

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Governing Board of Directors
Agenda
Regular Meeting

Monday
August 26, 2024
1:00 PM

Dwight Ceresola, Chair
Plumas County Supervisor, District One

Tom McGowan, Vice-Chair
Plumas County Supervisor, District Three

Hardy Bullock
Nevada County Supervisor, District Five

Ed Scofield
Nevada County Supervisor, District Two

Paul Roen
Sierra County Supervisor, District Three

Lee Adams
Sierra County Supervisor, District One

Alternates:
Susan Hoek, Nevada County Supervisor, District Four
Lila Heuer, Sierra County Supervisor, District Two
Jeff Engel, Plumas County Supervisor, District Five

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

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**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

August 26, 2024

1:00 P.M.

This meeting will be held by videoconference/telephone at the following locations:

**(Site A) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Headquarters)
200 Litton Drive, Conference Room 316
Grass Valley, California**

**(Site B) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Northern Office)
257 E. Sierra Street, Unit E
Portola, California**

**(Site C) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Sierra County Courthouse
100 Courthouse Square
Downieville, CA 95936.**

**(Site D) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Eric Rood Government Center
950 Maidu Ave
NC 95959**

**(Site E) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Sherriff Office Substation
222 1st Ave
Chester, CA 96020**

All items on the agenda may be acted upon by the Board of Directors. No action will be taken nor discussion held at the meeting on business not appearing on the posted agenda.

I. Standing Orders:

A. Call to Order

B. Roll call and determination of quorum.

C. Public Comment: For items **NOT** appearing on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board. The public may comment on Agenda items as they are discussed.

II. Approval and/or Modifications to Agenda

III. Consent Calendar These Items Are Expected to Be Routine and Noncontroversial. They Will Be Acted on By the Board at One Time Without Discussion. Any Board Member, Staff Member, or Interested Party May Request That an Item Be Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion.

A. Approval of regular meeting minutes – July 22, 2024

B. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – July 2024

IV. Administrative Report (Action/Discussion Items)

A. Air Toxics (AB 2588) Report

B. Guidelines for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts of Land Use Projects

V. Director’s Report (Informational Only)

A. ACI at IMD – Cal Fire and Plumas Public Works

B. Title V Revised Rule 522 – Remove affirmative defense language.

VI. Staff Reports/Program Updates (Informational Only)

A. Monitoring

B. Planning

C. Permitting

D. Compliance/Enforcement

E. TAG

VII. Concerns of Board - The Board may at this time bring up matters it wishes to discuss at the next Board Meeting, as long as no discussions are conducted and no actions are taken, in compliance with the Brown Act.

VIII. Schedule next Meeting – Video/Phone Conference September 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM

IX. Adjournment

PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by the Chairperson in a manner consistent with the policies of the District. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall also be used as a general guideline for meeting protocol. District policies shall prevail whenever they are in conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

All Board meetings shall commence at the time stated on the agenda and shall be guided by same.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Provisions for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda of a special meeting, or to address the Board at a regular meeting on any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, shall be as follows:

Three (3) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to each subject matter.

No boisterous conduct shall be permitted at any Board meeting. Persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the Chairperson, of that person's privilege of address.

No oral presentation shall include charges or complaints against any District employee, regardless of whether or not the employee is identified in the presentation by name or by another reference which tends to identify. All charges or complaints against employees shall be submitted to the Board of Directors under provisions contained in District Policy 1030.

Willful disruption of any of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be permitted. If the Chairperson finds that there is in fact willful disruption of any meeting of the Board, he/she may order the room cleared and subsequently conduct the Board's business without the audience present. In such an event, only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session.

After clearing the room, the Chairperson may permit those persons who, in his/her opinion, were not responsible for the willful disruption to re-enter the meeting room.

Duly accredited representatives of the news media, whom the Chairperson finds not to have participated in the disruption, shall be admitted to the remainder of the meeting.

Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Board of Directors directly at each teleconference location.

POSTING AGENDA:

This agenda was posted at least 72 hours prior to the regular meeting at the following locations: Eric Rood Government Center in Nevada City, The Plumas County Courthouse in Quincy, the Litton Building in Grass Valley, Northern Air District office in Portola, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors Chambers in Quincy, Sierra County Courthouse Square in Downieville. **The agenda and board packet are available on-line prior to the Board Meeting at www.myairdistrict.com**

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: II

Agenda Description: Approval and/or Modifications to Agenda

Requested Action: Discuss any modifications to agenda, approve agenda with a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: III.A

Agenda Description: Approval of July 22, 2024, Board Minutes

Requested Action: Approve July 22, 2024, Board Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

July 22, 2024, Board Minutes

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MINUTES

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

July 22, 2024

1:00 P.M.

This meeting will be held by videoconference/telephone at the following.

locations:

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Portola, California

(Site C) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Sierra County Courthouse 100 Courthouse Sq,
Downieville 95936.

Members Present:

Supervisor Adams

Supervisor Scofield

Supervisor Ceresola, Chair

Supervisor Roen

I. Standing Orders:

A. Call to Order.

Chair Ceresola called the meeting to order at 1:00 P. M.

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

A quorum was confirmed. With the following Board members being present: Chair Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Adams, Supervisor Schofield, Supervisor Roen.

Supervisor Bullock and Supervisor McGowan were absent.

Also, present; Julie Hunter, APCO, Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board,

C. Public Comment:

For Items NOT Appearing on the Agenda and Within the Jurisdiction of the Board. The Public May Comment on Agenda Items As They Are Discussed. Both Teleconference Sites are Allowed an Opportunity for Public Comment.

Chair Ceresola called for public comment for items not appearing on the agenda. There was no public comment.

II. Approval and/or modification to the agenda

APCO requested to make a modification to the agenda. Adding to the Director's Report to update the board members on a single audit for the EPA TAG Grants.

Supervisor Roen made a motion to approve the modified consent calendar. Supervisor Scofield seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance, following a roll call vote.

III. Consent Calendar These Items Are Expected to Be Routine and Noncontroversial. They Will Be Acted on By the Board at One Time Without Discussion. Any Board Member, Staff Member, or Interested Party May Request That an Item Be Removed From the Consent Calendar for Discussion.

A. Approval of regular meeting minutes – June 24, 2024

B. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – May and June 2024

Supervisor Adams made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Supervisor Roen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance, following a roll call vote.

IV. Administrative Report (Action/Discussion Items) NONE

V Director's Report (Informational Only)

APCO let the board members know the Targeted Air Shed Grants spent \$750,000 which led to a single audit. In addition to the District's financial audit, we will have a single audit in the Portola office on the TAG grants. We may be able to pay for part of the single audit from the funds of the TAG grants. APCO will give more information after the single audit takes place. Both Audits will be done in August.

- VI Closed Session -** Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), a closed session will be held to discuss the appointment of an Interim Executive Director.

Report out-Direction was given to the Staff

- VII Schedule next Meeting –**
The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

- XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: III.B

Agenda Description: Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – July 2024

Summary: Vendor Reports are available for the Board and Public to review

Requested Action: Review and Approve Vendor reports from July 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

