

Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

Summary Minutes for May 21, 2024 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
Frank Axe	Amador County District 4, Supervisor
Brian Oneto	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
Bruce Sherrill	City of Amador City, Councilman
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman
Stacy Rhodes	City of Ione, Councilman

Absent on Roll Call:

Julia Sierk	City of Sutter Creek, 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 1:32 p.m. Director Stimpson called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

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

<p>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).</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<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 8-0-2</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sierk and White</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p>Administrative Matters</p>	
<p>1.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>Minutes: Review and approval of the March 19, 2024 Board Minutes: Approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Brown, and carried to approve the minutes for this date. Vote 8-0-2</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sierk and White</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>FARMER Grant Resolution 24-04: Action APCO Perry introduced the Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program, which was developed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to meet the Legislature’s objectives and help meet the State’s criteria, toxic and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals. The purpose of the FARMER Program is to reduce agricultural sector emissions by providing grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations.</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that the Amador Air District (AAD) has been participating in this program for more than six years and would like to continue to participate. Placer APCD acts as the program overseer for the Shared Allocation Pool and is responsible for the program development.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Forster, seconded by Director Crew, and carried unanimously to allow APCO to continue program and approve resolution #24-04 for signature by the Board Chairman. Vote 8-0-2</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sierk and White</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Draft Budget FY 2024/2025: Discussion and Action APCO Perry presented the draft budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. The general approach to the budget has been similar to past budgets where the expenses match the revenues. This year a conservative approach was taken due to increased cost of operating the District and loss of sources.</p>

<p>Motion:</p>	<p>The draft budget includes the following:</p> <p>Community Projects (line #54120) budgeted at \$164,936. Includes the Smoke Reduction Bin Program, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and Wildfire Outreach Program.</p> <p>Special Projects (line #54712) budgeted at \$105,000. Reduced CCAD program from \$80,000 to \$30,000. The Small Lawn Equipment Rebate Program is budgeted at \$75,000. This number includes the residential program that has been ongoing since FY 22-23 with a budget of \$25,000 and in addition APCO Perry added new budget to start a City Small Lawn Equipment Rebate Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 (\$10,000 per incorporated city).</p> <p>State Aid Other – Carl Moyer, Prescribed Fire Grant, Misc. Grants (line #54715) budgeted at \$71,000. Of this, \$50,000 is for Carl Moyer or FARMER grants and \$21,000 for the prescribed fire grant which will cover two fiscal years (FY 24-25 and 25-26).</p> <p>It was moved by Director Oneto, seconded by Director Axe, and unanimously carried to approve the draft budget for FY 2024/2025 as presented. Vote 8-0-2</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sierk and White</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AB 2588 Hot Spots: Informational only, no action to be taken</p> <p>APCO Perry explained that AAD received a public records request from the Lexington Law Group asking for, “each Air Toxics “Hot Spots” program annual report prepared pursuant to AB 2588 (California Health & Safety Code § 44363) from 2020 to the present”. APCO Perry responded that AAD did not have any high priority facilities in the County and therefore nothing to report.</p> <p>At the March CAPCOA Board meeting and Rural Section meeting this topic was brought up. Currently, the Law Group has targeted all 35 air districts with a handful of medium/large districts being legally petitioned for failing to comply with AB 2588. AB 2588 was brought to AAD’s APCO in 2014-2015. It was the formers APCO’s understanding that this did not apply to Amador since there were no high priority facilities and this message was relayed to staff. Although, this statement may have been true, according to section 44363 of the Health and Safety Code, AAD is still required to report. APCO Perry has tasked Ray Kapahi, Engineering Specialist, to help with the initial prioritization/reporting and teach staff how to continue to do these reports in order to be in compliance. APCO Perry has also notified County Counsel of a potential legal petition.</p> <p>AAD staff recently met with Mr. Kapahi to discuss the effort AB 2588 will entail for the District. This is going to be a very time intensive work load on AAD staff. Mr. Kapahi will be assisting staff but the majority of the upfront work will need to be done in-house.</p> <p>Informational item only. No motion was made.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>APCO Updates: Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p>Green Waste Vouchers – APCO Perry explained that the voucher program was kicked off with great success. In both months, April and May, all 200 vouchers were handed out. Residents are extremely thankful for this program and can't express it enough to AAD staff.</p> <p>EVCS Update – Castle Oaks Golf Club – For the past three years, Castle Oaks Golf Club has been working on the installation of EVCS. APCO Perry was happy to report, that they have finished their installation and the chargers are up and open to the public.</p> <p>Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) Plan - The District was contacted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to notify us that our CMS plan was expired. APCO Perry is currently working with EPA staff to update and submit an updated plan for the next six years.</p> <p>Rule 2580 Title V Affirmative Defense Rule – APCO Perry explained that in August 2023, EPA finalized a regulation that removes “affirmative defense” provisions from the Title V program. Affirmative defense provisions may excuse a source from noncompliance with their emissions limits if they can prove that they were not able to meet them due to an emergency, as defined by state/air district Title V regulations. The finalization of this rule started a 12-month clock during which states and air districts are required to remove affirmative defense provisions. Recognizing that many Title V authorities will need more than 12 months to make these changes, US EPA is accepting requests for extension (see attached memo).</p> <p>Parachlorobenzotrifluoride (PCBTF) Toxic – PCBTF (p-Chlorobenzotrifluoride CAS# 98-56-6) is a compound identified as an exempt VOC by EPA. As such it has been ubiquitously used in many coatings and other products due to its specific solvent properties and because it's VOC-exempt status allows those coatings to meet stringent, low-VOC requirements. Many industries use products containing PCBTF, including automotive refinishing, metal and wood coating operations, and printing operations to name a few. At this time, AAD is not aware that any of our sources use PCBTF. Staff is however, working with all our automobile shops to verify that their current solvents do not include PCBTF.</p> <p>NAAQS PM 2.5 New Standards – On February 7th, 2024, EPA promulgated a revision to the primary annual national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for PM_{2.5} from the annual level of 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³. Although Amador does not have a PM 2.5 monitor and are unclassified for PM, this change in standards will come with adjustments for our County. This reduction in numbers will eventually reduce the Air Quality Index thresholds to be more stringent. As of now, not much to do on our end but APCO Perry will continue to follow this item for future regulations/requirements.</p>
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	<p>Annual Invoicing – APCO Perry will be starting the invoicing for FY 24-25 for sources at the end of May. This includes emission calculations, permit renewals, and mailing out invoices.</p> <p>Financials: APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only.</p> <p>Absent: Directors Sierk and White</p>
Correspondence:	None
Adjournment:	At 2:07pm the meeting was adjourned until August 20, 2024 at 1:30 pm