



TAMI RITTER, CHAIR
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

DOUGLAS ARNOLD
Vice Mayor, Biggs

BRYCE GOLDSTEIN
Councilmember, Chico

J. ANGEL CALDERON
Councilmember, Gridley

ERIC SMITH
Vice Mayor, Oroville

RON LASSONDE
Councilmember, Paradise

STEPHEN ERTL
Air Pollution Control Officer

PATRICK LUCEY
Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer

Final Minutes of the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors Meeting of February 26, 2026

Members Present:

Supervisor, District 1 (arrived at 10:35 a.m.)	
Bill Connelly	
Peter Durfee	Supervisor, District 2
Tami Ritter	Supervisor, District 3
Bryce Goldstein	Councilmember, Chico
Zach Brown	Councilmember, Biggs
Eric Smith	Vice Mayor, Oroville
Ron Lassonde	Councilmember, Paradise
Bruce Johnson	Vice Mayor, Gridley (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Doug Teeter	Supervisor, District 5
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor, District 4
Angel Calderon	Councilmember, Gridley

Staff Present:

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

Staff Remote:

Riley Peacock	Air Quality Engineer, II
Samuel Nassie	Air Quality Compliance Specialist, II

Public comments were accepted before and during the meeting by emailing ktowne@bcaqmd.org.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Pro Tem Ritter called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, California.

2. Consider Election of Butte County Air Quality Management District Officers for 2026.

Agenda Item 3.1

ACTION REQUESTED: Existing Chair Ritter, named as Chair Pro Tem, to oversee the election of a Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2026.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Lassonde to re-elect Supervisor Ritter as Chair and Supervisor Kimmelshue as Vice Chair.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

Supervisor Ritter served as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Welcome to New Board Members.

The new board members, Vice Mayor Johnson, and Councilmember Brown were welcomed to the board for 2026.

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

No additions or deletions.

5. Consent Agenda.

- 5.1 Minutes from December 11, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 5.2 Activity Report on Butte County Air Quality Management District Activities.
- 5.3 Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Oct. - Jan.).
- 5.4 FY 25-26 2nd Quarter Grant Revenue Report.
- 5.5 Annual Financial Transactions Report to the State Controller.
- 5.6 Status Report on Calendar of Events.
- 5.7 Status Report on Communications.
- 5.8 Approval of FY24-25 FARMER Grant Application (Resolution 2026-01).

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Consent Agenda Items.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Goldstein to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the correction of item 5.8 provided at the meeting.

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

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**7. Consider Appointing one (1) member to serve with the Chair and Vice Chair on the Executive Committee.
ACTION REQUESTED: Chair to appoint one (1) member to serve with the Chair and Vice Chair on the Executive Committee.**

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Lassonde to elect Councilmember Goldstein to serve on the Executive Committee with Supervisor Ritter and Supervisor Kimmelshue.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

8. Consider Appointing two (2) members to serve as the Budget and Finance Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Chair to appoint two (2) members to serve as the Budget and Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Brown to appoint Councilmember Goldstein and Vice Mayor Smith to serve as the Budget and Finance Committee.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

9. Consider Appointing a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council BCC.

ACTION REQUESTED: Chair to appoint one (1) Primary and one (1) Alternate to represent the District on the BCC.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to appoint Supervisor Teeter as the Primary Representative to serve on the BCC.

- AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(motion), Supervisor, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Smith(second), Vice Mayor Johnson, Gridley(alternate) and Councilmember Lassonde.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to appoint Supervisor Connelly as the Alternate Representative to serve on the BCC.

- AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(motion), Supervisor, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Smith(second), Vice Mayor Johnson, Gridley(alternate) and Councilmember Lassonde.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

10. District Vacancy Rates During Calendar Year 2025

ACTION REQUESTED: Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Job Vacancy Report and consider approving the report.

The District Vacancy Rates Hearing and report was presented by Aleah Ing, ASO.

