**  
Informational  
Items  
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo gave a brief report on item 7d – Final Report on the 2018 Woodstove Reduction Program.

Board Chair Peters asked for public comment at 11:29 am.

No comment was offered.

**Agenda Item #8**  
Board Member  
Reports  
(No Action)

Board member Griffith: There is a smoke app, for use on smartphones, coming out.

Board member Hames: Alpine County's burn boss may be available for use to other counties within the District.

Board member Stump: Would like to see Mono County pursue possibly using the burn boss to reduce piles. He plans to bring the topic to the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Board member Kingsley: Noting to report.

Board Vice-Chair Wentworth: An entrepreneur named Janet Hatfield, from the Plumas Corporation, is looking into funding a very large very significant fuels treatment project all around the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Board member Totheroh: Nothing to report.

Board Chair Peters: Western Interstate Region task force is gathering data related to biosecurity and invasive species, particularly after a fire.

**Agenda Item #9**  
Air Pollution  
Control Officer's  
Report  
(No Action)

APCO Kiddoo introduced the District's new employee Mr. Travis Powell, Air Monitoring Technician I. He then announced that the Owens Lake Scientific Advisory Panel (OLSAP) has concluded; the final report will be completed in April.

**Agenda Item #10**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened into closed session at 11:43 am.

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:52 am.

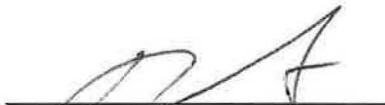
**CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:**

- 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.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Kingsley at 11:52 am. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, May 7, 2020, in Mono County California.

  
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John Peters, Board Chair

**Attest:**

  
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Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk