

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

**Monday
March 25, 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**

March 25, 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 D) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Nevada County Supervisor Office
10183 Truckee Airport Road
Truckee, California**

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 – February 26, 2024
- B. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2024

IV. Administrative Report (Action/Discussion Items)

- A. Financial Audit Ending June 30, 2023
 - B. Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption of the Air District Rule Revision 318, American Valley Buring Restrictions.
 - C. Proposed County Contributions for FY 23/24
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V. Director's Report (Informational Only)

- A. Best Available Control Measures (BACM) Presentation by EPA
- B. Update on new PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

VI. Closed Session

A. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, a closed session of the Board of Directors will be held for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing its designated labor negotiations representative regarding salaries, fringe benefits, and other employment-related matters regarding the following positions: Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, and Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant. The designated labor negotiations representative for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is Executive Director, Julie Hunter.

B. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, a closed session of the Board of Directors will be held for the purpose of reviewing its position regarding the salary, fringe benefits, and other employment-related matters regarding the following position: Executive Director, Julie Hunter.

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.

VII. Schedule next Meeting – Video/Phone Conference April 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM

VIII. 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: March 25, 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: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: III.A

Agenda Description: Approval of February 26, 2024 Board Minutes

Requested Action: Approve February 26, 2024 Board Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

February 26, 2024 Board Minutes

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MINUTES

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

**February 26, 2024
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Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Northern Office) 257
E. Sierra Street, Unit E
Portola, California**

**(Site C) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Plumas County Public Works 1834
E Main St
Quincy, California**

**(Site D) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Nevada County Supervisor Office
10183 Truckee Airport Road Truckee,
California**

**(Site E) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
Grand Galvez Resort
2024 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, Texas**

I. Standing Orders:

A. Call to Order.

Chair Ceresola called the meeting to order at 1:08 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 Bullock.

Supervisor McCowan came to the meeting at 1:17 pm and left at 1:32 pm.

Supervisor Roen was absent.

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

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

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

III. Consent Calendar

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

IV. Administrative Report (Action/Discussion Items)

A. Approve the District's Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2023

Supervisor Adams requested to move this action to next month when the auditor, Clay Singleton, could be at the meeting to go over the Audit. Supervisor Adams also requested a closed section with Auditor Clay Singleton after they went over the audit.

B. Review and Approve the January 2024 monthly financial reports.

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to approve the January 2024 monthly financial reports.

Supervisor McGowan second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance, following a roll call vote.

C. Review and Approve Mountain Counties Air Basin Members List

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to approve the Mountain Counties Air Basin Members

List. Supervisor McGowan second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance, following a roll call vote.

V. Director's Report (Informational Only)

A. Update of Rule 318

Julie informed the Board of Supervisors she decided to take this rule to a Public Workshop on March 18, 2024, at the Plumas County Library in Quincy. Julie will incorporate the information from the workshop in the Board Packet for the Public Hearing on March 25, 2024. Julie discussed options of either rescinding or revising Rule 318 for a presentation at

the Public Workshop. Supervisor Bullock motion to have the revision of rule 318 presented at the Public Workshop. Supervisor Adams second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance, following a roll call vote.

B. Update on the new PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

Julie informed the board that the EPA announced on February 7, 2024, to strengthen the Annual PM2.5 NAAQS from 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 9.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) provided a recommendation after considering the updated science and public health data that has been researched and analyzed since the Annual PM2.5 NAAQS was revised last in 2012 (15.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Preliminary data shows Plumas County as nonattainment, with the highest Design Value being 17 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. EPA will tell us where all three counties will be in 2026.

C. Discussion of COLA for District Staff and APCO for FY 2024-25

Julie explained that the last COLA given to the District was on July 1st, 2023, and there is not a pending COLA for FY 24-25. This year the District staff's health premium to pay has gone up 11%, and it took away the amount of the last COLA they received. Julie brought this up for the board to discuss either a COLA for the year 2024-25 or a three-year plan. Julie said she would like to have a closed section at our next meeting, which she will bring comparisons of other districts to ours. Julie asked for direction from the board for a closed section at our next meeting. Supervisor Adams likes the idea of the comparisons. It was agreed that Julie will bring the numbers to the next meeting during a closed section.

VI. Concerns of the Board

There were no concerns of the Board raised or discussed.

VII. Schedule next Meeting -

Chair Ceresola reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024.

VIII. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 P.M.

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: III.B

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

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

Requested Action: Review and Approve Vendor reports from February 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2024

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

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Abigail Birnbryer					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984640	Social Media Posts TAG ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-900.00
Total Abigail Birnbryer					-900.00
Adecco					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	267640	10-5318	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-435.47
Total Adecco					-435.47
ADP Fees					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2024	806476	Processing charges	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Pa...	-57.94
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2024	634377	Enhanced payroll charges	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Pa...	-59.53
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2024	122604	timesheets 2/16/24	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Pa...	-40.00
Total ADP Fees					-157.47
Albert Battaglia					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984633	Woodshed repair at the ...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-513.15
Total Albert Battaglia					-513.15
All Phase Heating and Air Conditioning					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983802	WRP-2023-0038 Bloksberg	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-10,000.00
Total All Phase Heating and Air Conditioning					-10,000.00
All Season Heating & Air					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983860	WRP-2023-0005 Helt	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984641	WRP-2023-0030 Underw...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,000.00
Total All Season Heating & Air					-10,000.00
All Star Chimney, Eli Marchus					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984611	TAG 2018, EPA#2019-03...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-250.00
Total All Star Chimney, Eli Marchus					-250.00
Asquith Business Service					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	V984407	paydate 2/8/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-715.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	V984829	paydate 2/19/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-605.00
Total Asquith Business Service					-1,320.00
AT&T CALNET 3					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	267788		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-29.36
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	268357		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-57.16
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	268358		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-47.36
Total AT&T CALNET 3					-133.88

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

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
B of A					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	V984349	paydate 2/8/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-17,203.56
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	V984778	paydate 2/19/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-18,116.86
Total B of A					-35,320.42
CALPERS (Health)					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	913214	March 2024	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-8,800.43
Total CALPERS (Health)					-8,800.43
CALPERS (Retirement)					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	913177	Monthly ER Classic UAL ...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-9,899.83
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	913178	PPE 2/2/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-3,141.08
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	913215	PPE 2/16/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-3,311.12
Total CALPERS (Retirement)					-16,352.03
CALPERS 457 PLAN					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	913179	PPE 2/2/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,030.96
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	913216	PPE 02/16/24	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,030.96
Total CALPERS 457 PLAN					-2,061.92
CAPO Building Specialties					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983845	WRP-2023-0003 Wilson	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,000.00
Total CAPO Building Specialties					-5,000.00
Clientworks, Inc.					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983823	December tech charges	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-1,562.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983823	Burnwise IT	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-703.75
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984581	Jan. 24 tech charges	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-2,542.22
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984581	Burnwise IT	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-493.75
Total Clientworks, Inc.					-5,302.22
English Mountain Ranch					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984573		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-5,005.88
Total English Mountain Ranch					-5,005.88
Erik O Roen Family Trust					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/22/2024	V984839	FARMERS 2023-03/LOA...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-187,776.94
Total Erik O Roen Family Trust					-187,776.94
Heat Transfer Systems					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983861		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-25,427.30
Total Heat Transfer Systems					-25,427.30

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

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Hunter, Julie					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983851	dental	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-220.50
Total Hunter, Julie					-220.50
Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	268014	TAG 2018, Greenwaste	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,606.00
Total Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					-1,606.00
James Merzon					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984628	Mar. 2024 Rent	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-555.00
Total James Merzon					-555.00
Jeff Ross Photography					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268530	TAG 2018 Outreach Ca...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-1,805.00
Total Jeff Ross Photography					-1,805.00
Melissa Klundby					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983841	Farmer program tracker i...	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-42.21
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984610		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-193.90
Total Melissa Klundby					-236.11
Mikki Brown					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	267683	Dental	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-140.80
Total Mikki Brown					-140.80
Plumas County					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268527		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-300.00
Total Plumas County					-300.00
Quincy Hot Spot					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	267656		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-26,260.84
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268504		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-22,438.07
Total Quincy Hot Spot					-48,698.91
SDRMA Special Dist Risk Mgnt Authority					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983797		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-750.00
Total SDRMA Special Dist Risk Mgnt Authority					-750.00
Sierra Senior Services					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	267977	Electric Vehicle	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-35,500.00
Total Sierra Senior Services					-35,500.00

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Sierra Timberline					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983816	WRP-2023-0001 Smail	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-2,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984575		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-12,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	V984981	WRP-2023-0035 Thomp...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,000.00
Total Sierra Timberline					-20,000.00
Sonoma Technology					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	V984634	portola burn curtailment f...	20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-5,732.90
Total Sonoma Technology					-5,732.90
Supervisor Adams					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	267664	Board Meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268511	Board Meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Supervisor Adams					-200.00
Supervisor Bullock					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983838	Board Meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	V985011	Board Meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Supervisor Bullock					-200.00
Supervisor Ceresola					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	V983847	Board Meeting and Travel	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-106.70
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	V985014	Board Meeting and Travel	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Supervisor Ceresola					-206.70
Supervisor Paul Roen					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2024	267667	Board Meeting/Mileage	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-121.44
Total Supervisor Paul Roen					-121.44
Supervisor Scofield					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268523	Board Mtg	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Supervisor Scofield					-100.00
Tom McGowan					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	268528	Board Meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-100.00
Total Tom McGowan					-100.00
US Bank					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	267948		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-6,514.06
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	267948		20-1000 · Cash, Restrict...	-2,331.13
Total US Bank					-8,845.19

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Wizix Technology Group					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2024	267803	IMC3000 Copier	10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-144.72
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2024	268030		10-1000 · Cash, Operati...	-39.98
Total Wizix Technology Group					-184.70
TOTAL					-440,260.36

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.A

Agenda Description: Financial Audit Ending June 30, 2023

Summary: The annual audit for FY 2022-2023 was completed by Singleton Auman PC.

Clay Singleton will make a short presentation to the Board to recap the results of the audit and answer any questions from the Board.

Requested Action:

1. Approve the District's Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Audit Report June 30, 2023
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To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.B

Agenda Description: Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption of the Air District Rule Revision 318, American Valley Buring Restrictions.

Summary:

As discussed at the last Board meeting, a proposed Rule 318 revision approved by the Board went to public workshop on March 18, 2024 at the Quincy Library. Twelve people attended the Public Workshop to discuss the proposed changes to Rule 318. After an extensive round table discussion regarding the history of the Rule and proposed changes from the public in attendance, a decision was made with the proposed attached revision. Additionally, all public comments received via email are attached for review. Following a Public Hearing to receive public comments today, the Board will consider the adoption of the proposed revision to District Rule 318.

Requested Action:

1. Open a public hearing to receive comments on revised District Rule 318.
2. Approve revised District Rule 318 by authorizing Resolution 2024-01.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Proposed Revised District Rule 318
 2. Public Comments
 3. Resolution # 2024-01
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**REGULATION III
OPEN BURNING**

Rule 318 **American Valley Burning Restrictions**

All open burning of yard waste and debris or other rubbish shall be ~~banned~~ banned, unless permitted by the District, in that portion of the American Valley known as Quincy and East Quincy, which is a portion of the Quincy Fire Protection District, described more particularly in Exhibit A, attached to this resolution, and depicted in the map attached to this resolution as Exhibit B. ~~unless approved by the APCO.~~

In the remainder of that portion of the American Valley that is within the Quincy Fire Protection District,

- A. All open burning shall be allowed by permit only ~~banned~~ from November 15 to March 15 of each year, except that there shall be at least 15 days of such burning allowed in the fall. If there is not 15 days of such open burning between the lifting of a burn ban related to fire risk by area agencies that issue burn permits and the air quality burn ban starting November 15th, then the burn season shall be extended as necessary to achieve 15 days of such burning. Such burning during this extension shall be permitted only in accordance with all existing regulations and shall be restricted to the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or as determined by the APCO.
- B. ~~BAgricultural~~ Burning shall be allowed year-round, when conducted in accordance with all existing regulations. If a burn season is extended for residential burning per item 3.A., above, then burn hours for agricultural burning shall be restricted to the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or as determined by the APCO; and
- C. From March 16 through November 14 all burning shall be permitted according to all existing regulations.

318.1 American Valley Definition

American Valley means all land within the boundaries of the Quincy Fire Protection District, and as amended in the Plumas County Ordinance #90-742 (amendment to Section 8-13.01 – Definitions).

