

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

**Monday  
January 26, 2026  
1:00 PM**

**Hardy Bullock, Chair  
Nevada County Supervisor, District Five**

**Heidi Hall, Vice Chair  
Nevada County Supervisor, District One**

**Paul Roen  
Sierra County Supervisor, District Three**

**Lee Adams  
Sierra County Supervisor, District One**

**Dwight Ceresola  
Plumas County Supervisor, District One**

**Tom McGowan  
Plumas County Supervisor, District Three**

**Alternates:  
Lisa Swarthout, 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**

**January 26, 2026  
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)  
380 Sierra College Drive, Suite 220, 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  
Nevada County Supervisor Office  
10183 Truckee Airport Road Truckee, California**

**(Site D) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
Rood Center  
950 Maidu Ave, Suite 129 Nevada City, California**

**(Site E) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
Crowbar Cafe  
112 State Route 127, Shoshone, CA 92384**

**(Site F) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
Plumas County Public Works  
1834 East Main Street  
Quincy, CA 95971**

**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. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026 – Sierra County**

**IV. 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 November 24, 2025, Board Minutes
- B. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – November 2025
- C. Approval of revised Audit Report presented November 24, 2025
- D. Board of Directors Calendar Schedule for 2026

**V. Administrative Report (Action/Discussion Items)**

- A. Form700 for Mountain Counties Air Basin Control Council (BCC) and Technical Advisory Council (TAC)
- B. Public Hearing for the Approval of the Portola District Rule – Rule 231
- C. Approval of Ozone Monitoring Agreement – Nevada County Airport

**VI. Closed Session**

Per Government Code section 54957(b)(1)) a closed session will be held to discuss compensation for the APCO and applicable Budget Amendment.

**VII. Director's Report (Informational Only)**

- A. Portola attainment status update
- B. Conflict of Interest Forms (FPPC) DUE MARCH 15th
- C. Staff reports – program summaries

**VIII. 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.

**IX. Schedule next Meeting** – Video/Phone Conference February 23, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

**X. 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](http://www.myairdistrict.com)**

**To:**Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item: II**

**Agenda Description:** Approval and/or Modifications to Agenda

**Requested Action:** Discuss any modifications to the agenda and 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:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** III

**Agenda Description:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026

**Summary:**

In accordance with District Policy # 4040, the Board Chair and Vice Chair rotate from county to county on an annual basis. The Board Chair and Vice Chair are from the same county. This year, the Chair and Vice Chair will be from Sierra County.

**Requested Action:**

Nominate and Elect the Chair and Vice Chair

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

None

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** IV.A

**Agenda Description:** Approval of November 24, 2025, Board Minutes

**Requested Action:** Approve November Board Minutes

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

November 24, 2025, Board Minutes

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** IV.B

**Agenda Description:** Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – November 2025

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

**Requested Action:** Review and approve Payment Details November 2025

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

Payment Details by Vendor Report – November 2025

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item Number:** IV.C

**Agenda Description:** Approval of revised Audit Report presented November 24, 2025

**Summary:**

Singleton Auman presented the year end 2024-2025 District Audit Report. Some errors in percentages were identified. Attached is the revised Audit Report year ended June 30, 2025.

**Requested Action:** Review and approve revised Audit Report year ended June 30, 2025.

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

Revised Audit Report year ended June 30, 2025

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item Number:** IV.D

**Agenda Description:** Board of Directors Calendar Schedule for 2026

**Summary:**

The schedule for 2026 is being presented for review, discussion and adoption. The Board meetings in May, July and December will be cancelled unless a need arises.

**Requested Action:**

Approve the calendar schedule for 2026.

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

Board of Directors Calendar Schedule for 2026

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** V.A

**Agenda Description:** Form 700 for Mountain Counties Air Basin Control Council (BCC) and Technical Advisory Council (TAC)

**Summary:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is a member of the Mountain Counties Air Basin, which consists of 7 foothill air districts – Northern Sierra, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa air districts, respectively. The Mountain Counties Air Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets regularly and is composed of staff members from each air district. Annually, the Mountain Counties Air Basin Control Council (BCC) meets to provide guidance and leadership for the TAC. The BCC is comprised of an air district board member from each of the air districts. For Form 700 filing purposes, verification of the appointed Mountain Counties BCC elected representative or alternate and TAC member (APCO).

**Requested Action:** Review and Approve Mountain Counties Air Basin Members List.

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

Mountain Counties Air Basin Members List

**Mountain Counties Air Basin  
Members list - 2025**

<b>Air District</b>	<b>Air District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email (for Form 700 filing)</b>
<b>Amador</b>	<b>Amador Air District</b>		
	BCC Member	Brian Oneto	<a href="mailto:boneto@amadorgov.org">boneto@amadorgov.org</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	Jeff Brown	<a href="mailto:jeffbrown@amadorgov.org">jeffbrown@amadorgov.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:jbrown@amadorgov.org">jbrown@amadorgov.org</a>
	TAC Member	Herminia Perry	<a href="mailto:hperry@amadorgov.org">hperry@amadorgov.org</a>
<b>Calaveras</b>	<b>Calaveras Air District</b>		
	BCC Member	Martin Huberty	<a href="mailto:mhuberty@calaverascounty.gov">mhuberty@calaverascounty.gov</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	Amanda Folendorf	<a href="mailto:afolendorf@calaverascounty.gov">afolendorf@calaverascounty.gov</a>
	TAC Member	Lisa Medina	<a href="mailto:lmedina@calaverascounty.gov">lmedina@calaverascounty.gov</a>
	TAC Designee	Michelle Turner	<a href="mailto:mturner@calaverascounty.gov">mturner@calaverascounty.gov</a>
<b>El Dorado</b>	<b>El Dorado County AQMD</b>		
	BCC Member	Lori Parlin	<a href="mailto:lori.parlin@edcgov.us">lori.parlin@edcgov.us</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	George Turnboo	<a href="mailto:george.turnboo@edcgov.us">george.turnboo@edcgov.us</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	TAC Member	Rania Serieh	<a href="mailto:rania.serieh@edcgov.us">rania.serieh@edcgov.us</a>
<b>Mariposa</b>	<b>Mariposa County APCD</b>		
	BCC Member	Shannon Poe	<a href="mailto:spoe@mariposacounty.org">spoe@mariposacounty.org</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	Jennifer Kiser	<a href="mailto:jkiser@gmail.com">jkiser@gmail.com</a>
	TAC Member	Carolyn Coder	<a href="mailto:ccoder@mariposacounty.org">ccoder@mariposacounty.org</a>
<b>Northern Sierra</b>	<b>Northern Sierra AQMD</b>		
	BCC Member	Hardy Bullock	<a href="mailto:Hardy.Bullock@nevadacountyca.gov">Hardy.Bullock@nevadacountyca.gov</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	Heidi Hall	<a href="mailto:heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov">heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov</a>
	TAC Member	Julie Hunter	<a href="mailto:julieh@myairdistrict.com">julieh@myairdistrict.com</a>
<b>Placer</b>	<b>Placer County APCD</b>		
	BCC Member	Caroline McCully	<a href="mailto:caroline.mccully@colfax-ca.gov">caroline.mccully@colfax-ca.gov</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	will appoint in 2026	
	TAC Member	Erik White	<a href="mailto:ecwhite@placer.ca.gov">ecwhite@placer.ca.gov</a>
	TAC Member (Designee)	Adam Baughman	<a href="mailto:abaughman@placer.ca.gov">abaughman@placer.ca.gov</a>
<b>Tuolumne</b>	<b>Tuolumne APCD</b>		
	BCC Member	Stephen Grierfer	<a href="mailto:sgrierfer@co.tuolumne.ca.us">sgrierfer@co.tuolumne.ca.us</a>
	Alternate BCC Member	Ryan Campbell	<a href="mailto:rcampbell@co.tuolumne.ca.us">rcampbell@co.tuolumne.ca.us</a>
	TAC Member	NONE Currently-hiring new APCO	

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** V.B

**Agenda Description:** Public Hearing for the Approval of the Portola District Rule – Rule 231

**Summary:**

The Draft Portola District Rule was brought to the Board October 27, 2025. The Board gave direction to District staff to move forward with the Public Notice for the Public Hearing. This Rule is part of the Portola Nonattainment Area (NAA) and is a part of the of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as a Contingency Measure. This Rule is essential for maintaining compliance with the annual PM2.5 standard in the future.

**Requested Action:**

1. Open a public hearing to receive comments on the Portola District Rule – Rule 231
2. Approve the Portola District Rule – Rule 231 by authorizing Resolution 2026-01

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Portola District Rule – Rule 231
2. Resolution 2026-01

## **REGULATION II**

### **PROHIBITIONS**

#### **RULE 231**

#### **Wood Burning and Open Burning Rule**

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## **1 GENERAL**

### **1.1 Purpose**

This rule is enacted for the purpose of improving the air quality and protecting public health within the Portola nonattainment area, a portion of Plumas County designated nonattainment for the 2012 annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The District recognizes the need to reduce harmful emissions from wood burning and open burning by limiting when these activities are permitted and by strengthening regulations to support a faster transition to cleaner home heating technologies.

**1.1.1** The District will declare a mandatory burn curtailment when PM2.5 levels are forecast to exceed thresholds specified in Section 3.

**1.1.2** Mandatory burn curtailment and prohibition of open burning on curtailment days will affect residents within the Zone 1 (Exhibit A) region of the Portola nonattainment area. Unless specified otherwise, all other aspects of this rule affect the entire Portola nonattainment area, both Zone 1 and Zone 2 (Exhibit A).

### **1.2 Applicability**

**1.2.1** This rule applies to owners, operators, sellers, and installers of wood burning devices, any person selling or transferring a real property, and any person performing an open burn of natural vegetation or other material within Portola nonattainment area.

**1.2.2** Mandatory Curtailment and prohibition of open burning on curtailment days apply only to Zone 1.

**1.2.3** The provisions of this rule shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

### **1.3 Exemptions:** The following are exempt from the provisions of this rule:

**1.3.1** Home heating devices operating on electricity or gaseous fuels.

**1.3.2** EPA-certified wood or pellet heaters registered with District are allowed to operate during wood burning curtailment but are subject to Section 4.4, Visible Emissions Limitations.

**1.3.3** The Mandatory burn curtailment provisions of this rule do not apply to households experiencing a temporary service outage of their primary heating source, as determined by the gas, propane, or electrical utility service provider.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **District:** The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
- 2.2 **APCO:** The Air Pollution Control Officer of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.
- 2.3 **Building:** Any residence, mobile home, commercial property, or other structure.
- 2.4 **CARB:** The California Air Resources Board, or any person authorized to act on its behalf.
- 2.5 **Certificate of Compliance** means a document issued by the Air Pollution Control Officer or designee certifying that a building has no more than two wood burning devices which are EPA certified and no uncertified wood burning devices.
- 2.6 **City:** means the City of Portola.
- 2.7 **Criteria Pollutant:** An air pollutant regulated by a National Ambient Air Quality Standard contained within 40 CFR Part 50.
- 2.8 **Curtailed Day:** A day during the designated wood burning season on which the District publicly declares a mandatory curtailment due to forecasted PM2.5 concentrations exceeding the thresholds specified in Section 3.
- 2.9 **Emission:** The act of releasing or discharging air contaminants into the ambient air from any source.
- 2.10 **Enforceable:** Verifiable and legally binding.
- 2.11 **EPA:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2.12 **EPA Certified Wood Burning Device:** Any wood burning device certified by the EPA to comply with the performance and emissions standards as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA, February 28, 1988, or any subsequent revisions and labeled pursuant to those regulations.
- 2.13 **Natural Vegetation:** All plants, including but not limited to grasses, forbs, trees, branches, shrubs, flowers, or vines that grow in the wild or under cultivation.
- 2.14 **New Construction:** Any single or multi-family housing unit for which permit submissions are complete on or after the effective date of this ordinance.
- 2.15 **NSPS:** New Source Performance Standard. For purposes of this rule the NSPS is the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 60, Subpart AAA.
- 2.16 **Open Burning:** The outdoor burning of combustible material of any type including natural vegetation.
- 2.17 **Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler or Hydronic Heater:** A fuel burning device designed: (1) to burn primarily wood or wood pellet fuel; (2) not to be located inside structures ordinarily occupied by humans; and (3) to heat spaces or water by the distribution through pipes of a fluid, typically water or water and antifreeze mixture, heated in the device.
- 2.18 **Particulate Matter or PM2.5:** Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter.

- 2.19 **Pellet Heater:** A heating device designed to use pellets or chips fuel-burning device defined as pellet stove in 40 CFR 60.531.
- 2.20 **Permanently Inoperable:** Modified in such a way that the wood burning device can no longer function as a wood burning device or easily be remodified to function as a wood burning device. Conversion to other fuels, such as propane, is permitted.
- 2.21 **Portola nonattainment area:** Portion of Plumas County designated nonattainment by the EPA for the 2012 annual PM2.5 NAAQS or any other PM2.5 NAAQS.
- 2.22 **Nonattainment area:** "Any area that does not meet (or that contributes to ambient air quality in a nearby area that does not meet) the primary or secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- 2.23 **Sole Source:** The only permanent source of heat capable of meeting the space heating demands of a residence.
- 2.24 **Source:** Any machine, equipment, apparatus, device, process, or combination thereof, which emits or may emit air contaminants to the atmosphere through a common duct or vent to a single emission point.
- 2.25 **Uncertified Wood Burning Device:** Any fireplace or wood stove that has not been certified by the EPA to comply with the performance and emission standards as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA, February 28, 1988, or any subsequent revisions. Uncertified wood burning devices do not include wood-fired residential or commercial barbecue devices, wood-fired fire pits, or wood-fired cookstoves.
- 2.26 **Wood Burning Device:** Any wood-burning stove or heater, pellet-fueled device, fireplace, or any indoor permanently installed device used to burn any solid fuel for space-heating or aesthetic purposes. This definition does not include wood-burning devices intended exclusively for cooking food, such as wood-fired cookstoves or barbecues.
- 2.27 **Wood Burning Season:** For the purposes of this rule, the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December.
- 2.28 **Wood-Fired Cookstove:** a wood-fired appliance that is designed primarily for cooking food and that has the characteristics listed in 40 CFR 60.531.
- 2.29 **Zone 1:** Encompasses the Portola, CA Sphere of Influence as well as communities of Delleker, Iron Horse, the Portola city limits, and the southern edge of Lake Davis due to their proximity to Portola and their population densities. See Exhibit A.
- 2.30 **Zone 2:** The remaining portion of the Portola nonattainment area not in Zone 1. See Exhibit A.

### 3 STANDARDS

- 3.1 **Mandatory Wood Burning Curtailment:** The requirements of this section shall be in effect annually during the wood burning season in Zone 1. is;

**3.1.1** The District shall declare a mandatory wood burning curtailment for Zone 1 of the Portola nonattainment area whenever the District forecasts that the 24-hour average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration will exceed 20 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at the Portola monitoring station.

**3.1.1.1** As part of the contingency provision in the Portola Serious PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan, effective 60 days after the issuance of a final determination by EPA that the Portola nonattainment area failed to attain the 12µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS by the attainment deadline of December 31, 2025, failed to meet a Reasonable Further Progress or quantitative milestone or failed to submit a quantitative milestone report, the curtailment threshold will be lowered from 20 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

**3.1.2** No person may operate a wood burning device or wood-fired cookstove when mandatory wood burning curtailment is in effect unless the device is exempt per Section 1.3.2, 1.3.3, or the residence has a Sole Source Hardship Verification in place (section 4.2).

**3.1.3** No person within Zone 1 shall conduct open burning of natural vegetation or any other material on a day when a mandatory wood burning curtailment has been declared by the District.

### **3.2 Requirements for Wood Burning Devices**

**3.2.1** Wood Burning Devices: No person shall advertise, sell, offer for sale, supply, transfer or install in any residence or other structure any wood burning device within the Portola nonattainment area unless it is an EPA certified wood burning device meeting New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) in effect at the time of sale, transfer, or installation.

**3.2.2** No local government authority within the boundaries of the Portola nonattainment area may issue a building permit to any person to install a wood burning device unless it meets the NSPS in effect at the time of the application.

**3.2.3** Certified devices shall have a label permanently affixed to them from the EPA which states that the stove is certified to comply with the performance and emission standards as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA, February 28, 1988, or any subsequent revisions.

**3.2.4** Wood Burning Fireplaces: No local government authority within the Portola nonattainment area may issue a building permit to any person to install a wood burning fireplace.

### **3.3 Transfer of Ownership**

**3.3.1** Upon a change of ownership, no uncertified wood stove may remain in any property within the Portola nonattainment area. Any uncertified

wood stove removed from the property must be destroyed/recycled at an approved scrappage/recycling facility.

**3.3.2** Upon change of ownership, no more than two EPA certified wood burning devices per building may remain in any property within the Portola nonattainment area.

3.4 If a residential or commercial property within the Portola nonattainment area is to be sold and does not contain any wood burning devices, a Notice of Exemption form must be submitted to the Air Pollution Control Officer or designee, containing the signatures of both the buyer and seller, attesting to that fact. The completed form shall be submitted to the District within ten days of the close of escrow

**3.5 New Construction and Remodeling**

**3.5.1** The number of EPA certified wood burning devices installed on any residential or non-residential property within Portola nonattainment area for which a building permit is required shall not exceed one per unit.

**3.5.2** The EPA certified wood burning devices must be certified to the NSPS in effect at the time of the installation.

**3.5.3** Installation of a fireplace on any residential or non-residential property for which a building permit is required is prohibited.

**3.5.4** Wood burning devices shall not be the sole source of heat in any new construction within Zone 1.

**3.5.5** Installation or re-installation of outdoor wood-fired boilers is prohibited within the Portola nonattainment area.

**3.5.6** Re-installation of an uncertified wood burning device is prohibited within the Portola nonattainment area.

**3.5.7** The above limitations do not apply to EPA certified pellet heaters.

3.6 **Permitted Fuels:** Burning of any fuels or materials in a wood burning device other than the following fuels in the Portola nonattainment area shall be a violation:

**3.6.1** Seasoned wood (less than twenty percent moisture content).

**3.6.2** Uncolored paper.

**3.6.3** Manufactured logs, pellets, and similar manufactured products (i.e. processed fire starters).

**3.7 Open Burning Provisions**

**3.7.1** All open burning of natural vegetation and other material shall be prohibited within the city limits of the City of Portola.

**3.7.2** During a mandatory wood burning curtailment day, residents within the Zone 1 region as shown in Exhibit A are prohibited from open burning.

**3.7.3** Nothing in this rule shall be construed as prohibiting open outdoor fires used only for cooking food for human consumption, for recreational

fires, or for ceremonial fires, except for when the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) or the United States Forest Service (USFS) has issued a fire restriction or has suspended burning on lands adjacent to the Zone 1 boundary, or when the Fire Chief issues a fire restriction for land within the Zone 1 boundary. Open flame from wood burning or charcoal burning fires for food, ceremonial, or recreation use is not allowed when a restriction is in place.

**3.7.4** Training Burns: Fire Department training burns may be permitted with prior written approval of the Fire Chief and the District APCO or designee.

**3.7.5** The Fire Chief and the District may issue special burn permits to authorize the burning of combustibles for the health and safety of the public.

## **4 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Notification of Mandatory Wood Burning Curtailment**

**4.1.1** Mandatory wood burning curtailment will be triggered when District determines that meteorological and air quality data support a forecast that the 24-hour average PM<sub>2.5</sub> will exceed 20 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

**4.1.1.1** As part of the contingency provision in the Portola Serious PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan, effective 60 days after the issuance of a final determination by EPA that the Portola nonattainment area failed to attain the 12µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS by the attainment deadline of December 31, 2025, failed to meet a Reasonable Further Progress or quantitative milestone or failed to submit a quantitative milestone report, the curtailment threshold will be lowered from 20 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

**4.1.2** Upon determination that mandatory wood burning curtailment is required, the District shall notify the public through one or more of the following methods:

- a. A recorded telephone message.
- b. Messages posted on the District website.
- c. Electronic mail messages to persons or entities that have requested such notice.
- d. Notifying broadcast, print or social media operating within the boundaries of the Portola nonattainment area if available.
- e. Any additional method that the District determines is appropriate.

**4.2 Sole Source Hardship Verification:** An owner or operator of an uncertified wood burning device that serves as the sole source of heat in a residence may request an exemption from mandatory wood burning curtailment requirements. Exemptions

may be granted when replacing the uncertified wood burning device is not feasible due to structural integrity risks to the residence, or demonstrated financial hardship.

- 4.2.1 To request an exemption, the applicant must submit a written application to the District. The application must clearly state the compelling reasons for the exemption and include any supporting documentation.
- 4.2.2 The APCO or designee will grant or deny the exemption, in writing, within 10 working days of receipt of the application.
- 4.2.3 Approved exemptions will remain valid for three curtailment seasons. To extend the exemption beyond this period, the applicant must submit a new application demonstrating that the original conditions justifying the exemption still apply.
- 4.2.4 The APCO or designee may rescind an exemption at any time if it is determined that the information provided in the application was inaccurate, misleading, or no longer applicable.

#### 4.3 **Records**

- 4.3.1 The District will keep a database and retain records of all registered wood burning devices subject to this rule.
- 4.3.2 Persons applying to register a wood burning device shall submit a request to the District to schedule an inspection of the wood burning device.
- 4.3.3 Verification from the District that the wood burning device is certified by the EPA to comply with the performance and emissions standards as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA, February 28, 1988, or any subsequent revisions and labeled pursuant to those regulations is required to operate wood burning device during mandatory wood burning curtailment.

#### 4.4 **Enforcement Visible Emissions Limitations**

- 4.4.1 Under normal operating conditions, no person shall cause or allow from a wood burning device a visible emission of any air contaminant, other than uncombined water vapor that exceeds 20 percent opacity or a No. 1 on the Ringelmann Chart for a period or periods aggregating more than 3 minutes in any-one (1) hour. This limitation does not apply during the startup of a new fire not to exceed 15 consecutive minutes in any four-hour period.

#### 4.5 **Educational Materials-** Educational materials shall be provided by the seller at time of sale of a wood burning device. The information shall include:

- 4.5.1 Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of the wood burning device.
- 4.5.2 Proper fuel selection and use.
- 4.5.3 Health effects from wood smoke.

- 4.5.4 Weatherization methods for the home.
- 4.5.5 Proper sizing of wood burning devices.
- 4.5.6 Mandatory wood burning curtailment information as defined in Section 3.1.

## **5 COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

- 5.1 Failure to comply with any provision of this rule shall constitute a violation of this rule. The exceedance of the allowable emissions for any compliance period shall constitute a separate violation for each day of the compliance period.
- 5.2 Any person that violates the provisions of Rule 231 is subject to penalties.
- 5.3 The APCO or designee may conduct audits after properties have closed escrow and have been recorded under the new owner's name to determine compliance with this rule.
  - 5.3.1 If the Air Pollution Control Officer or designee finds that there is an uncertified wood burning device in the building, the Air Pollution Control Officer or designee shall require that the uncertified wood burning device be destroyed/recycled at an approved scrappage/recycling facility or agency within thirty days of notifying the current property owner. A financial penalty may be assessed if noncompliance has been identified or if the current property owner fails to destroy/recycle the device within the time prescribed in the notice.
  - 5.3.2 If noncompliance has been identified or if the current property owner fails to destroy/recycle the device within the time prescribed in the notice the District will act in accordance with District enforcement policy.
  - 5.3.3 On any subsequent sale, a new Notice of Exemption is required.



**Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District**  
**Resolution No. 2026-01**

**In the Matter of:** Adopting and Submitting to the California State Implementation Plan the Wood Burning and Open Burning Rule, Rule 231

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**WHEREAS**, the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) is a duly constituted unified district as provided in Chapter 3, Part 3, Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 40702 of the Health and Safety Code, the District may perform acts necessary or proper to execute its powers and duties; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 40000 of the Health and Safety Code, the District has primary responsibility for control of air pollution from all sources other than motor vehicles within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 40004 of the Health and Safety Code, the District may sponsor, coordinate, and promote projects to prevent, mitigate, or cure the adverse effects of air pollution, including adverse health effects; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 41650 and 40911 of the Health and Safety Code require the District to prepare plans to attain National and State ambient air quality standards within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) of 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, effective March 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, effective January 30, 2023, EPA classified the Plumas County PM<sub>2.5</sub> Nonattainment Area as Serious Nonattainment for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, with an attainment deadline of December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA requires the State of California to submit a plan satisfying Clean Air Act Sections 172 and 189, including a demonstration of attainment of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS by the applicable attainment date; and

**WHEREAS**, the District developed the Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Serious State Implementation Plan (Portola Serious Plan) to address serious area requirements and demonstrate attainment by December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Portola Serious Plan includes the District's commitment to adopt a rule reducing PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from residential wood burning and open burning; and

**WHEREAS**, said rule was properly noticed for a 30-day public review period in accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 40725 and 40726, and a public hearing was held on January 26, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727, the Board finds that:

- (a) There is a need to adopt this Rule;
- (b) The Board has authority under state and local law to adopt this Rule;
- (c) The Rule can be understood by those directly affected;
- (d) The Rule is consistent with existing statutes, court decisions, and state/federal regulations;
- (e) The Rule does not duplicate existing state or federal requirements except as necessary to execute District powers and duties;
- (f) The Rule appropriately references statutes, court decisions, or other provisions of law implemented or interpreted by the Rule; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provides that actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment are categorically exempt from CEQA review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board concurs with staff recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, District Rule 231, Wood Burning and Open Burning, will be submitted to CARB and EPA for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board finds that all required notices have been duly given and that public testimony was allowed in accordance with law.
2. The Wood Burning and Open Burning Rule, Rule 231, will promote the health and welfare of residents in the Plumas County nonattainment area.
3. The Board directs the District to fulfill its obligations under Rule 231.
4. This action is exempt from CEQA under Class 8, Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines.
5. The Board amends the Portola Serious Plan to include Rule 231.
6. The Board directs staff to submit Rule 231, except Section 5, to CARB with a request for submittal to EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan.
7. The Executive Director is directed to forward this Resolution, Rule 231, and any necessary supporting documentation to CARB.
8. The Board requests CARB to authorize its Executive Officer to include Rule 231, except Section 5, in the California SIP for submittal to EPA.
9. The Board requests EPA approval of this submittal into the Portola Serious Plan and the State Implementation Plan.
10. District staff are authorized to make minor typographical and technical corrections and take actions necessary to satisfy CARB and EPA requirements.

**Now, therefore,** be it resolved and ordered by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors that Rule 231 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 January 26, 2026, 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:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item:** V.C

**Agenda Description:** Approval of Ozone Monitoring Agreement – Nevada County Airport

**Summary:**

District staff has identified a location for the ozone monitor, previously sited at the Litton Building, at the Nevada County Airport, located at 13083 John Bauer Ave, Grass Valley. Use of a storage unit in hanger NCO6B will be for \$100 per month.

**Requested Action:**

Review and approve the Nevada County Airport Agreement

**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

**Attachments:**

Nevada County Airport Agreement

**PERMIT FOR USE OF A COUNTY-OWNED HANGAR STORAGE UNIT  
AT THE NEVADA COUNTY AIRPORT**

DATE OF ISSUANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMITTEE: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

SPACE NO: NC06B

ADDRESS: 380 Sierra College Drive, Suite 220,  
Grass Valley 95945

PHONE NO: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (BUS) 530-274-9360

E-MAIL: [office@myairdistrict.com](mailto:office@myairdistrict.com)

INITIAL MONTHLY FEE: \$100 per month

The County of Nevada, hereinafter referred to as “County”, hereby grants consent to the Permittee to use the above Space and County-owned hangar storage unit for the storage and protection of aeronautically oriented material, equipment, tools or like items owned or leased by the Permittee. The right granted by the County’s consent is in the nature of a revocable license to real property.

**Permittee hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions:**

**1. Scope of Permission.** The Space is for the use of a County-owned hangar storage unit for the Permittee’s designated aeronautically oriented material, equipment, tools, associated ground equipment and incidental items.

The Permittee shall use the Space in a manner that does not interfere with the movement of other aircraft, nor endanger other aircraft, on the tie-down apron or other airport areas.

The Permittee authorizes the County to relocate stored material or equipment, or agrees to relocate stored material or equipment upon the County’s request, whenever deemed necessary by the County for the protection of aircraft, persons or property, or to prevent interruption of Airport operations due to emergency conditions. Such relocation shall be at the Permittee’s sole expense.

The Permit may not be transferred or assigned to any other person.

**2. Term, Relinquishment, and Revocation.** The term of this Permit is month to month and shall commence on the day, month and year shown as the date of issuance above. In the event Permittee desires to relinquish this Permit, the Permittee shall provide

the County at least 30 days advance written notice, or otherwise fees will continue to be charged until timely notice is received.

The County may revoke this Permit in its sole discretion after a 90 day written notice of revocation is mailed or personally delivered to the Permittee. The County will not arbitrarily revoke the Permit. Reasonable requirements for revocation include, but are not limited to, a change in the airport layout plan which necessitates the moving or removal of the Permittee's Space. For revocation of the Permit based on "good cause" (safety violation, nonpayment of fee, or other breach of Permit terms and conditions), a 30 day written notice of revocation for good cause will be issued.

A Permittee may request in writing to have a revocation reviewed in a hearing before the Airport Commission, and subsequently before the Board of Supervisors.. In the event that the revocation is upheld, Permittee shall have 30 days from the final hearing date to vacate the Space.

**3. Restoration of Space.** Upon relinquishment or revocation of this Permit, the Permittee will remove any stored material or equipment and all other incidental property and restore the Space to the same condition as when the Permit commenced, excepting normal wear and tear. If the Permittee fails to remove all property and restore the Space, the County shall be authorized, in addition to any other legal remedies, to remove the aircraft and any other property, and to restore the Space to its former condition. Reasonable costs of removal, storage, sale, clean up, and restoration shall be assessed to the Permittee.

**4. Fee.** The fee for this Permit shall be the amount set from time to time by Board of Supervisors' resolution. All fees shall be due on the first day of each month and will be delinquent if not paid by the 15th day of each month. A delinquent charge of 10% of the monthly fee, or a minimum fee of \$25.00, shall be assessed after the 10th of the month and for each month thereafter while the rent remains unpaid. In addition to its statutory right to terminate this permit for non-payment of the Permit fee, the County has the further right to lien and sell the aircraft, other personal property or the hangar pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1208.61, et seq. for unpaid fees and any storage charges.

**5. Taxes.** Permittee's use of the Space may create a possessory interest in public property subject to property taxation, and Permittee is solely responsible for timely payment of any such possessory interest property tax [see Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6].

**6. Insurance.** Permittee agrees to maintain in effect during the entire term of this Permit a policy of broad form comprehensive general liability insurance with combined single limits of not less than \$1,000,000, including aircraft and premises liability, to cover bodily injury and property damage. The policy shall be provided by a company authorized to conduct insurance business in the State of California and shall name the County as an additional insured. Insurance afforded by the additional insured endorsement shall apply as primary insurance, and other insurance maintained by the County of Nevada, its officers, agents and/or employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with

insurance provided under this agreement. An original certificate of insurance with endorsements evidencing the coverage required hereunder shall be provided to the County prior using the Permit.

Insurance Company Ratings. At all times, Lessee shall keep and maintain in full force and effect, throughout the Term of this permit, policies of insurance required by this Lease, which policies shall be issued by companies with a Best's Rating of B+ or higher (B+, B++, A-, A, A+, or A++), or a Best's Financial Performance Rating (FPR) of 6 or higher (6,7,8 or 9) according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide, or shall be issued by companies approved by the County Risk Manager.

**7. Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** Permittee hereby releases and discharges County from all claims and demands by Permittee for loss or damage to Permittee's property from activities under this Permit, and agrees to indemnify County against, and hold County harmless from, all costs and expenses which may result directly or indirectly from activities under this Permit, including damage or loss by snow removal operations, fire, theft, storm, wind or other acts of God, except as to those losses or damages which result from the sole negligence of the County, its employees, agents or representatives.

**8. Compliance with All Laws.** Permittee shall obey all rules, regulations, laws, ordinances and directives of any entity having legal jurisdiction over the Airport and its use, as may from time to time be established, including but not limited to County ordinance, specifically including Chapter IV, Article 12 of the Nevada County General Code, F.A.A. regulations and State law.

**9. Inspections.** Upon reasonable advance notice, the Permittee shall consent to routine inspections of the Space and interior of the hangar by the Airport Manager, or by authorized agents of the Airport, or by federal, state or county fire inspectors. In emergencies, inspections shall be allowed immediately and access for inspection shall not be obstructed.

**10. Alterations.** Permittee agrees not to modify the hangar, nor paint, remove, deface, modify, or otherwise alter any portion of the premises, nor place structures, signs, or displays on the outside of the hangar without first obtaining the written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Non-structural, nonhazardous interior alterations of the hangar are excepted from this provision.

**11. Repairs and Maintenance.** Permittee agrees that any repair work and/or maintenance performed inside the storage unit or adjacent to the storage unit shall not violate fire regulations, cause structural damage or danger to Airport property, including surfaces, or detract from the clean and orderly appearance of the Airport. The use of combustible substances or hazardous chemicals, and the stripping, washing, painting (except for minor touch-up or repair), welding and/or repairs to any fuel systems in the storage unit is prohibited.

Running of engines, including generators, in the hangar storage unit is prohibited.

Permittee shall not store or stock fuel and any other flammable materials in Permittee's hangar unless such materials are stored in an approved container, specifically defined as follows:

(a) Safety Can – A listed container of not more than five gallons capacity, having a spring-closing lid, spout cover and a flame arrester, and so designed that it will safely relieve internal pressure when subjected to fire exposure. [Reference: 8 Calif.Code Regs. Gen.Industry Safety Order 5415].

(b) All flammable and combustible liquids must be stored in safety cans inside a flammable storage cabinet that meets the standard time temperature curve specified in NPA No. 251-1972. No more than 120 gallons of Class I, Class II, and Class IIIA liquids may be stored in a storage cabinet. Of this total, not more than 60 gallons may be of Class I and Class II liquid. [Reference: 8 CCR Ccnstruction Safety Order 1930 and 8 CCR GISO 5533]

(c) Reference for (a) and (b): NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, 19<sup>th</sup> Edition, Volume 1, Chapter 21.

Permittee shall have a minimum rated 4A – 20BC fire extinguisher present at all times within the hangar. The extinguisher is to be located in a readily accessible permanent location. Extinguishers shall be serviced annually or immediately after use. The use of any fire extinguisher, regardless of the incident, shall be reported to the Airport Manager immediately after use.

**12. Correction of Violations.** Notices of Violation will be issued for violations that are considered to be health and/or safety concerns and which need immediate correction. Permittee agrees to make any and all corrections of violations required by the Airport Manager or fire inspectors within 10 days after issuance of a Notice of Violation, unless a time extension is granted. Failure to make timely corrections will justify Permit revocation for good cause.

## **EXECUTION**

**COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**PERMITTEE**

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By:

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By:

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**To:**Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item: VI**

**Agenda Description: Closed Session**

Per Government Code section 54957(b)(1)) a closed session will be held to discuss compensation for the APCO.

**Summary:**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, a closed session 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 position of the Air Pollution Control Officer.

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

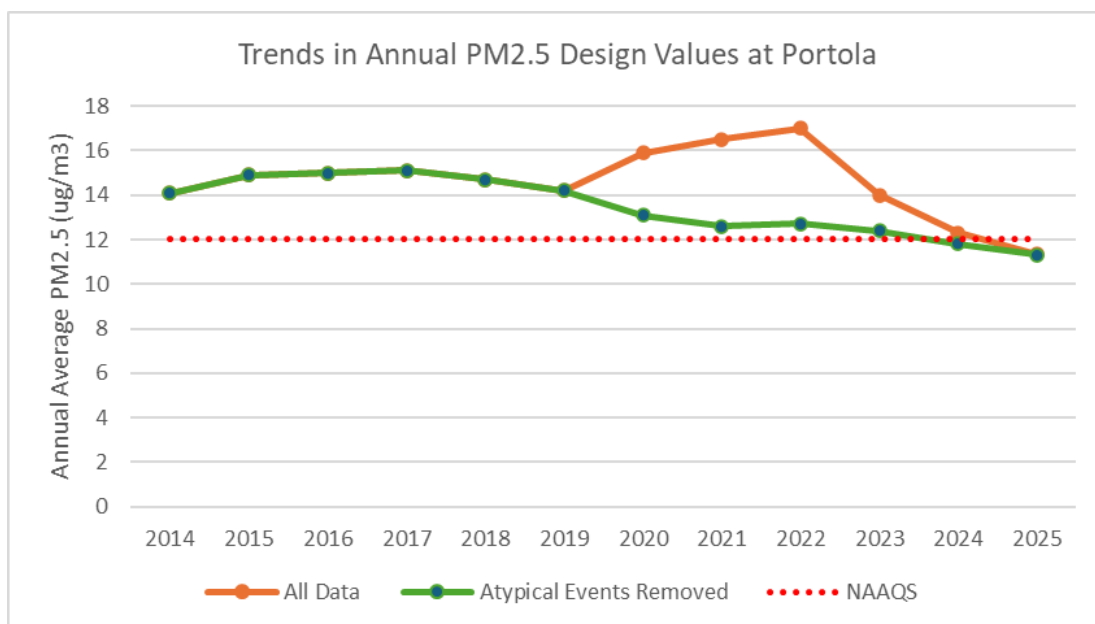
**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item VII.A**

**Agenda Description:** Portola attainment status update

**Summary:**

On January 5, 2026, CARB informed the District that we attained the PM<sub>2.5</sub> 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> Annual Standard with a design value of 11.3 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. This is a huge achievement and was accomplished solely by the Targeted Airshed Grant managers by replacing woodstoves in Portola.



