

Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

Summary Minutes for March 21, 2023 Meeting held at 1:30 pm

Meeting was recorded in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers
810 Court Street, Jackson, California

Determination of a Quorum

Present on Roll Call:

Pat Crew	Amador County District 1, Supervisor
Richard Forster	Amador County District 2, Supervisor
Jeff Brown	Amador County District 3, Supervisor
Brian Oneto	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
Julia Sierk*	City of Sutter Creek, Councilman
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman

*Attended via Zoom

Absent on Roll Call:

Frank Axe	Amador County, District 4, Supervisor
Susan Bragstad	City of Amador City, Councilman
Diane Wratten	City of Ione, Councilman
Keith White	City of Plymouth, Councilman

Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, Air Pollution Control Officer

David Estey, AAD Inspector

NOTE: These minutes remain in *Draft* form until approved by Minute Order at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Any packets prepared by Staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations, which are referred to by Board members in their decisions, which are contained in the staff reports, are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.

At 1:38 p.m. Director Brown called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

Pledge of Allegiance: Director Brown led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Approval of the agenda for this date; any and all off agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code).

Motion:	<p>It was moved by <u>Director Forster</u>, seconded by <u>Director Crew</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 6-0-4</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Bragstad, Wratten and White</p>
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Public Matters Not on the Agenda: Discussion items only; no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador Air District Board of Directors; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or a committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. **Please note - there is a five (5) minute limit per topic**

Administrative Matters

1.	<p>Minutes: Review and approval of the January 17, 2023 Board Minutes: Approved with amendment.</p>
Motion:	<p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Stimpson, and carried to approve the minutes for this date with amendments. Vote 5-0-4-1</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Bragstad, Wratten and White Abstained: Director Sierk (<i>was not present at previous meeting</i>)</p>

2.	<p>Rivers Pines Generator: Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that at the January 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, discussion occurred regarding four (4) generators located in the community of River Pines. The generators are used to power the lift stations in the community but are all extremely old (from the 1980s) and are in need of replacement.</p> <p>Amador Water Agency (AWA) took Amador Air District (AAD) staff to each of the sites that contained a unit. After inspecting each, AAD staff realized that two of the generators are 25 kW, the third is 30 kW, and the fourth is a 38 kW. Currently, AAD does not permit any of these generators. Three of the generators do not meet the current threshold of 50 hp or 37 kW to require a permit. The 38 kW unit does and we are currently working with River Pines staff to issue a Permit.</p> <p>River Pines is looking into replacing the 1984 30 kW generator with a 40 kW generator due to increased needs from the lift station. This generator would also require a permit from the AAD.</p> <p>APCO Perry understands that replacing all of the generators comes at a great expense for the River Pines Public Utility Commission (PUC). APCO Perry would like the Board to consider allowing her to offer River Pines PUC a grant under the guidelines of the City, County, Agency Diesel (CCAD) program funds to help assist with the replacement of this extremely old and polluting generator. The new unit would be permitted by AAD.</p>
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Motion:	<p>It was moved by <u>Director Oneto</u>, seconded by <u>Director Crew</u>, and unanimously carried to approve APCO to use CCAD funds up to 75% of total cost not to exceed \$16,000 to help River Pines purchase a new generator to replace the 30 kW unit located at Slate Creek Immigrant Trail site. Vote 6-0-4</p> <p>Absent: Directors Axe, Bragstad, Wratten and White</p>
3.	<p>APCO Updates: Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p>Prescribed Fire Training March 14-17, 2023 Update - APCO Perry gave an update from the Prescribed Fire Training in Riverside AAD staff attended. The two day training included guest speakers from CalFire, CARB, EPA, and local Air Districts all discussing the future of prescribed burning in CA. Overall take away: we all know that prescribed fires are never going away....it's an on-going cycle. The future of prescribed fires in CA is just more of it. The more educated agencies are the most we can assist in educating our residents. Agencies like CARB and EPA are recognizing the importance of prescribed fires and are putting resources in place to help air districts make treatment planning easier.</p> <p>Day two of the training had a bigger focus on air districts and what we can be doing to bring more awareness of proper prescribed burning to mitigate smoke. For us here at the Air District, we will be working with Placer County to create our own Smoke Management and Prescribed Burning brochure. This will help answer lots of the questions residents have about prescribed fires and smoke. The second half of day two was all about hands-on training on set-up and deployment of EMABs (Environmental Beta Attenuation Monitor). We worked with CARB staff on this and Amador is now eligible to set up EBAMs when needed.</p> <p>Green Waste Voucher Program – The Green Waste Voucher program is to start in the month of April. Next week, AAD staff will be out at the Pioneer Veterans Hall handing out the vouchers. We have increased the amount of vouchers from 150 to 200. An ad will come out on Friday in the Ledger with the schedule of the dates.</p> <p>Rule 400 NSR Rule - CARB has submitted our Rule 400 to EPA.</p> <p>Air District Sign at the Pioneer Park - Last year, APCO Perry got a call from Justin Howard inquiring about the old Air District sign that was at the Pioneer Park. He was wondering if AAD was still interested in keeping the sign up and perhaps giving it a face lift. AAD pays \$125 yearly to have the sign out there. The money is paid to ACRA and helps their agency. AAD staff worked with Kam Merzlak on getting a new board. Kam did a great job and a picture of the new board was in the Board packet. AAD staff will be going out to replace the sign as soon as the weather allows them to.</p>

	<p>Financials: APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Stimpson, Sierk, Bragstad, and White</p>
Correspondence:	None
Adjournment:	At 2:07pm the meeting was adjourned until May 16, 2023 at 1:30 pm