318.2 Requirements

- A. Burning shall be allowed only on the premises where the material originated.
- B. Rule 312 - Burn Permit Requirements
- C. Rule 313 - Burn Days
- D. Rule 314 - Minimum drying times
- E. Rule 315 - Burning Management

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2024-01**

In the Matter of: Adopting a revised District Rule 318 American Valley Burning Restrictions.

Whereas, The American Valley has had burning restrictions and no burning zones that were implemented in the 1990s. Fuels have since accumulated to hazardous conditions in the No Burn Zone and Seasonal Restricted zone; and

Whereas, said rule have been properly noticed for a 30-day public review period in accordance with HSC sections 40725 and 40726; a public workshop was held on March 18, 2024 to hear public comment, and a public hearing was held on March 25, 2024, in accordance with the information in the public notice; and

Whereas, pursuant to the HSC Section 40727, the Board hereby finds that:

- (a) There is a need to adopt this rule revision; and
- (b) Under state and local law, the Board has the authority to adopt this rule revision; and
- (c) The rule, as revised can be understood by the persons directly affected by them; and
- (d) The rule is consistent with existing statutes, court decisions, or other state and federal regulations; and
- (e) The rule, as revised, does not duplicate the same requirements of an existing state or federal regulation except to the extent that the rule revision is necessary or proper to execute the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon the District; and
- (f) The rule has appropriate reference to a statute, court decision, or other provision of law that the District implements, interprets, or makes specific by the rule revision.

Now, therefore, be it resolved and ordered by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors that Rule 318 revision is hereby adopted, as presented in the District's Staff Report, as part of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Rules and Regulations.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, and seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District at a regular meeting held on March 25, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstaining:

Approve: _____
Chair of Board

Attest: _____
Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: IV.C

Agenda Description: Proposed County Contributions for FY 24/25

Summary:

The District's three-county agreement states that the annual county contribution for each member county shall be calculated using any one of the following three methods:

- A. Annual Contribution = the immediately previous fiscal year's annual contribution * (1 + CPI).
- B. Annual Contribution = County Population * \$0.48
- C. Annual Contribution = the immediately previous fiscal year's annual contribution.

The attached table clarifies what the actual amount per county would be depending upon the method adopted by the Board.

Last year, the Board adopted Method C, which resulted in the county contribution being the previous fiscal years' contribution. The last time the Boards contribution increased was in September 2021, with the Board adopting Method A.

Also attached is the Resolution for the Contribution Method last amended in 2002. The District would like to update and revise the Resolution for discussion at the next Board Meeting

Requested Action:

1. Propose and Adopt a County Contribution for FY 2024-2025
2. Approve Revision to Resolution Contribution Method (2002)

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 2024-2025
 2. Resolution Amending Contribution Method (2002)
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Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 24-25

CPI Adjustment Factor: 3.47% *- this is the value for CY 2022*

The CPI adjustment factor is for the immediately previous full calendar year as determined by the following web page: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/CPI/EntireCCPI.PDF

Method A - Previous Fiscal Year's Contribution * (1 + CPI Adjustment Factor)

	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	Increase over last year's contribution	Decrease from last year's contribution
Nevada	\$ 51,621.80	\$ 53,413.08	\$ 1,791.28	
Plumas	\$ 10,457.22	\$ 10,820.09	\$ 362.87	
Sierra	\$ 1,693.48	\$ 1,752.24	\$ 58.76	
Totals	\$ 63,772.50	\$ 65,985.41	\$ 2,212.91	\$ -

Method B - County Population in most recent decennial census * \$0.48

		FY 24-25	Increase over last year's contribution	Decrease from last year's contribution
Nevada (2020 pop.: 100,249)		\$ 48,119.52		\$ 3,502.28
Plumas (2020 pop.: 18,939)		\$ 9,090.72		\$ 1,366.50
Sierra (2020 pop.: 3,021)		\$ 1,450.08		\$ 243.40
Totals		\$ 58,660.32	\$ -	\$ 5,112.18

Method C - Previous Fiscal Year's Contribution

	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	Increase over last year's contribution	Decrease from last year's contribution
Nevada	\$ 51,621.80	\$ 51,621.80		
Plumas	\$ 10,457.22	\$ 10,457.22		
Sierra	\$ 1,693.48	\$ 1,693.48		
Totals	\$ 63,772.50	\$ 63,772.50	\$ -	\$ -

Contribution remains the same as last fiscal year.

