

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Air Pollution Control District Minutes, October 28, 2024

The Honorable Directors of the Air Pollution Control District Board of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 28th day of October 2024; there being present Directors Ray Haupt, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff and Julianna Lucchesi, Deputy District Counsel Dana Barton and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Air Pollution Control District Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Directors Brandon Criss and Pat Vela were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lucchesi. Director Lucchesi led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Air Pollution Control District Governing Board - Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024. Directors Lucchesi and Kobseff elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Kobseff and Lucchesi voting YES and Directors Criss and Vela ABSENT to elect Director Lucchesi as Chair for 2024 and Director Kobseff as Vice Chair for 2024.

Presentations from the Public

There were no public comments received.

Transfer of Funds – Air Pollution Control District - \$65,000. Resolution APCD 24-01 adopted.

Following a brief overview of the request from Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith, it was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Kobseff and Lucchesi voting YES and Directors Criss and Vela ABSENT to adopt Resolution APCD 24-01, Transfer of Funds – Air Pollution Control District, in the amount of \$65,000.

Air Pollution Control Officer – Presentation of an update re various District activities/concerns, including air monitoring in the Copco area, financing, Department staffing, upcoming retirement and the need for Hearing Board members/volunteers.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith appeared before the District Board and provided an update regarding portable air monitors being utilized at the Copco Lake area to sample dust in the air. Mr. Smith shared concerns regarding the lack of funding to allow testing/sampling for heavy metals that may be released into the air and the possible use of unregulated wheat seeds being planted as cover crops in/around the former lake bed. Mr. Smith further shared concerns regarding the potential negative impact to the Department's staffing upon retirement of their current Air Quality Specialist Eric Olson. Mr. Smith advised that the Air District anticipates award of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant that will provide funding to operate equipment and that he would research methods for continuing air quality testing/sampling and reporting to the EPA following Mr. Olson's retirement.

Discussion followed between District Board members, Mr. Smith, District Counsel Dana Barton and Deputy County Administrator-Personnel Manager Hayley Hudson regarding the anticipated dates for Air Pollution Control District meetings, the methods for finalizing those meeting dates and the need to coordinate with County Personnel regarding a possible CalPERS exemption for Mr. Olson to continue following retirement.

County Clerk - Appointment of five members to the scheduled vacancies on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board for Medical, Engineer and Attorney representatives and two General Public representatives, with three-year terms ending January 1, 2027; January 19, 2027; January 28, 2027 and March 16, 2026, respectively. Holly Lenz appointed for Medical representative position.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that local resident Holly Lenz was interested in filling the Medical representative position on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board. In addition, Ms. Winningham requested continuation of the remaining vacancies.

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County Clerk – (continued)

It was moved by Director Haupt, seconded by Director Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Kobseff and Lucchesi voting YES and Directors Criss and Vela ABSENT to appoint Holly Lenz to the scheduled vacancy on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board, Medical representative, with a term ending January 1, 2027.

Minute Approval – December 5, 2023 and July 9, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Kobseff and Lucchesi voting YES and Directors Criss and Vela ABSENT to approve the December 5, 2023 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Director Haupt, seconded by Director Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Valenzuela, Kobseff and Lucchesi voting YES and Directors Criss and Vela ABSENT to approve the January 9, 2024 minutes as presented.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Air Pollution Control District, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Juliana Lucchesi, Chair

By: _____
Deputy