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**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**MDAQMD OFFICES, BOARD CHAMBERS**  
**VICTORVILLE, CA**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Merl Abel, Town of Yucca Valley, **Chair**  
Elizabeth Becerra, City of Victorville  
Brigit Bennington, City of Hesperia – *via Zoom*  
Paul Cook, San Bernardino County, 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor  
Joseph “Joey” DeConinck, City of Blythe – *via Zoom*  
Steevonna Evans, City of Adelanto – *via Zoom*  
Kari Leon, Town of Apple Valley, **Vice Chair**  
Dan Mintz, Sr., City of Twentynine Palms – *via Zoom*  
Barbara Riordan, Public Member – *via Zoom*  
Dawn Rowe, San Bernardino County, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor – *via Zoom*

Board Members Absent:

V. Manuel Perez, Riverside County, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Tim Silva, City of Barstow  
Jeff Williams, City of Needles

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **MERL ABEL** called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and asked Executive Director/APCO **BRAD POIRIEZ** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair **MERL ABEL** called for Roll Call – Deanna Hernandez, Senior Executive Analyst, called roll.

Special Announcements/Presentations:

- A. Presentation of 2020/2021 Exemplar Award. Presenter: Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO.

SoCal Gas operates six Title V facilities, two bases and one interconnection point within MDAQMD's District. SoCal Gas provides natural gas to more than 21 million customers spanning some 24,000 square miles across 12 counties. Recently, SoCal Gas announced an audacious net zero target, making it the largest gas distribution utility in North America to announce its intent to go carbon neutral. SoCal Gas is working with MDAQMD in retrofitting/replacing its compressor engines, turbines, and/or generators with emissions control technologies such as catalytic reduction systems. In addition, SoCal Gas has been diligently working to implement its leak detection and repair program while trying to eliminate 100% of vented gas during planned transmission pipeline work by utilizing new technology like cross-compression.

Based upon these accomplishments, we thank SoCal Gas for their continued commitment to creating a healthy air environment for the High Desert. The District is honored to name SoCal Gas this year's Exemplar Award winner. SoCal Gas representatives Kristine Scott, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Alison Wong, Senior Environmental Specialist, and SoCal Gas Supervisors Bill Temple, Scott Brewer, Justin Griffis and Annie Ho were present to accept the award.

Board Member **PAUL COOK** congratulated SoCal Gas for receiving the District's 2020/2021 Exemplar Award.

Items with potential Conflict of Interests – If you believe you have a conflict of interest, please recuse yourself at the appropriate time. If you have a question regarding a potential conflict of interest, please contact District Counsel. Chair **MERL ABEL** asked if any members wished to indicate a conflict of interest in regards to any agenda items. No Members did so.

Chair **MERL ABEL** called for **PUBLIC COMMENT**. At this time, no public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically, moved onto **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** –Chair **MERL ABEL** polled the Board to determine if any member wished pull an item on the consent calendar for discussion. No member did so. The following consent items were acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. Upon motion by Board Member **ELIZABETH BECERRA**, seconded by Board Member **PAUL COOK**, and carried by the following roll call vote, with ten **AYES** votes by Board Members, **MERL ABEL, ELIZABETH BECERRA, BRIGIT BENNINGTON, PAUL COOK, JOSEPH “JOEY” DECONINCK, STEVEVONNA EVANS, KARI LEON, DANIEL MINTZ, Sr., BARBARA RIORDAN, and DAWN ROWE**, with Board Members **V. MANUEL PEREZ, TIM SILVA and JEFF WILLIAMS absent**, on the Consent Calendar, as follows:

Agenda Item 1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 27, 2021.

**Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 27, 2021.

Agenda Item 2 – Authorize the encumbrance of AB2766 grant funds for disbursement in Fiscal Year 23 as described in the amended Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (MSERP)

Workplan in Exhibit A; and authorize the Executive Director/APCO to revise the budget accordingly.

Presenter: Jorge Camacho, Grants Analyst.

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Agenda Item 3 – Authorize (1) participation in Year 24 of the Carl Moyer Program, (2) authorize application submittal, (3) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to negotiate technical program details, execute contract with CARB approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, (4) authorize acceptance and encumbrance of funds (5) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to revise budget accordingly.

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Agenda Item 4 – (1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District’s continuing participation in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)Program through Fiscal Year 2024-25, (2) authorize application submittal, (3) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to negotiate technical program details, execute contract with CARB approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, (4) authorize acceptance and encumbrance of funds (5) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to revise budget accordingly.

Presenter: Jorge Camacho, Grants Analyst.

(1) **Adopted** Resolution 21-10, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FARMER INCENTIVE FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR REOSURCES BOARD**”, (2) **authorized** application submittal, (3) **authorized** the Executive Director/APCO to negotiate technical program details, execute contract with CARB approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel, (4) **authorized** acceptance and encumbrance of funds (5) **authorized** the Executive Director/APCO to revise budget accordingly.