Public Hearing open: 10:26 a.m.

Board discussion: None.
Public comments: None.

Public Hearing closed: 10:27 a.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to accept the District Vacancy rates report.

- AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(motion), Supervisor, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Smith(second), Vice Mayor Johnson, Gridley(alternate) and Councilmember Lassonde.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

11. Consider Approval of Settlement and Allocation of Funds

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider approval of the settlement and allocation of funds.

The Settlement and Allocation of Funds report was presented by Patrick Lucey, AAPCO.

Board comments: None.

Public comments: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goldstein and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to approve the settlement and the allocation of funds.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

12. Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve budget proposed transfers and amendments.

The Budget Amendments report was presented by Aleah Ing, ASO.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to approve the proposed budget amendments and transfers.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

13. Approval of FY26-27 Budget Adoption Schedule

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept and file.

The FY26-27 Budget Adoption Schedule report was presented by Stephen Ertle, APCO.

Board Discussion: Discussion ensued.

Public Comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Goldstein to accept the proposed Budget Adoption schedule.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, Supervisor Connelly and Councilmember Calderon.

14. Review and Approval of FY24-25 CAP Incentive Projects

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve FY 2023-2024 (G24) CAP Incentives Projects.

The FY24-25 CAP Incentives Project report was presented by Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner.

Board Discussion: Discussion ensued.

Public Comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Supervisor Connelly to approve FY24-25 CAP incentive projects with the exception of all the Brighton Energy Battery Charging infrastructure projects. The Board is requesting additional information on the Brighton Energy Battery Charging infrastructure projects before making a decision on grant fund allocation.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, and Councilmember Calderon.

15. Review and Approval of FY25-26 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) Grant Application

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Resolution 2026-02 accepting FY 2025-2026 CHIRP funding.

The FY25-26 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) Grant Application report was presented by Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comments: None.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Durfee to approve the FY25-26 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) Grant Application and Resolution 2026-02.

- AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(second), Supervisor, Supervisor Connelly, Councilmember Goldstein, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Smith(motion), Vice Mayor Johnson, Gridley(alternate) and Councilmember Lassonde.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, and Councilmember Calderon.

16. Approval to Accept Redirected Woodsmoke Program Grant Funds

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Resolution 2026-03 accepting FY2021-2022 and FY2022-2023 Woodsmoke Reduction Program funds from Imperial County APCD.

The Redirected Woodsmoke Program Grant Funds report was presented by Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner.

Board Discussion: Discussion ensued.
Public Comments: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Durfee and seconded by Councilmember Goldstein to approve Resolution 2026-03 accepting FY2021-2022 and FY2022-2023 Woodsmoke Reduction Program funds from Imperial County APCD.

- AYES: Supervisor Ritter, Supervisor Durfee(motion), Supervisor, Supervisor Connelly, Councilmember Goldstein(second), Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Johnson, Gridley(alternate) and Councilmember Lassonde.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Supervisor Kimmelshue, Supervisor Teeter, and Councilmember Calderon.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

17. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 District cost Recovery Analysis Report

ACTION REQUESTED: Review the FY 2024-2025 Program Cost Recovery Analysis Report and provide direction regarding potential amendments to Rule 509 (Hourly Labor Rate), Rule 500 (Stationary Source Permit Fees), and Rule 507 (Burn Permit Fees) to correct structural cost recovery deficit.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 District cost Recovery Analysis Report was presented by Stephen Ertle, APCO.

Board Discussion: Discussion ensued
Public Comments: None.

The Governing Board Provided Cost Recovery direction to the District Selecting an amended Option 2 – Hourly Rate Adjustment + Burn Fee Modernization with the direction for 4 year hourly rate increase at 10% per year.

18. Other Business

19. 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.

20. Adjourn to Closed Session. No closed session was held.

21. Report From Closed Session. None.

22. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025 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 February 26, 2026.



ATTEST: _____
Kelly Towne, Clerk of the Governing Board