**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:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item VII.B**

**Agenda Description:** Conflict of Interest Forms (FPPC) DUE MARCH 15th

**Summary:**

Forms are Due March 15 and need to be filled out electronically this year.

**Requested Action:**

None

**Attachments:**

FPPC List of Filers



# List of Filers

Report date : 1/22/2026

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Position/Category	Division	Email	Login ID	Start Date
<b>Multi-County Agencies</b>							
<b>Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District</b>							<b>10 Filers</b>
Adams III	Leland	C	Board Member / 87200 Filer		supervisor1@sierracounty.ca.gov	supervisor1@sierracounty.ca.gov	01/03/2023
Bullock	Hardy		Board Member / 87200 Filer		Hardy.Bullock@nevadacountyca.gov	hbullock	01/26/2021
Ceresola	Dwight		Board Member / 87200 Filer		ceresolasuper1@yahoo.com	ceresolasuper1@yahoo.com	01/04/2021
Engel	Jeffrey	H	Alternate Board Member / 87200 Filer		engel.dist.5@gmail.com	engel.dist.5@gmail.com	10/18/2019
Hall	Heidi	Marie	Board Member / 87200 Filer		heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov	heidi.hall@nevadacountyca.gov	01/14/2025
Heuer	Lila	DeAnn	Alternate Board Member / 87200 Filer		lheuer@sierracounty.ca.gov	lheuer@sierracounty.ca.gov	01/03/2023
Hunter	Julie		Air Pollution Control Officer / 87200 Filer		julieh@myairdistrict.com	julieh@myairdistrict.com	04/09/2023
McGowan	Thomas		Board Member / 87200 Filer		TomMcgowan@countyoofplumas.com	TomMcGowan@countyoofplumas.com	01/03/2023
Roen	Paul	I.	Board Member / 87200 Filer		proen@sierracounty.ca.gov	proen@sierracounty.ca.gov	01/07/2013
Swarthout	Lisa	A	Alternate Board Member / 87200 Filer		lisa.swarthout@nevadacountyca.gov	lisaswarthout@hotmail.com	01/14/2025

**Grand Total: 10**

**To:** Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

**From:** Julie Hunter, Air Pollution Control Officer

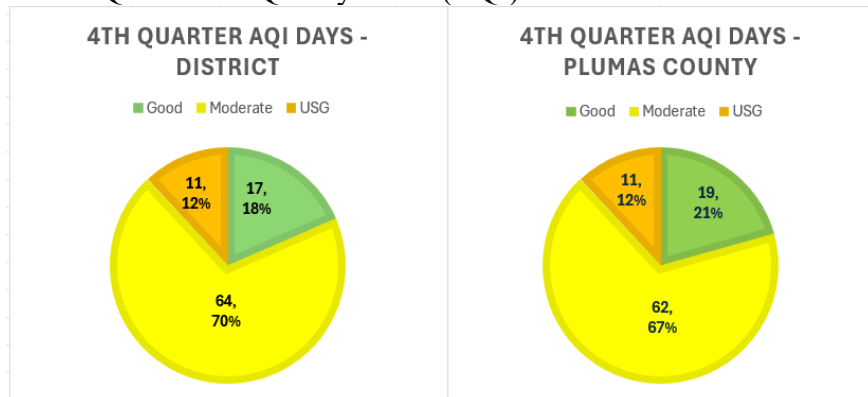
**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Agenda Item VII.C**

**Agenda Description:** Staff reports – program summaries

**Monitoring Summary:**

Fourth Quarter Air Quality Index (AQI)



**Grass Valley Monitoring Site Relocation**

District is working with CARB for an approval to begin monitoring at the airport location. CARB staff is also willing to assist the Monitoring Lead with the deployment of the ozone monitor.

**Planning Summary:**

Fourth quarter plan reviews in Nevada County totaled 36, with 30 from Nevada County and the other 6 from municipalities.

**Permitting Summary:**

Types of Permits	Permits Discontinued in 2025	New Permits Added in 2025	Permits Continuing in 2026	Permits Active for 2026-2027
Stationary Sources	1	3	25	29
Stationary Engines	3	13	225	238
Vapor Recovery – Gasoline Dispensing Facility	2	1	63	64
			<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>

Burn permits issued – 74

**Compliance/Enforcement Summary:**

Complaints – 4th Quarter 2025:

Month	Total Complaints	Field Investigations	NTCs Issued	NOVs Issued
October	15	4	5	0
November	28	3	0	0
December	35	6	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

The District received 78 total complaints during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025, which is a **236%** increase over Quarter 3 and a **170%** increase over Quarter 4 of 2024.

**Grants Summary:**

**Carl Moyer Lawn and Garden:** Serves municipal and commercial entities engaged in ground maintenance and exchanges gasoline powered equipment electric equipment. The District has funded project with the City of Portola, Grass Valley and is currently working with the City of Nevada City. Potential applicants should contact [melissak@myairdistrict.com](mailto:melissak@myairdistrict.com)

**TAG:**

2018 TAG:

Remaining funds as of 1/26: \$572,925

Expires: April 2027

2020 TAG:

Remaining funds as of 1/2026: \$2,289,907

Expires October 2026

In the fourth quarter 13 new devices were installed. In 2025, 46 devices were installed in the nonattainment area. Of those, 8 were heat pump combos while the remaining 38 were change outs.

**Requested Action:**

None – informational only

**Attachments:**

None