Agenda Item 5 – Receive and file Policies and Procedures Manual for the District’s Carl Moyer Program (Moyer Program). Acknowledge addition of Appendix B.

Presenter: Jorge Camacho, Grants Analyst.

**Received and filed** Policies and Procedures Manual for the District’s Carl Moyer Program (Moyer Program). Acknowledge addition of Appendix B.

Agenda Item 6 – Receive and file Policies and Procedures Manual for the District’s Community Air Protection Program (CAP).

Presenter: Jorge Camacho, Grants Analyst

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Agenda Item 7 – Receive and file the District Activity Report.

Presenter: Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO.

**Received and filed** the District Activity Report.

Agenda Item 8 – Receive and file Financial Reports through August 2021.

Presenter: Laquita Cole, Finance Manager

**Received and filed** Financial Reports through August 2021.

Agenda Item 9 – Receive and file the Legislative Report for October 2021.

Presenter: Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO

**Received and filed** the Legislative Report for October 2021.

Agenda Item 10 – Set Date of January 24, 2022 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 900 – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS) and Rule 1000 – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), as well as to receive and file updates to the Airborne Toxic Measures (ATCMs) and Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards Notifications.

Presenter: Alan De Salvio, Deputy APCO

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Agenda Item 11 – Set Date of January 24, 2022 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 1126 – Municipal Solid Waste Landfills and approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

Presenter: Alan De Salvio, Deputy APCO

**Date set** January 24, 2022 to conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 1126 – Municipal Solid Waste Landfills and approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.

Agenda Item 12 – DEFERRED ITEMS.

None.

Agenda Item 13 – PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comment was made in person, telephonically or electronically.

Agenda Item 14 – Receive and file. This item reports the status of the District’s Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Rate Stabilization Program (PRSP) irrevocable trust and investment summary.

Presenter: Laquita Cole, Finance Manager.

Laquita Cole, Finance Manager, presented the background information and answered questions from the Board. Chair **MERL ABEL received and filed** this item on behalf of the board.

Agenda Item 15 – Presentation – Planning and Rulemaking, Ozone, SIPs and More.

Presenter: Alan De Salvio, Deputy APCO.

Alan De Salvio, Deputy APCO, presented a power point presentation and answered questions from the Board. No action taken by the Board as this item is information only.

Agenda Item 16 – Reports:

Special notes from M. Poiriez:

- ❖ **Governor signed AB 1346 (Berman). Small Off-Road Engines.** Requires ARB, by July 1, 2022, to adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new SOREs, as defined by ARB. Requires the regulations to apply to engines produced on or after January 1, 2024, or as soon as ARB determines is feasible, whichever is later. Additionally, the author, was successful with his budget request (\$30M) for incentive funding to help sole proprietors and small landscaping companies transition to zero-emission equipment.
- ❖ CARB has announced a Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Board hearing to consider Proposed Amendments to the SORE regulation: transition to Zero Emissions.
- ❖ Next Board meeting will be held in Jan. 2022, November and December Board meetings are historically cancelled due to holidays.
- ❖ Everyone have a safe and happy holiday season and see you next year.

Mr. Poiriez updated the Board of past events:

- Sept. 28-29 – Participated in the CAPCOA Board meeting and Legislative Retreat. I was selected to chair the Medium District APCO section for the coming year, and also voted to remain on the CAPCOA Board of Directors. Other items of discussion: Carl Moyer program revisions (cost-effectiveness), Governor Emergency Proclamation on Electricity, AB617 updates, Brown Act discussion for AB361. Legislation – talked about priorities – AB8 reauthorization efforts, budget priorities - Moyer, FARMER, 617, Wildfire.
- Oct. 6 – California Clean Air Day – participated via social media
- Oct. 6 – attended the morning VMI – State of the County
- Oct. 6 – Participated my WRAP Board call
- Oct. 6 – Attended SBC – State of the County
- Oct. 7 – met with representatives of Specialty Minerals to go over compliance, permits and requirements.
- October 12 – Was contacted by E. Kern APCD to see if we were willing to receive \$486k of their FARMER money to be utilized in MDAQMD – of course.
- October 15 – Had a call with CARB executive staff regarding – SIP Contingency Measures, FARMER, and Moyer edits
- October 18 – Attended State of the City – Hesperia.
- Oct. 20 – Participated in the MEEC Board meeting.
- Oct. 21 – Attended High Desert Opportunity Summit

Mr. Poiriez updated the Board of coming events:

- October 25-28 – will attend the CAPCOA Fall membership meeting in person in Sacramento.
- Nov.2-4 – hosting CDAWG in Las Vegas.

Agenda Item 17 - Board Member Comments and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member **DECONINCK** comment on the FARMER grants lead time for equipment.

