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Supervisor, District #3

TOD KIMMELSHUE, VICE CHAIR
Supervisor, District #4

BILL CONNELLY
Supervisor, District #1

PETER DURFEE
Supervisor, District #2

DOUG TEETER
Supervisor, District #5

ZACH BROWN
Councilmember, Biggs

BRYCE GOLDSTEIN
Councilmember, Chico

BRUCE JOHNSON
Vice Mayor, Gridley

ERIC SMITH
Vice Mayor, Oroville

RON LASSONDE
Councilmember, Paradise

STEPHEN ERTLE
Air Pollution Control Officer

PATRICK LUCEY
Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer

Draft Minutes of the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors Meeting of May 28, 2026

Members Present:

Bill Connelly	Supervisor, District 1
Peter Durfee	Supervisor, District 2
Tami Ritter	Supervisor, District 3
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor, District 4
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember, Chico
Zach Brown	Councilmember, Biggs
Bruce Johnson	Councilmember, Gridley
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor, Oroville
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember, Paradise

Members Absent:

Doug Teeter	Supervisor, District 5
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Staff Present:

Patrick Lucey	Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer (AAPCO)
Aleah Ing	Administrative Services Officer, (ASO)
Kelly Towne	Clerk of the Board
Paige McCleskey	Administrative Assistant
Jason Mandly	Senior Air Quality Planner

Staff Remote:

Riley Peacock	Air Quality Engineer, II
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Public comments are accepted before and during the meeting by emailing ktowne@bcaqmd.org.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Tami Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Consent or Regular Agenda.

No additions or deletions.

Agenda Item 3.1

3. Consent Agenda.

- 3.1** Minutes of the April 23, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 3.2** Activity Report on Butte County Air Quality Management District Activities.
- 3.3** Status Report on Calendar of Events.
- 3.4** Status Report on Communications.
- 3.5** Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
- 3.6** FY25-26 AB617 Implementation Application.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Supervisor Connelley to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(motion), Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Connelly(second), Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget Hearing #1

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff released the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget on April 21, 2026. A Public Hearing is required pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 40130 and 40131 in a separate meeting prior to the meeting where the Board adopts the Budget. The adoption hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2026.

The FY 2026-2027 Budget Report was presented by Aleah Ing, Administrative Services Officer.

Hearing opened: 10:12 a.m. by Supervisor Ritter(chair).

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

6. Authorization to Change Banking Institution/Electronic Payment Processor

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Authorize broad authority for the APCO to research, negotiate terms and services and change Institutions if warranted and,
2. Authorize broad authority for the APCO to research, negotiate terms and services and change Processor if warranted.

The Authorization to Change Banking Institution/Electronic Payment Processor report was presented by Patrick Lucey, AAPCO.

Board comments: Yes.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kimmelshue and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to authorize the APCO to research, negotiate terms and services and change banking Institutions and electronic payment processors if warranted.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor Kimmelshue(motion), Supervisor Connelly, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter.

7. Fiscal Year 25-26 CAP Incentives Application.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt Resolution 2026-10 to receive funding and approve CAP Incentives Fiscal Year 2025-2025 grant agreement.

The Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Community Air Protection Incentives Grant Agreement report was presented by Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: Yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goldstein and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to Adopt Resolution 2026-10 to receive funding and approve CAP Incentives Fiscal Year 2025-2025 grant agreement.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor Connelly, Councilmember Goldstein(motion), Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter.

8. CalPERS Pension Contract Amendment to Include PEPRA Provisions.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Resolution of Intention to amend the CalPERS Pension contracts to incorporate the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) provisions and language.

The CalPERS Pension Contract Amendment to Include PEPRA Provisions report was presented by Aleah Ing, ASO.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kimmelshue and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to approve the Resolution of Intention to amend the CalPERS Pension contracts to incorporate the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) provisions and language.

AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee, Supervisor Kimmelshue(motion), Supervisor Connelly, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Lassonde and Vice Mayor Smith(second).

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Teeter.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9. Assistant APCO Report.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. This Item is provided for information and discussion.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

10. Other Business. No other business was presented.

11. Public Comment Period. Any person may address the Board of Directors on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not on the agenda for this meeting. Any person may address the Board on an agenda item when that time is called. The Chair requests that each person addressing the Board limits their presentation to five (5) minutes.

12. Adjourn to Closed Session. No closed session.

13. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Butte County Association of Governments Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.



Stephen Ertle, Air Pollution Control Officer
Butte County Air Quality Management District

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 May 28, 2026.



ATTEST: _____
Kelly Towne, Clerk of the Governing Board

Attachment 1

APCO Notes

Summary of Recent/Upcoming Staff Events and EPA Updates

- **CAPCOA Enforcement Managers Quarterly Meeting in Chico**

- The District hosted the April Quarterly meeting on April 28 – 29, 2026 at Oxford Suites in Chico. 19 air district and CARB staff attended in person and another 25. Next meeting is July 29 – 30, 2026 at Santa Barbara AQMD's Office.

- **CAPCOA Engineering Managers Quarterly Meeting in Davis**

- District Engineer Riley Peacock is currently Vice Chair of the Engineering Managers Committee. He will transition to Chair in October of this year and will lead this committee in 2027. The meeting was held at the Yolo-Solano AQMD Office in Davis on April 28 – 29, 2026.

- **Hosting CARB for Carl Moyer/FARMER Site Visits**

Staff from the California Air Resources Board representing the Carl Moyer Program and the FARMER program visited the District on May 13 to learn how these grant programs are implemented locally. After an office Q&A, grant staff toured the Earthworm Soil Factory in Butte Valley to see how FARMER Program-funded equipment and lawn and garden voucher-funded equipment benefit local businesses. The group then visited Ace Hardware in Chico to learn how Participating Retailers work with the District to implement the Lawn and Garden voucher program.

- **2x EPA Updates on Permitting-Related Actions**

- **Proposed New Source Review (NSR) “Begin Actual Construction” Rule**
 - Under the current NSR rule, a source must obtain a permit before beginning “any” construction related to a permitted emission source. The new proposed rule will allow construction activities for preparation of installing an emission source before the permit is issued. This will allow more flexibility for sources subject to NSR.
- **Guidance on Review of Title V Permit Applications**
 - EPA will allow Districts to submit Draft Title V permits for review by the EPA regional office prior to the public comment period on the draft permit and the comment period may run concurrently with EPA's review. This change should speed up the Title V review process.

- **Upcoming CARB Mobile Sources Control Division (MCSD) Leadership Air District Tour in Chico**

- Begins at noon on Wednesday June 17, 2026 at the District Office.
- Director Ertle helped coordinate this tour at the District Office.
- Includes Colusa APCD, Glenn APCD, Northern Sierra AQMD, and Feather River AQMD along with Butte AQMD and the CARB MCSD Leadership team.
- Strengthen collaboration between CARB MCSD and Air Districts that administer incentive programs (Moyer Program, FARMER Program, HVIP, CC4A, VW).