Payment Details by Vendor Board Report –July 2024

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report July 2024

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
A&S Enterprises					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950228	TAG 2018 Firewood	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-2,625.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950228	TAG 2018 Firewood	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,500.00
Total A&S Enterprises					-4,125.00
Abigail Birnbryer					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950214	Social Media Posts TAG ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-800.00
Total Abigail Birnbryer					-800.00
Adecco					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272641	10-5318	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,122.10
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	272983	10-5318	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-122.40
Total Adecco					-1,244.50
ADP Fees					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2024	505695	ADP Enhanced Payroll	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Pa...	-59.53
Bill Pmt -Check	07/19/2024	517661	ADP Enhanced Payroll	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Pa...	-75.87
Total ADP Fees					-135.40
Albert Battaglia					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950199	Portola PM2.5 and portol...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950199		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950199	TAG2018, #2023-0660 B...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-300.00
Total Albert Battaglia					-1,000.00
All Star Chimney, Eli Marchus					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950232		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950232		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-600.00
Total All Star Chimney, Eli Marchus					-1,900.00
Asquith Business Service					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	V999637	PPE 7/05/2024 EPA 1.5 ...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-385.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950166	PPE 7/19, TAG 2018 - 5...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-852.50
Total Asquith Business Service					-1,237.50
AT&T CALNET 3					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273042		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-56.68
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273041		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-29.12
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273044		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-46.45
Total AT&T CALNET 3					-132.25
CALPERS (Health)					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	913691	August 2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-11,260.64

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report July 2024

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Total CALPERS (Health)					-11,260.64
CALPERS (Retirement)					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	913611	PPE 7/15/2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-3,470.89
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	913610	Monthly ER Classic UAL ...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-8,755.33
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	913613	Monthly ER PEPRA UA...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-65.42
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	913692	PPE 7/19/2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-3,571.78
Total CALPERS (Retirement)					-15,863.42
CALPERS 457 PLAN					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	913612	PPE 7/15/2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,305.07
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	913693	PPE 7/19/2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,328.50
Total CALPERS 457 PLAN					-2,633.57
CAPCOA California Air Pollution Control O					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272629		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-2,150.51
Total CAPCOA California Air Pollution Control O					-2,150.51
Chris Meyers					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273056	John Deere 8R250 NJDX...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-315,480.00
Total Chris Meyers					-315,480.00
English Mountain Ranch					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	V999587		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-4,058.18
Total English Mountain Ranch					-4,058.18
Goodwin Ranch					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272710	John Deer Loader 544 P,...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-171,661.00
Total Goodwin Ranch					-171,661.00
Heat Transfer Systems					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950221	TAG 2018, EPA#2020-00...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-13,500.00
Total Heat Transfer Systems					-13,500.00
Integrity Heating and Air					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273055	TAG 2018, 2024-0060 Jo...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-13,500.00
Total Integrity Heating and Air					-13,500.00
Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273034		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-15.40
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273035	TAG 2018, Greenwaste ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-239.30
Total Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					-254.70

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report July 2024

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
James Merzon					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	V999670	August 2024 Rent	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-555.00
Total James Merzon					-555.00
Mountain Messenger					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	272998	WSRP 7/9/24 Public Not...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-27.99
Total Mountain Messenger					-27.99
Quincy Hot Spot					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273011		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,978.88
Total Quincy Hot Spot					-5,978.88
SDRMA Special Dist Risk Mgnt Authority					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2024	V991464		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-25,172.21
Total SDRMA Special Dist Risk Mgnt Authority					-25,172.21
Sierra Timberline					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	V950116	WRP-2023-0048 Nettles,...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,000.00
Total Sierra Timberline					-5,000.00
Supervisor Adams					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272668	Board Meeting and mile...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-160.30
Total Supervisor Adams					-160.30
Supervisor Ceresola					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	V999658	Board Meeting and Travel	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-106.70
Total Supervisor Ceresola					-106.70
Supervisor Paul Roen					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272687	Board Meeting/Mileage	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-121.44
Total Supervisor Paul Roen					-121.44
Supervisor Scofield					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/11/2024	272694	Board Mtg	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Supervisor Scofield					-100.00
Tyrus Chimney Sweep					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273053		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273053		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,500.00
Total Tyrus Chimney Sweep					-3,250.00
US Bank					

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report July 2024

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	07/29/2024	273106		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-4,458.95
Bill Pmt -Check	07/29/2024	273106		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-2,586.04
Total US Bank					-7,044.99
Wizix Technology Group					
Bill Pmt -Check	07/25/2024	273054	copier maint.	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-123.96
Total Wizix Technology Group					-123.96
TOTAL					<u>-608,578.14</u>

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 24, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.A

Agenda Description: Air Toxics (AB 2588) Report

Summary:

The Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act (AB 2588, Connelly) was enacted in 1987, and requires stationary sources of pollutants to report the types and quantities of certain substances routinely released into the air. The goals of the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Act are to collect emission data, to identify facilities having localized impacts, to ascertain health risks, to notify nearby residents of significant risks, and to reduce those significant risks to acceptable levels.