**Amendment To Agreement With
Counties of Nevada, Plumas and Sierra Regarding the
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District**

THIS AMENDMENT is executed this 9th day of July, 2002 by and between the County of Plumas the County of Sierra, County of Nevada and the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD). Said Amendment will amend the prior agreement between the parties and the Air Pollution Control Districts of each county merging said districts to create the NSAQMD and establishing a member contribution allocation executed on November 20, 1986.

Whereas, the parties desire to amend their agreement to change the member contribution allocation; and

Whereas, the County of Nevada, the County of Plumas and the County of Sierra have formed and do participate in the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, and

Whereas, said members have previously agreed to contribute annually to the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District in the following way:

Nevada County	64.35%
Plumas County	30.15%
Sierra County	5.50%

Whereas, it has been found that the aforementioned contribution method is imprecise when used to determine actual annual contribution amounts, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District have decided that a more concise contribution method should be adopted, and such method shall take into consideration each member county's population with a mechanism to increase said contributions based on the approved Consumer Price Index at the Board's discretion;

WHEREAS, this amendment shall be effective as of May 13, 2002
DATE

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. That paragraph 3 shall be changed to the following: The annual county contribution for each member county shall be calculated using any one of the following three methods:

- A) Annual Contribution = the immediately previous fiscal year's annual contribution * (1+CPI)
- B) Annual Contribution = County Population * \$0.48
- C) Annual Contribution = the immediately previous fiscal year's annual contribution

County population shall be determined using the most recent decennial national census data. The CPI value shall be up to but not to exceed the most recent full calendar year Consumer Price Index (CPI). The most recent full calendar year CPI value shall be obtained from the California Consumer Price Index Chart utilizing data from the table for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

It shall be at the discretion and direction of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors as to which of the three annual contribution calculation methods shall be used. The APCO shall request direction from the District Board members with the proposed contribution amounts on an annual basis. Following direction from the Board of Directors, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall calculate and request payment from each county on an annual basis.

2. That in all other respects the prior agreement of the parties shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY OF NEVADA

By: _____
County Counsel

By: Barbara Gunn
Chair of the Board
of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: Cathy P. Thomas
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

DATE: 7-9-02

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY OF PLUMAS

By: _____
County Counsel

By: Robert C. Neader
Chair of the Board
of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: James L. Burton
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

DATE: 9/3/02

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY OF SIERRA

By: 
County Counsel

By: 
Chair of the Board
of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: 
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

DATE: AUG 06 2002

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: V.A

Agenda Description: Best Available Control Technology and Measures (BACM/BACT)
Presentation by EPA

Summary:

This presentation discusses the differences between Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACM), required for Moderate State Implementation Plans (SIPs), and Best Available Control Measures (BACM) required for Serious SIPs. RACM identifies control measures that are needed for an area to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) while BACM is a stronger analysis that identifies all control measures that are feasible to implement. This presentation also discusses the timelines of BACM in Portola and the consequences for not meeting this requirement.

Attachments:

None, Informational Only

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: V.B

Agenda Description: Update on new PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

Summary:

EPA announced on February 7, 2024 to strengthen the Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) provided a recommendation after considering the updated science and public health data that has been researched and analyzed since the Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS was revised last in 2012 (15.0 µg/m³ to 12.0 µg/m³). This also changes the Air Quality Index Good to Moderate breakpoint meaning overall more Moderate days. They also changed the breakpoints for Unhealthy, Very Unhealthy, and Hazardous so chances for more of those days too. For more information, go here: <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/final-reconsideration-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-particulate-matter-pm>.

Preliminary data shows Plumas County as nonattainment, with the highest Design Value being 17µg/m³.

Attachments:

None, informational only

To:Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 25, 2024

Agenda Item: VI

Agenda Description: Closed Session

Summary:

- A.Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, a closed session of the Board of Directors will be held for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing its designated labor negotiations representative regarding salaries, fringe benefits, and other employment-related matters regarding the following positions: Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, and Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant. The designated labor negotiations representative for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is Executive Director, Julie Hunter.

 - B. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, a closed session of the Board of Directors will be held for the purpose of reviewing its position regarding the salary, fringe benefits, and other employment-related matters regarding the following position: Executive Director, Julie Hunter.
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