

# SACRAMENTO VALLEY

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair

Chair

Butte Colusa Feather River Glenn Placer Sacramento Shasta Tehama Yolo-Solano

### December 16, 2011 MINUTES

**1. A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Chairman Mat Ehrhardt (Yolo-Solano AQMD) at 10:02 a.m., at the Colusa County Air Pollution Control District, Colusa, CA.**

**PRESENT:**

Mat Ehrhardt, Yolo-Solano AQMD.  
Kevin Tokunaga, Glenn County APCD rep.  
Tom Christofk, Placer County APCD.  
Ross Bell, Shasta County AQMD.  
David Valler, Feather River AQMD.  
Jim Wagoner, Butte County AQMD.  
Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD  
David Grose, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD rep.  
Joseph Damiano, Colusa APCD.  
Donald Kitamura, Colusa APCD rep.  
Les Fife, Fife Environmental.  
Amy Gwinnup, Secretary-Treasurer.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** It is moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Wagoner to approve the November 18, 2011 Regular Session Minutes as corrected as follows:

Page 3 "**AMENDED MOTION:** It is moved by Mr. Wagoner to amend his motion to adopt the Policy for Teleconferencing as revised with the notation that the February and June BCC meeting should be ~~fact~~ ~~to fact~~ face to face and recommend this policy to the BCC for approval at the next meeting. Motion carried: all yes."

Motion carried: all yes.

### **3. Additional Agenda Items/Public Comment**

Mr. Ehrhardt calls for public comment and hearing none closes same.

Mr. Ehrhardt states the following items will be added to the agenda for discussion:

- Update to the Smoke Management Plan.
- Earthwatch group.
- PG & E Vapor Trailer.

### **4. Monthly reports.**

**CAPCOA** – Mr. Christofk gives a report on developments and issues as they relate to the CAPCOA board. Brief discussion is held.

**CARB** – Mr. Ehrhardt states there is no report.

**QEEPS** – no report.

## **5. Financial Status Report**

Ms. Gwinnup (Secretary-Treasurer) briefly summarizes the financial status report dated as of December 12, 2011.

## **6. Payment of monthly invoices**

**MOTION:** It is moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Christofk to authorize payment for the following invoices:

- Les Fife, \$4,000.
- Western Weather Group, \$751.
- Amy Gwinnup, \$1,000.

Motion carried: all yes.

## **7. Evaluation of Policies and Administrative Code.**

Chairman Ehrhardt declares time to discuss the duties of the TAC chair. He states he has been working on this item and intends to incorporate it with the calendar of standing agenda items as prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Brief discussion is held with no action taken.

## **8. Update from Butte County AQMD on the Ag Commissioner's request for Special Burn authorization.**

Mr. Wagoner states the Wingleaf Primrose Willow is an invasive weed and the Ag Commissioner of Butte County has asked their District to prioritize burning of the weed. He states they have allowed some burning last month and earlier this week and all burning has been able to be allowed within the Burn Program.

## **9. Discussion regarding meeting Brown Act requirements for Teleconferencing locations.**

Mr. Valler states this item arose after discussion at the last BCC meeting regarding what happens if a district fails to post the agenda and who would be responsible for that.

Mr. Wagoner states that according to the current BCC By-laws districts should be posting TAC and BCC agendas at their district locations.

Discussion is held regarding a process to verify posting of agendas including placing a disclaimer on the agendas to post the agenda. Also, discussion is held regarding addressing this issue within policy.

## **10. Additional agenda items.**

Mr. Fife states that during this year's burn program there was a lot of prescribed burning fires that don't go into PFIRS because it isn't required. He suggests amending the plan to make it a requirement of the plan to account for prescribed burning within PFIRS.

Discussion is held.

Mr. Christofk states there are potentially thousands of acres that don't go into PFIRS and he doesn't know how that can all be accounted for.

Mr. Fife states that many agencies do prescribed burning including the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Forestry and those agencies should be made to comply with the Burn Program.

Further discussion is held with the consensus of the TAC to direct the Burn Coordinator to send out a request to districts for form a subcommittee to make recommendations on potential amendments to the Smoke Management Plan.

Mr. Grose states there is a group call Earthworks that has inquired to the California Air Resources Board about the BCC and certain public information regarding the burn plan. He wanted Districts to be aware this organization had made public information requests.

Mr. Tokunaga state PG&E has still been requesting information on whether they would be requiring permits for their vapor trailers.

Mr. Ehrhardt states he will contact them to bring information forward at the next TAC meeting.

**11. Set next TAC meeting date and agenda.**

The next TAC meeting will be held January 20, 2012 at the Colusa County APCD.

**12. Chairman Ehrhardt adjourns the meeting at 11:04 a.m.**