Before quantifying emissions, the District reviews and approves these plans. Reports encompass computations of the facility’s toxic emissions, employing site-specific process rates and emission factors to facilitate the prioritization of air toxic emissions from the facility.

The District has assessed 30 facilities, two of which are high priority. All 30 facilities are listed in the report. This table identifies the priorities of the Districts permitted facilities:

AB 2588 Category	Number of Facilities Assessed in 2023
Low/Exempt Priority	27
Low/Exempt Risk	0
Intermediate Priority	1
Intermediate Risk	0
High Priority	2
Public Notification	0
Total	30

The District will continue to work with facilities and gas stations to determine risk categories and publish the AB 2588 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” report annually and post on the District website.

Request Action:

Approval of the Draft 2023 AB 2588 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” report.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

Draft 2023 AB 2588 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” report.

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.B

Agenda Description: Draft Guidelines for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts of Land Use Projects

Summary:

This document provides guidance to government agencies, planners and project applicants for assessing air quality impacts from land use projects and in identifying appropriate mitigations within the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (referred to here as the District).

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to consider and disclose to the public the environmental effects of their decisions. Under CEQA, lead agencies are required to seek comments from each responsible agency that have permitting authority and any public agency that has jurisdiction by law over resources that may be affected by a proposed project (CEQA Guideline Sections 21153 and 15366). CEQA mandates that agencies implement feasible mitigation measures or alternatives to mitigate significant adverse effects to the environment.

This document was last revised in 2019. Current thresholds and District methods have been revised in this document.

Requested Action:

Approve the Draft Guidelines for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts of Land Use Projects

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

Draft Guidelines for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts of Land Use Projects

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.A

Agenda Description: ACI at IMD – Cal Fire and Plumas Public Works

Summary:

A draft agreement in place between Cal Fire and Plumas County Public Works to accept and utilize the Air Curtain Incinerator (ACI) from Cal Fire at Intermountain Disposals (IMD) green waste site. An agreement is being drafted between Plumas County Public Works and IMD on the operation of the ACI. IMD will obtain a permit from both Cal Fire and the District. IMD will operate the ACI withing the permitting requirements (attached).

Requested Action:

None, informational only

Attachments:

None

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.B

Agenda Description: Title V Revised Rule 522 – Remove affirmative defense language.

Summary:

EPA is re-evaluating affirmative defense (AD) across all of their rules and programs which includes Title V based on Ninth Circuit court decision on AD in federal Portland cement rules. In that ruling, the court decided that EPA does not have the authority to create an affirmative defense in private civil suits – the ruling states that is the court’s responsibility. While the court did not issue a decision explicitly on the Title V program, EPA is applying that cement ruling (in this instance) to the Title V program, which prominently includes provisions for private citizens to hold sources accountable for their emissions.

The deadline for revising language in Title V Rules is August 21, 2024, however an extension request has been sent to EPA, which will give the District one year (August 2025) to complete this process. I have identified Rule 522 is the only location where AD is language is written and confirmed with EPA and CAPCOA. There is no AD language in our Title V permits themselves. Therefore, the only changes are to Rule 522. The District will send a Public Notice for a Public Hearing at the next Board Meeting for approval.

Requested Action:

None, informational only

Attachments:

Extension Request Letter

July 29, 2024
 Mr. Matt Lakin
 Director
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
 75 Hawthorne Street
 San Francisco, California 94105
lakin.matthew@epa.gov

RE: EXTENSION REQUEST FOR TITLE V AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE PROVISION RULE REMOVAL

Dear Mr. Lakin:

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD) was made aware that our Title V Affirmative Defense Provision (Rule 522, Part 6.2, Section 12) is in need of amendment in order to align with revised U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Title V Emergency Affirmative Defense Provisions regulation. I understand the deadline to have our rule amended is August 21, 2024. Unfortunately, due to my limited staff resources, I am respectfully requesting a one (1) year extension for submittal from the existing deadline date of August 21, 2024.

NSAQMD is taking the necessary steps to get our rule amended. We anticipate the following schedule to get the rule finalized and submitted: Date (based on Board Meetings)	Action:
August 26, 2024	Bring amended rule to Board for review, comments, corrections, and approval.
September 23, 2024	Pending approval of minutes from August Board Meeting, submit 30-day Public Notice
October 28, 2024	Public Hearing on Amended Rule 522 Final Board Approval for Submittal
November 25, 2024	After approval of October Board Minutes, send Final Approved Rule to CARB for final Submittal to EPA

Based on this timeline and leaving room for unforeseen Board Meeting cancellations and/or Board/public comments, the NSAQMD will have the Rule updated by the end of 2024, before the extension deadline. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at julieh@myairdistrict.com. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
 Julie Hunter



Air Pollution Control Officer
 Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Melissa Klundby, APCS II
Scott Coughlin, APCS I

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item Number: VI.A

Description: Monitoring

Summary:

Staff worked with a team of monitoring staff from CARB who conducted a Technical Service Audit (TSA) at the Truckee and Grass Valley monitoring locations May 20th through May 22nd, 2024. The technical systems audit (TSA) was an in depth on-site inspection and review of NSAQMD's ambient air monitoring program. District staff is now working on a corrective action plans to address information and deficiencies found during the audit.

Staff will be attending regular site audits at its Grass Valley, Portola, Quincy and Chester site later this month.

District staff works biweekly to maintain, calibrate and test all machines at our monitoring sites in Truckee, Grass Valley, Portola, Quincy and Chester per CARB and EPA requirements as outlined by our Standard Operating Procedures manuals (SOP's). Staff also work quarterly to upload all of the collected data per CARB requirements.

Background:

The District has five monitoring sites within the network and has been monitoring air quality since 1986 in Plumas, Sierra and Nevada counties. The current network monitors for PM2.5, Ozone, Speciation, and Carbon.

Requested Action:

None, informational only

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Suzie Tarnay, APCS-I

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item Number: VI.B

Description: Planning Document Comment Response / Program Update

Summary:

Planning document review responses submitted for the second (2nd) quarter, from April 1 to June 30, 2024

Month	Responses	Nevada County	Grass Valley	Sierra County	Plumas County	Truckee
April	14	9	1		4	
May	18	16			1	1
June	21	19		1	1	
Total	53	44	1	1	6	1

Projects of Note:

We performed reviews for: 19 cannabis projects (new, expansion, or re-submittals), three campground projects, two cell towers, two projects with dense housing, one Sphere of Influence Plan, and one Housing Element. Six reviews were for CEQA documents or CEQA previews.

Serious SIP

Staff continues to work with CARB on finalizing the Serious SIP. We are in the stages of reviewing all sections and appendices. The goal is to bring the SIP to the Board in October for approval.

Requested Action:

None, informational only

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Tasha Coleman, APCS II

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item Number: VI.C

Description: Permitting – Quarter: 2

Information:

The district is responsible for permitting sources in Plumas, Sierra, and Nevada counties that emit criteria pollutants in the district’s jurisdiction.

- Stationary Sources: 27 facilities and 2 Title V facilities
- Stationary Engines (Generators): 232 facilities
- Vapor Recovery (Gasoline Dispensary Facilities): 68 facilities

Stationary Sources:

- Continuing to send Permit to Operates to our facilities for the year 2024-2025.

Quarter	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Months	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
PTO Issued	4	5		

Stationary Engines: Diesel generators that are over 50hp.

- In April, the district sent out the Permit to Operates for the year 2024-2025.
- In April, the district sent out invoices and received most payments.

Vapor Recovery (Gasoline Dispensary Facilities):

- Waiting on one late invoice.

Burn Permits

- Acres treated by Ranger Districts in the jurisdiction.

Quarter	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Months	Jan-Mar	Apr-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
Permits Issued	35	22		

Requested Action:

None, informational only

Attachments:

None

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Tasha Coleman, APCS II
 Scott Coughlin, APCS I

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item Number: VI. D

Description: Compliance and Enforcement Information

Complaints – 2nd Quarter 2024:

Month	Total Complaints	Complaints Investigated	Field Investigations Performed	NTCs Issued
April	16	14	1	1
May	8	4	3	4
June	4	1	1	2
Total	28	19	5	7

Information:

The Department received 28 complaints during the second quarter of 2024 and traveled 95 miles to perform field investigations on 5 of those complaints. In addition, 7 Notices to Comply (NTCs) were issued for illegal burns.

Stationary Source Inspections – 2nd Quarter 2024:

Type	Nevada County		Plumas/Sierra County		Total/Yr
	Quarter 2	Per 2024	Quarter 1	Per 2024	
Facilities	5/20	9/20	0/10*	0/10*	9/30
Gas Dispensing Facility	0/41	0/41	0/26	0/26	0/67

* 2 are Title V facilities

Information:

5 facility inspections were conducted during Quarter 2. In addition, the Department conducted a 6 hour Vapor Recovery (VR) training with CARB on 7/2/24 in anticipation of beginning inspections of Gas Dispensing Facilities (GDFs). GDF inspections are expected to take place in Quarter 3 or Quarter 4.

Requested Action:

None, informational only.

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Mikki Brown, Targeted Airshed Grant Specialist

Date: August 26, 2024

Agenda Item Number: VI.E

Description: Targeted Airshed Grant Updates / Program Update

With the help of Kasia at CARB we submitted the Closing Report for the 2015 Targeted Airshed Grant in March of this year. EPA is still reviewing the documents and may have clarifying questions, other than that the funds are spent and the grant is closed pending their approval.

2018 TAG remaining funds: \$1,483,474.46

In Q2 we kicked off our seasoned firewood program with A & S Enterprises out of Quincy/Greenville area. To date they have delivered 39 cords of wood to 20 different residents in the NAA. The woodshed builder has built 8 woodsheds this year and the District has delivered 1 for the resident for a total of 9 1-cord sheds built in Q2. The chimney sweep program spent \$12,135.00 this quarter with \$136,410.00 remaining. We ran a successful month of “free” green waste disposal for city residents in June. The district is subsidizing 19 homes with curbside green waste bins this season. Overall in Q2 \$240,011.36 was spent from this grant.

2020 TAG remaining funds: \$2,461,350.82

This grant is predominantly used for pellet-to-pellet change outs and the labor associated with processing them. We spent \$21,495.40 in Q2 in this grant. All other program funding we still have available in the 2018 TAG grant so that is what we prioritize our spending on. This grant is set to expire 10/31/2026 meanwhile the 2018 grant is set to expire 4/30/2025.

Information:

During fiscal year 22/23 and likely 23/24 we have spent more than \$750,000 in EPA grant funds which triggered a Single Audit that will happen at the Portola office 8/5 and 8/6 of next month. The district has never experienced a Single Audit because spending has never exceeded \$750,000 in one fiscal year. Under my oversight we have been tasked with spending funds quickly because of lingering expiration dates. In conclusion, spending over \$750k is necessary each year to meet grant deadlines. The cost of the Single Audit is over \$10k. Julie is determining the best pot of funds to use to pay for this expense.

Requested Action:

None, informational only

Attachments:

None
