

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

8:36 a.m.: Chair Crye called the Special Session of the Air Pollution Control Board to order on the above date with the following present:

Present: Board Members Crye, Harmon, Littau, and Long

Absent: Board Member Munns

Staff: County Executive Officer David J. Rickert, County Counsel Joseph Larmour, and Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Long/Crye), and carried 4-0 with Board Member Munns absent, the Air Pollution Control Board took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar:

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2025, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

REGULAR CALENDAR

PRESENTATION: AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS

Lori Bridgeford spoke during public comment.

Sean Ewing, Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), gave a presentation regarding Shasta County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) financial matters and pending assessments to the jurisdictions with membership on the Air Pollution Control Board (APCB).

Mr. Ewing discussed various funding sources for air pollution control districts. He noted that the AQMD has its own General Purpose Fund (GPF), separate from the County's General

Fund, and explained how GPF and restricted funds are tracked and used. Mr. Ewing described the history of the AQMD's funding challenges and plans to improve fund tracking and usage in the future, including annual 15% fee increases as necessary. He stated that the AQMD would be issuing assessments to all current and former member jurisdictions of the APCB for the periods during which they had been members.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Ewing stated that he would have to consult with County Counsel and the County Executive Officer if the Cities of Anderson or Redding refused to pay the assessed amounts. He clarified that, if the City of Redding withdrew from the APCB, it would revert to being a five-person board composed of the members of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ewing discussed the reasons for the cities to be members of the APCB, as well as Anderson's withdrawal from it due to financial and litigation concerns.

In response to questions by Supervisor Long, Mr. Ewing discussed the oversights in the tracking of general purpose and restricted funds that had led to the AQMD's GPF deficit. He explained that the AQMD was examining past usage of restricted funds to try to adjust that usage as allowed to cover more of the deficit, and that they would be improving their cost structures and fees going forward. He clarified that California Health and Safety Code limits fee increases to 15% per calendar year.

Member Littau stated that the City of Redding staff would be interested in obtaining copies of the AQMD's reports to review and consult with the City Attorney in order to determine how they would proceed. Mr. Ewing stated that staff hoped to have the information on prior fiscal years settled by the budget hearings scheduled for early June and would try to have the information available for the Cities by that time.

In response to questions by Supervisor Harmon, Mr. Ewing stated that annual incremental fee increases of 15% were one part of resolving the AQMD's budget challenges, but staff would also be examining other methods to improve their fiscal management.

9:04 a.m.: The Air Pollution Control Board adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Air Pollution Control Board

By _____
Deputy