## PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Minutes of the Thursday, February 9, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met in session at 2:30 PM, Thursday, February 9, 2012, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California. Representing the District were: Tom Christofk, Air Pollution Control Officer; Todd Nishikawa, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer; Yu-Shuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Manager; Jane Bailey, Fiscal Officer; Ann Hobbs, Air Quality Specialist, and Margie Koltun, Clerk of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol Garcia. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Board with the following members in attendance: Mike Holmes, Donna Barkle, Gabriel Hydrick (alternate to Stan Nader), Peter Hill, Rhonda Morillas (alternate for Miguel Ucovich), and Carol Garcia. A quorum was established.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve: Hill/M. Holmes/Unanimous

#### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Eric Oddo, Environmental Engineering Program Manager for the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA), asked to speak. He said that he had come to thank the Board on behalf of the WPWMA for assisting in their efforts in identifying potential technology to convert residual waste from the landfill operations into energy. The WPWMA was awarded a grant in June of 2009 in the amount of \$55,000 to evaluate the air emissions from different conversion technologies and compare them to the operation as it currently exists. Mr. Oddo said he felt that this would be key in their evaluation of the technologies overall as they applied to the Landfill.

#### Consent Items 1 2 & 3:

**Budget Revision for Service Contracts:** Approved and signed Budget Revision #12-01 authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to use the available funds in the DMV Fund and the Operation Fund to increase the funding for two existing Professional Service Agreements.

Reprogram of DMV Motor Vehicle Registration Funds and Air Quality Mitigation Funds: Adopted Resolution #12-01, authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to use available funds in the DMV Motor Vehicle Registration Fund and the Mitigation Fund for the 2012 Clean Air Grant Program.

**Budget Revision to accept funds for a new County-District Biomass Utilization Agreement:** Approved Budget Revision #12-02, increasing the budgeted revenue and expenditure of funds from Placer County for the specific purpose of funding the District's services to the County for

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the Department of Energy Phase II Placer County Biomass Utilization Pilot Project.

Motion to approve consent items: Hill/M. Holmes/Unanimous

# **Public Hearing Action Item 4:**

## Item 4: Amendment of Rule 102, <u>Definitions</u> and Regulation 3, Open Burning, Rules 301-306:

Ms. Ann Hobbs, Air Quality Specialist and Open Burning Program manager for the District made this presentation. Ms. Hobbs explained that in February of 2011, this Board had approved the rescission of all 25 burn rules of Regulation 3 and the adoption of 6 new rules which replaced them. This was done to clarify and simplify the rules and to make them more consistent with state laws.

The newly adopted rules were submitted to the ARB (California Air Resources Board) and then forwarded to the EPA (US Environmental Protection Agency) as revisions to the SIP (State Implementation Plan). During the EPA review it was noted that changes were needed in the Land Development Burn Rule (Rule 304). Changes have been made to Rule 304 that include adding definitions clarifying when an inspection is needed and what type of burning is allowed with vegetation clearing for the construction of single or two family dwellings.

In the past year since the new rules were adopted, District staff noticed that administrative changes were needed in the other 5 rules and took the opportunity to make those changes. None of the changes impacted the stringency of the rules; they were made for clarity and readability. Ms Hobbs asked that the Board adopt Resolutions 12-02 and 12-03 thereby amending Rule 102, Definitions, and Regulation 3, Open Burning - Rules 301-306.

Chairperson Garcia opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Board for a motion.

Motion to approve: Hill/M. Holmes/ Unanimous

#### **Information Item 5:**

#### **Item 5: Regulatory Measures List:**

Information only, no discussion took place. This is a list of new rules and amendments that may be considered during the calendar year and is required to be published each year. The list may also be found on the District's website.

# **Air Pollution Control Officer Report:**

## CAG (Clean Air Grant) Marketing and Outreach Overview:

Mr. Christofk gave a status report on the 2012 CAG Marketing and Outreach. He said that

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applications for this year's CAG program had been available since December 20, 2011 and that the closing date would be February 17, 2012. There is approximately \$900,000 in funds available this year. Outreach included public notices in the Sacramento Bee, six newspapers managed by Gold Country Media, and the Tahoe Record. Postcards and email notices were also sent to over 500 agencies, groups and individuals. Ms. Kuklo, the CAG Program Manager, held two workshops one of which was teleconferenced to the Tahoe Planning Office where any interested party in the Tahoe area could attend without having to come to Auburn. All of the CAG information and application materials were made available on the District's web page.

### **Annual Cap-to Cap meeting:**

Mr. Christofk reminded the Board that FY2011-12 Budget contained funds to assist the Board members with attending the annual Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington D.C. Chairperson Garcia asked if there was any interest among the Board in using the funds. Director Mike Holmes said that he would appreciate being able to use the funds for the registration fee. Director Hill stated that Director Holmes should be able to access the funds to cover his other expenses as well since the funds were available and no one else asked for any of them. Chairperson Garcia asked if the other members agreed and they all said yes. She directed staff to assist Director Holmes with his registration fees and reimburse other eligible expenses he may have after the event.

#### **Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Christofk said that the District budget is where it needs to be at this point in the budget cycle. Revenues are up 20% and expenses are 34% less than projected because of the Clean Air Grant funds which will not be encumbered until April 2012. A balance sheet and fund summary handout was provided to the Board members.

Chairperson Garcia adjourned the me	eting.
Margie Koltun, Clerk of the Board	