



# Agenda Worksheet

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Consent

Contact Person/Department: Dian Collier/Jim Smith Phone: 530-841-4111

Address: 525 S Foothill Dr, Yreka, CA 96097

Person Appearing/Title: Jim Smith-Air Pollution Control Officer

## Subject/Summary of Issue:

Provide an update on Siskiyou County Air Pollution district activities/accomplishments for FY 20/21.  
Verbal only.

## Financial Impact:

NO  Describe why no financial impact: Verbal update only

YES  Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Org.: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Preference: YES  NO

For Contracts – Explain how vendor was selected:

Additional Information:

## Recommended Motion:

### Reviewed as recommended by policy:

County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

CAO \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Requests:

Certified Minute Order(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Air Pollution Control District Minutes, February 4, 2020

The Honorable Directors of the Air Pollution Control District Board of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020; there being present Directors Ray Haupt, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Brandon Criss, Ray Fahey, and Jeffrey Collings, Deputy County Counsel Dana Barton and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Air Pollution Control District Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Criss. Air Pollution Specialist Kim Sumner led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Air Pollution Control District Governing Board** - Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. Director Criss elected Chair and Director Fahey elected Vice Chair for of the Air Pollution Control District Governing Board for 2020. Directors Criss and Fahey elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Valenzuela and unanimously carried to elect Director Criss as Chair for 2020.

It was moved by Director Criss, seconded by Director Criss and unanimously carried to elect Director Fahey as Vice Chair for 2020.

### Public Comment

Air Pollution Control Officer James Smith provided an update on the ongoing efforts to install and operate an air monitoring station at Mt. Shasta to encompass the South County area.

### Consent Agenda – Approved.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Valenzuela and unanimously carried, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

Air Pollution - Adopt Resolution APCD 20-01 allowing the District to continue to participate in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and accept funds in the amount of \$137,731.09. Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to implement the Woodsmoke Reduction Program according to the program guidelines. Authorize the Auditor to establish a budget.

**Air Pollution** - Presentation from the US Forest Service re Polyethylene in Forest Management and Fuels Reduction. Presentation and discussion only.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith provided a brief overview of the request, introducing Josh Veal representative from the Klamath National Forest, Ted McArthur from the Six Rivers National Forest and Mike Appling and James Courtright from the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, to speak about the use of Polyethylene (PE) in the management of forest service lands.

Mr. Veal presented a powerpoint presentation entitled: Polyethylene in Forest Management and Fuels Reduction, advising of the important tool of burning forest products in slash piles to reduce fuels in forest landscapes, sharing concerns that the inability to use PE (which must be removed prior to burning a timber slash pile) in/on those slash piles reduces the pace and scale of landscape restoration efforts.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Veal advised that the use of PE on timber slash/burn piles expands the time in which prescribed burning can occur (i.e. into the winter), as the PE protects and keeps the materials dry for more productive/complete burning. Mr. Veal further advised that emission (air quality) studies have been conducted that indicate the use of PE “did not add additional toxic compounds to the burning wood” and that the inclusion of the PE “did not appear to significantly change the emissions produced when low-moisture-content wood is burned”.

Mr. Veal continued the powerpoint, including alternative covering materials that were tested (i.e. Kraft paper), sharing concerns regarding the increased costs and reduced durability associated with the covering timber slash piles with Kraft paper (which can be coated in wax or PE to increase water resistance).

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**Air Pollution – (continued)**

Mr. Veal continued the powerpoint, including alternative covering materials that were tested (i.e. Kraft paper), sharing concerns regarding the increased costs and reduced durability associated with the covering timber slash piles with Kraft paper (which can be coated in wax or PE to increase water resistance). Mr. Veal further shared concerns regarding the potential labor intensive efforts that would be required to pile slash timber in order to shed water versus covering the piles to keep them dry.

Mr. Smith advised that the Air Pollution office was asked to review the possible use of PE, sharing concerns that burning PE within a timber slash pile was currently illegal at the State level and that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has supported the Office's efforts to address the issue. Mr. Smith further advised that an APCD Rulebook update would be required in order to allow for the use of PE in burning timber/slash as an emission reduction (fuels management) tool. Mr. Smith spoke in support of a 10'x10' limit on the size of burn piles using PE.

**Air Pollution** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to submit changes related to the use of polyethylene sheeting on prescribed fire as part of required smoke management permits and plans. Approved.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith provided an overview of the request to authorize the District to submit suggested Rulebook updates to CARB for their review with further discussion of the matter to come back to the District Board at a later date.

Siskiyou County Fire Chiefs Association representative Bernie Paul spoke in support of the proposed rule change to allow for the use of PE.

Yreka City Council member Norman Shaskey spoke in support of the proposal as well.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board, County Fire Warden Phil Anzo, Mr. Smith and others present regarding the potential for no impact of the proposed rule change on CalFire's processing of various burn permits and the need to outreach to the local firesafe councils regarding the proposed rule and possible benefits to decreasing wildfire impacts near communities.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Haupt to approve the District to submit Air Pollution Control Rulebook updates to the California Air Resources Control Board for review and approval of the use of polyethylene sheeting on prescribed fire as part of required smoke management permits and smoke management plans.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the use of polyethylene sheeting on prescribed fire as part of required smoke management permits and smoke management plans.

