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### NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MONDAY** 

March 28, 2022 1:00 p.m.

### Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors

Hardy Bullock, Chair Nevada County Supervisor

Ed Scofield , Vice-Chair Nevada County Supervisor

Peter Huebner
Sierra County Supervisor

Paul Roen
Sierra County Supervisor

Sharon Thrall
Plumas County Supervisor

Dwight Ceresola

Plumas County Supervisor

Alternates:

Susan Hoek, Nevada County Supervisor Lee Adams, Sierra County Supervisor Jeff Engel, Plumas County Supervisor

### NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING March 28, 2022 1:00 P.M.

### This meeting will be held by videoconference/teleconference 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 C) TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
10879A Donner Pass Road, CONFERENCE ROOM
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:

Call to Order.

Roll call and determination of quorum.

- **II. Public Comment:** For items <u>NOT</u> appearing on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board. The public may comment on Agenda items as they are discussed.
- III. Approval and/or Modifications to Agenda
- 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 regular meeting minutes February 28, 2022

### V. Financial Reports

A. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 28, 2022

### VI. Administrative Report

- A. Proposed County Contribution for FY 22/23
- B. Resolution # 2022-06 the Governing Board of Directors' intent to approve a Three-Year Phased Approach with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the District staff

### VII. Director's Report

A. Status on Portola PM2.5 Nonattainment Area

### VIII. 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: Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist. The designated labor negotiations representative for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is Executive Director, Gretchen Bennitt.
- **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, Gretchen Bennitt.
- **C.** Performance Evaluation of the Air Pollution Control Officer, Gretchen Bennitt (Government Code Section 54957).
- **IX.** 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.
- X. Schedule next Meeting April 25, 2022
- XI. 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 <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u>, <u>Revised</u> shall also be used as a general guideline for meeting protocol. District policies shall prevail whenever they are in conflict with <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u>, <u>Revised</u>.

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, 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** 

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: III

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** 

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: IV.A

Agenda Description: Approval of regular meeting minutes – February 28, 2022

Requested Action: The minutes are attached for Board comment/approval.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

### Attachments:

1. Draft February 28, 2022 minutes

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### **MINUTES**

### NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING February 28, 2022

1:00 p.m.

### This meeting was held by ZOOM/Telephone Conference

Members Present:
Supervisor Bullock, Chair
Supervisor Scofield, Vice Chair
Supervisor Huebner
Supervisor Adams, Alternate
Supervisor Thrall
Supervisor Ceresola

Members Absent: Supervisor Roen

### I. Standing Orders:

Call to Order. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

Chair Thrall called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. A quorum was confirmed. Also present; Gretchen Bennitt, Executive Director; Melissa Klundby, APCSII; Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board; Julie Hunter, APCS III, Duane Strawser, APCS I

II. Public Comment: For Items <u>NOT</u> 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 Thrall called for public comment for items not appearing on the agenda. There was no public present to discuss any non-agendized items on the conference line.

### III. Approval and/or Modifications to the Agenda

Chair Thrall asked if there were any requested modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, Supervisor Huebner made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Bullock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to nominate Supervisor Bullock as Chair of NSAQMD for 2022. Supervisor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Supervisor Bullock made a motion to nominate Supervisor Scofield as Vice-Chair of NSAQMD for 2022. Supervisor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### V. Consent Calendar

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Supervisor Thrall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### VI. Administrative Report

### A. Request for Nevada County 2023 AB2766 funds to be allocated to a smoke emission reduction program from green waste burning

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to approve the transfer of one year's allocation (FY 2023) of Nevada County's AB2766 funds to be allocated to a smoke emission reduction program and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution 2022-03 and Agreement with the County. Supervisor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### B. Approval of Federal Target Grant Specialist Position – fully funded through EPA Federal Grants

After a short discussion, Supervisor Ceresola made a motion to approve the position. Supervisor Scofield seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with a roll call vote.

### VII. Director's Report

- A. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's Strategic Plan for 2022 Ms. Bennitt discussed the Air District's Goals for 2022 with the Board.
- B. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's Accomplishments 2021 Ms. Bennitt discuss the accomplishments of the Air District with the Board.
- C. Conflict of Interest Forms for the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) are DUE MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>

The Board was reminded to complete their FPPC forms by March 15th.

Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations
 Ms. Bennitt discussed that funding will be available for this statewide, but has not yet been allocated to individual air districts.

### VIII. 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: Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, 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, Gretchen Bennitt.

- **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, Gretchen Bennitt.
- **C.** Performance Evaluation of the Air Pollution Control Officer, Gretchen Bennitt (Government Code Section 54957).

Following closed session, counsel reported out that the NSAQMD representative will report to the staff. Counsel reported that Gretchen Bennitt is directed to contact counsel following the Board meeting.

- IX. Concerns of the Board –No concerns were expressed.
- VIII. Schedule next Meeting Next meeting was scheduled for November 22, 2021.
- IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: V.A

Agenda Description: Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2022

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

Requested Action: Review and approve reports.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**

### Attachments:

1. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2022

# Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report February 2021

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# Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report February 2021

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### Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report February 2021

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# Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Payment details by Vendor Board Report February 2021

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Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: VI.A

Agenda Description: Proposal and Approval of County Contribution for FY 22/23

### Issues:

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, which resulted in the county contribution increasing by the CPI adjustment factor.

### **Requested Action:**

1. Propose and Adopt a County Contribution for FY 2022 - 2023

### ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

### Attachments:

1. Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 2022-2023

### **Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 22-23**

### CPI Adjustment Factor:

4.73%

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

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

	FY 21-22	 FY 22-23
Nevada	\$ 51,621.80	\$ 54,063.51
Plumas	\$ 10,457.22	\$ 10,951.85
Sierra	\$ 1,693.48	\$ 1,773.58
Totals	\$ 63,772.50	\$ 66,788.94

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

		FY 22-23
Nevada (2020 pop.: 100,249)	\$	48,119.52
Plumas (2020 pop.: 18,939)	\$	9,090.72
Sierra (2020		
pop.: 3,021)	\$	1,450.08
Totals	\$	58,660.32

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### Method C - Previous Fiscal Year's Contribution

	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
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

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Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: VI.B

**Agenda Description:** Resolution # 2022-06 - the Governing Board of Directors' intent to approve a Three-Year Phased Approach with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the District staff

**Issues**: On February 28, 2022, the Board adopted a COLA for the following positions: Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist. The COLA adopted by the Board granted a 6% increase for FY 21/22.

On February 28, the Board also approved an additional Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of 6.0% for the Air District positions of Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist to be effective annually for the following two years on July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023.

Resolution # 2022-06 authorizes this action by the Board.

### **Requested Action:**

1. If deemed appropriate, authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2022-06.

### ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

### Attachments:

1. Resolution # 2022-06

### NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2022-06

In the matter of: The Governing Board of Directors' intent to approve a Three-Year Phased Approach with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the District staff.

Whereas, the Governing Board of Directors for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) has the authority to set wages, salaries, and benefits for all employees of the District; and

Whereas, at a regularly scheduled Air District Board meeting on February 28, 2022, the Board of Directors approved a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of 6.0% for the Air District positions of Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist for FY 21/22; and

Whereas, additionally at the regularly scheduled Air District Board meeting on February 28, 2022, the Board of Directors approved an additional Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of 6.0% for the Air District positions of Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist to be effective annually for the following two years on July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023. The July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023 allowances are subject to rescission and/or modification if the Board of Directors determines, before the effective date of the allowance, that there are insufficient funds to cover those increases; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Governing Board of Directors approve the above-stated Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)'s for the positions of Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist.

On a motion by Supervisor	, and seconded by Supervisor
	ing resolution was approved and adopted by the Sierra Air Quality Management District at a regular ving roll call vote:
Ayes:	
Noes:	
Absent:	
Abstaining:	
Attest: Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board	Date
Supervisor Bullock, Chair of the Board	d Date

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: VIII.A

**Agenda Description: Closed Session Item** - 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: Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Air Pollution Control Specialist I-II-III, Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and Federal Target Grant Specialist. The designated labor negotiations representative for the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District is Executive Director, Gretchen Bennitt.

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From:

Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date:

March 28, 2022

Agenda Item: VIII.B and VIII.C

Agenda Description: Closed Session Items -

- 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, Gretchen Bennitt.
- C. Performance Evaluation of the Air Pollution Control Officer, Gretchen Bennitt (Government Code Section 54957).