

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Air Pollution Control District Minutes, May 13, 2025

The Honorable Directors of the Air Pollution Control District Board of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 13th day of May 2025; there being present Directors Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Juliana Lucchesi, Chief 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 Ray Haupt and Pat Vela were absent.

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Air Pollution – Presentation of current Air Pollution staff members and an update regarding the Air Pollution Control District. Presentation and discussion only.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith appeared before the Board and introduced new staff members Air Pollution Specialists Darin Weeks and Klev Hegdal. Mr. Smith provided a brief overview of the District's request for retired Air Pollution Specialist Eric Olson to return as an Extra Help employee prior to the 180-day waiting period required by CalPERs, sharing concerns that CalPERs denied the request for an exception to the 180-day period. Additionally Mr. Smith advised that Mr. Hegdal would be working on the Carl Moyer Grant Program in order for members of the public to apply for grant funding to replace high emission gasoline engines and that the prescribed burn program was being rewritten.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board and Mr. Smith regarding the anticipated changes to the prescribed burn program from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and concerns regarding the potential for certain grant funding from the Federal government to be rescinded and payback requested.

Chair Kobseff requested notification of anticipated Air Pollution Control District (APCD) agenda items in the future, should a regular APCD meeting need to be canceled due to lack of items to consider.

Minute Approval – February 11, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Director Ogren, seconded by Director Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Lucchesi, Ogren, Valenzuela and Kobseff voting YES and Directors Haupt and Vela ABSENT to approve the February 11, 2025 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

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____

Deputy

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