**Air Pollution** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to submit rule changes to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for their review and approval prior to adoption of the rule changes by the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District. Approved.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Kobseff and unanimously carried to approve the District to submit Air Pollution Control Rulebook updates to the California Air Resources Control Board for review and approval.

**Minute Approval – December 10, 2019.** Approved.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the December 10, 2019 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

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**February 4, 2020**

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Air Pollution Control District Minutes, April 27, 2021

The Honorable Directors of the Air Pollution Control District Board of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021; there being present Directors Ray Haupt, Ed Valenzuela, and Takeshi Murakami, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Air Pollution Control District Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

Pursuant to California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, March 17, 2020, Directors Brandon Criss and Julianna Lucchesi participated/attended via teleconference phone from off-site locations, with Director Lucchesi present at 9:30a.m. Director Michael Kobseff was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt. Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

### Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

### Consent Agenda – Approved.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Murakami and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Murakami, Valenzuela and Haupt voting YES and Directors Kobseff and Lucchesi ABSENT, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

#### Air Pollution

Adopt Resolution APCD 21-02 approving the District's participation in the FARMERS program, and the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the District for eligible projects and program administration each year through 2023, in accordance with the terms and conditions of FARMERS guidelines, policy and procedures; and that the District accepts any qualified projects, grant funds and administrative funds awarded to the District through the FARMERS program each year through 2023; and that the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with Placer County Air Pollution Control District for the collaborative implementation of the FARMER program, including program guidelines and approved applicable local program guidelines and memoranda of understanding; and that the Air Pollution Control Officer is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out this resolution.

#### Air Pollution

Adopt Resolution APCD 21-03 authorizing the District application for Community Air Protection Program Grant funds; and that the District accepts community Air Protection grant funding. Authorize the air Pollution Control Officer to execute all necessary documents to secure grant funds to implement any qualified projects.

#### Air Pollution

Adopt Resolution APCD 21-04 approving the District's continued participation in Carl Moyer Program, and the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the District for eligible projects and program administration each year through 2022-2023 (Year 25), in accordance with the terms and conditions of CMP grant agreements.

**Air Pollution** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to create one Air Pollution Control Specialist I, effective May, 2021, and deletion Air Pollution Control Specialist II position, effective June, 2021. Approved.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith provided an overview of the request, advising that Air Pollution Control Specialist Kim Sumner would be retiring in June and that there was sufficient funding to create one Air Pollution Control Specialist position to work alongside Ms. Sumner until her retirement.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela and seconded by Director Murakami to approve creation of Air Pollution Specialist I, effective May 2, 2021, and delete Air Pollution Specialist II, effective June 13, 2021.

Following discussion between members of the District Board regarding appreciation for Ms. Sumner's work on various Carl Moyer Programs to reduce air pollution from farm vehicles, log trucks, school busses and woodstoves, and following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Murakami, Valenzuela and Haupt voting YES, and Directors Kobseff and Lucchesi ABSENT, the motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith introduced GSI Specialist Isidro Barela who created a GIS mapping of drought intensity in Northern California and Southern Oregon for April 2021. Ms. Smith provided copies of the map to members of the District Board.

**Air Pollution** - Discussion and possible direction re participation by a member of the Air Pollution Control District in Siskiyou County Incident Command activities. The Chair, Air Pollution Control Officer, Director Murakami and Director of Office of Emergency Services to discuss the possible participation of Air Pollution Control in Incident Command and EOC.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith provided an overview of the request, advising of speaking with the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) regarding possible participation of Air Pollution staff during emergencies when Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is active. Mr. Smith requested input from the District Board regarding that participation.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board and Mr. Smith regarding the County Departments and various participating agencies' responsibilities in the EOC, the potential benefits associated with an Air Pollution representative at the EOC and the risk to the public's health during wildfire incidents.

It was the consensus of the District Board for the Chair, Mr. Smith, the County's Director of Emergency Services and Director Murakami to further discuss the possible participation of Air Pollution Control in Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center.

**Air Pollution** - Presentation of a report concerning the South County Air Monitoring Station. Presentation and discussion only.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith provided an overview of the request, advising that an air monitoring station had been placed at the Mt. Shasta Elementary School and was currently operating and supplying data. Mr. Smith briefly summarized the data retrieval and update process.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board and Mr. Smith regarding the current status forest fuels with regard to low moisture levels, suspension of agricultural burning due to drought conditions, the need to locate an air monitoring station in the Happy Camp area, the efforts being made and possible funding resources to implement fuels reduction projects and the air quality information that the County website provides.

Director Julianna Lucchesi was present via ZOOM/teleconference phone from an off-site location at 9:30a.m.

**County Clerk** - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board for a Medical representative, an Engineer representative and a member to represent the General Public, with terms expiring January 1, 2024; January 19, 2024 and January 28, 2024, respectively. Harry Sampson, Sr. appointed; remaining vacancies continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Engineer representative Harry Sampson, Sr. was interested in being reappointed to the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board.

It was moved by Director Haupt, seconded by Director Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Murakami, Valenzuela, Luchessi and Haupt voting YES, and Director Kobseff ABSENT, to appoint Harry Sampson, Sr. to the scheduled vacancy on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board for an Engineer representative, with a term ending January 19, 2024.

**Minute Approval** - January 19, 2021. Approved.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Lucchesi and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Murakami, Valenzuela, Lucchesi and Haupt voting YES, and Director Kobseff ABSENT, to approve the January 19, 2021 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

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Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy