

**PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Thursday, October 11, 2012  
Meeting of the Board of Directors Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met in session at 2:30 PM, Thursday, October 11, 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; Bruce Springsteen, Compliance and Enforcement Manager; Yu-Shuo Chang, Planning and Monitoring Manager; Don Duffy, Associate Engineer; 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, Miguel Ucovich, Stan Nader, Jim Holmes, Peter Hill, Jennifer Montgomery, and Carol Garcia. Robert Weygandt was absent. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** August 9, 2012, Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

Motion to approve: Ucovich/Holmes/Unanimous

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Public Hearing/Action:**

**Item 1: Amendment of two District Rules: Rule 235, Adhesives, and Rule 239, Graphic Arts Operations.**

Mr. Bruce Springsteen, Compliance and Enforcement Manager for the District, gave this presentation. He introduced Ms. Rania Serieh, Air Pollution Control Specialist (extra help) for the District who was very instrumental in the preparation of the rule amendments.

Mr. Springsteen described the rules and why they needed to be amended. He explained that the main reason is because this county is classified as nonattainment for ozone. Since the State Implementation Plan (SIP) requires reductions in volatile organic compounds (VOC) which is a precursor to ozone, the rules had to be amended to meet the U.S. EPA's "Control Techniques Guidelines" (CTG). The amendments are required as part of the District's SIP commitment to implement measures that reduce sources of ozone precursors and associated requirements to implement Best Available Retrofit Control Technology under the California Health and Safety code.

District staff used several different methods of outreach to notify stakeholders of the proposed changes; public notices, District website, and direct mailers. Staff also worked closely with the ARB and EPA staff to ensure that the amended rules would be acceptable for the SIP. Staff believes that the amendments will not create any economic hardship to any adhesive users or manufacturer (one facility with a District permit to operate) or graphic arts operations within the

District (including the seven shops with District permits to operate). Most products that are currently available on the market already comply with the appropriate standards since many other air districts with manufacturers, distributors and users of these products in their jurisdiction have already adopted rules covering the changes.

Mr. Springsteen also said that the emissions reductions from implementing the amended rules would not be significant. The District is making these amendments in order to achieve the SIP commitment. He said that staff recommends that the Board approve all the findings in the Staff Reports and adopt Resolutions #12-10 and #12-11 thereby approving the amendments to Rule 235, Adhesives, and Rule 239, Graphic Arts Operations.

Chairperson Garcia opened public comment and seeing none, closed public comment and brought the item back to the board for a motion.

Motion to approve staff recommendation and adopt both resolutions #12-10 and #12-11:  
Montgomery/J. Holmes/Unanimous

## **Information:**

### **Item 2: 2012 CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Air Quality Handbook:**

Ms. Christa Darlington, Counsel for the District, gave this presentation. Ms. Darlington began by thanking the staff who worked on this Handbook; Yu-Shuo Chang and Angel Green and also contracted employee, Tom Thompson. They all put in untold hours on research, design and development of this Handbook.

Ms. Darlington said that the CEQA Handbook project has been in the works for about four years and is finally ready to be presented to the Board, the public, and planning practitioners. It is a document that describes the role of the District in reviewing land use projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. At the APCD Board meeting in December of 2008, staff provided an overview of the existing District CEQA review process and committed at that time to develop a Handbook which could serve as an advisory tool for assessing air quality impacts of proposed projects in Placer County. Ms. Darlington provided a contrast between what the Handbook's purpose is, and what it is not, and said that the goal of the book is to be advisory in nature and assist lead agencies and consultants with the District's environmental review process.

Staff released a draft of the Handbook in October of 2011, and distributed it to local jurisdictions for review and comment. The second draft was released in August of 2012, and included significant modifications based on comments from the jurisdictions. Staff met personally with staff from the City of Roseville and the Building Industry Association regarding the Handbook. All comments provided to District staff were provided as attachments to the Staff Report with today's Board packet.

The main focus of the Handbook is to describe the District's role as a commenting agency to a lead agency on a land use project and to assist lead agencies in making defensible decisions

regarding air quality when preparing documents for a land use project. Although it is possible that the District could, under specific circumstances, be a lead agency, the District's primary role is as a commenting agency. The Handbook also contains a vast array of reference materials, links to modeling tools, charts and graphs which could be helpful to anyone trying to make their way through the CEQA process. The Handbook, within each chapter, goes from the most simple and basic information to the most complex, depending on what level of information is needed.

Ms. Darlington clarified that this is an information item only. The Handbook does not have to be adopted by the Board since the District is not adopting any new thresholds in this Handbook. Staff will continue to use the thresholds that have been in place as previously directed by this Board. It is not anticipated that the use of this Handbook by Lead Agencies will add to the cost of doing business, it is hoped that it will be a tool that actually reduces the time and resources needed during the development and review period.

## **Air Pollution Control Officer Report:**

### **Presentation of commendation to John Mahoney, retiring Air Specialist II**

Chairperson Garcia presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. John Mahoney, Air Pollution Control Specialist II, who had retired from the District in September after twelve years of service.

### **Facility Update**

Mr. Christofk had a short presentation on a proposal to have PV (photovoltaic) solar panels installed on the roof of the District offices. This would be a cost savings and energy efficiency upgrade being added to the District's property. Now that a year's worth of energy bills have come in, staff have done an analysis of those costs. Using solar could help cut energy costs by 42%. An energy analysis done by a local company showed that the initial outlay of approximately \$70,000 for a 25 kilowatt DC system could be recouped within 10-11 years. This dollar amount includes a \$13,830 rebate from the State of California that applies to government agencies, from a total cost of \$83,980. The rebate program is in its final step so there is no time to waste if the Board chooses to go forward with this project.

The Board gave direction to have some options presented for solar installation at the next Board Meeting and asked to have the summary proposal sent to them.

### **Sacramento Metro Area 1-Hour Ozone Clean Data Determination**

Mr. Christofk said that the EPA had issued a fact sheet stating that the Sacramento region had attained the 1-hour ozone standard. However, the 1-hour standard has been revoked and replaced by an 8-hour ozone standard. There will be a finding published in the Federal Register soon.

**Fiscal Report:**

A balance sheet and fund summary handout were provided to the Board members and made available to the public. Mr. Christofk stated that the fund balances are always “front loaded” at this point in the fiscal year and that the balance sheet shows an 84% increase in budgeted revenue and a decrease of 47% in expenditures compared to the budget.

**Other Items:**

Also mentioned was that AB 146 (Dickenson) had been signed by the governor which adds a seat to the California Air Resources Board that will be filled by a representative from a local air district. All District Board members are encouraged to apply for the seat.

Mr. Christofk brought to the attention of the Board that burning season will be in effect soon. District staff has updated the burning brochure and were able to have it placed in with the Recology Auburn/Placer bills and mailed to about 27,000 residents. There will be more brochures mailed out to other areas of the County in this same manner as Recology moves through their billing cycles.

Chairperson Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ucovich/J. Holmes/Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

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Margie Koltun, Clerk of the Board