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Minutes of the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors Meeting of February 24, 2011

Members Present

Angela Thompson
Alan White
Maureen Kirk
Steve Lambert
Kim Yamaguchi
Jerry Ann Fichter
Cheri Bunker

Councilmember, City of Biggs
Councilmember, Town of Paradise
Butte County Supervisor
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Mayor, City of Gridley
Councilmember, City of Oroville

Staff Present

W. James Wagoner	Air Pollution Control Officer
Bob McLaughlin	Assistant APCO
Robyn Sousa	Admin. Services Officer
Armen Kamian	Associate AQ Planner
Ursula Parker	AQ Compliance Specialist
Greg Einhorn	District Counsel

Members Absent

Scott Gruendl
Bill Connelly
Larry Wahl

Councilmember, City of Chico
Butte County Supervisor
Butte County Supervisor

Others Present

Mike Ramsden
Mike Menden
Steve Schoonover
Robin Huffman
Linda Furr

Chico area resident
Chico area resident
Enterprise-Record
BEC
BC League of Women Voters

Agenda Item 3.1

1. Call to Order

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. at the Chico City Council Chambers, 421 Main Street, Chico, California.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Consent Agenda.

There were no additions or deletions to the consent agenda.

3. Consent Agenda.

- 3.1 By Consent, Approve minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 3.2 By Consent, Accept and File, Activity Report on Butte County Air Quality Management District activities
- 3.3 By Consent, Accept and File, report on Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- 3.4 By Consent, Accept and File, Status Report on Calendar of Events.

Action Requested: Approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.4.

There were no public comments.

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.4.

AYES: Vice Mayor Thompson, Councilmember White (second), Supervisor Kirk, Supervisor Lambert (motion), Supervisor Yamaguchi, Mayor Fichter, Councilmember Bunker.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gruendl, Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Wahl

Motion Carries.

4. Items removed from the Consent Agenda for Board consideration and action.

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

5. Consider adopting proposed amendment to Rule 300, *Open Burning Requirements, Prohibitions and Exemptions.*

Ursula Parker provided an overview of the proposed amendment. The Board adopted amendments to the District open burning regulations at the December Board meeting, which will become effective March 1st. The Board directed staff to return with an amendment modifying the residential burn requirements for the Chico Sphere of Influence Area to prohibit burning on lots less than 0.90 acres instead of 1 acre. Staff have proposed this

amendment for Board approval. Ms. Parker also updated the Board on outreach efforts since the December Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 10:35 a.m

Mike Mendon stated he is a resident of the unincorporated area within the Chico Sphere of Influence. He supported the proposed amendment.

Mike Ramsden stated that he is also a resident of the unincorporated area. He stated that he has a family farm with apricot, citrus and walnut trees. His lot is 0.67 acres so he would not be able to burn. He requested the City's leaf pickup be extended to his area if he can no longer burn.

PUBLIC HEARING: Closed at 10:42 a.m

Board members discussed options for residents to dispose of vegetative wastes on lots less than 0.9 acres. Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Wagoner said that staff would look at Mr. Ramsden's situation and he may qualify for an agricultural burn permit, even though he does not have a commercial operation. This would allow him to continue burning his wastes. Other residents could also qualify if they are generating agricultural-type vegetative wastes. Supervisor Kirk requested staff contact the City of Chico to see if their leaf pickup program can be extended to the unincorporated areas.

Action Requested: Following a public hearing, approve the proposed resolution adopting the proposed amendments.

Motion: I move to approve the proposed resolution adopting the proposed amendments.

AYES: Vice Mayor Thompson, Councilmember White, Supervisor Kirk (motion), Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Yamaguchi, Mayor Fichter (second), Councilmember Bunker.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Gruendl, Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Wahl

Motion Carries.

6. Consider authorizing Year 13 Carl Moyer program application.

Armen Kamian provided an overview of the Carl Moyer grant program and the request for Board authorization of Year 13 funding.

Action Requested: Approve resolution authorizing the Year 13 Carl Moyer Application.

Motion: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the Year 13 Carl Moyer Application.

AYES: Vice Mayor Thompson, Councilmember White, Supervisor Kirk (motion), Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Yamaguchi (second), Mayor Fichter, Councilmember Bunker.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Gruendl, Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Wahl

Motion Carries.

7. APCO Report.

Jim Wagoner provided a report on the following topics:

- Local Scene
- State Scene
- Federal Scene

There were no comments from the public.

Action Requested: Receive Report.

Motion: Motion to receive report.

AYES: Vice Mayor Thompson, Councilmember White (motion), Supervisor Kirk (second), Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Yamaguchi, Mayor Fichter, Councilmember Bunker.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Gruendl, Supervisor Connelly, Supervisor Wahl

Motion Carries.

8. Other Business

At the request of Councilmember Bunker the Board discussed the desired format of the Board packets. Councilmember Bunker recommended going to electronic Board packets as a time and cost savings measure. After discussion staff recommended continuing to provide hard copy Board packets unless a Board member desires to utilize an electronic copy only, which can be downloaded from the District website.

Vice Mayor Thompson requested information from staff on air quality regulations that might apply to odors from marijuana cultivation. Staff provided responded that the District can take enforcement action if the odors are creating a public nuisance. Most situations appear to be private nuisances affecting just one adjacent property owner. The District does not have authority over a private nuisance.

The Board did not take action on either item.

9. Public Comment Period.

There were no public comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 am



W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer

I hereby attest that this is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on February 24, 2011.

ATTEST: 

Clerk of the Governing Board