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NORTHERN SIERRA

AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

March 27, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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

Paul Roen, Chair

Sierra County Supervisor, District Three

Lee Adams, Vice-Chair

Sierra County Supervisor, District One

Hardy Bullock

Nevada County Supervisor, District Five

Ed Scofield

Nevada County Supervisor, District Two

Tom McGowan

Plumas County Supervisor, District Three

Dwight Ceresola

Plumas County Supervisor, District One

Alternates:

Susan Hoek, 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
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2023

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)

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) Videoconference/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

10183 Airport Road, Truckee, California 96161

(Site D) videoconference/Telephone Conference

Crowbar Cafe

116 State Highway 127, Shoshone, CA 92384

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.

- A. **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. **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 27, 2023 and March 20, 2023
B. Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2023

- C. The State of California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General and the Fair Political Practices Commission Ethics Training
- D. Conflict of Interest Forms (FPPC) DUE MARCH 15th

IV. Administrative Report

- A. Presentation by CPS HR – Recruitment Services
- B. Appointment of Interim Air Pollution Control Officer
- C. Proposed Agreement between the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and Rise Gold
- D. Proposed County Contribution for FY 23/24

V. Director’s Report

- A. Portola PM Nonattainment Area

VI. 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.

VII. Schedule next Meeting – Video/Phone Conference April 24, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

VIII. 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**

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: II

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

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: III.A

Agenda Description: Approval of regular meeting minutes – February 27, 2023 and March 20, 2023

Requested Action: Approve Draft Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Draft February 27, 2023 minutes
2. Draft March 20, 2023 minutes

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MINUTES

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

February 27, 2023

1:00 p.m.

(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

Members Present:

Supervisor Adams, Chair

Supervisor Roen, Vice-Chair

Supervisor Scofield

Supervisor Bullock

Supervisor Ceresola

Supervisor McGowan

Members Absent:

none

I. A. Standing Orders:

Call to Order. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. A quorum was confirmed.

Also present; Gretchen Bennitt, Executive Director; Melissa Klundby, APCSII, Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board, Mikki Brown, Federal TAG Specialist I, Tasha Coleman, APCS I, Ray Kapahi (public comment), Leah Mathews (CARB)

B. 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. Both Teleconference Sites are Allowed an Opportunity for Public Comment.

Chair Adams called for public comment for items not appearing on the agenda. There was no public comment.

III. **Approval and/or modification to the agenda**

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

IV. **Consent Calendar**

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

V. **Administrative Report**

A. Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption of Air District Rule 230 – Architectural Coatings

Ms. Bennitt requested that this item be cancelled for now, due to comments received from the public that substantially changed the rule. Ms. Bennitt discussed that she plans to make modifications to the rule based upon public comment. She will be releasing those changes to the public for further comment and have a public hearing when this revised proposed rule is brought before the Board in the future.

B. Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption of the Ozone Attainment Plan for Western Nevada County (2023 Plan) for the 70 parts per billion 8-hour ozone standard (70 ppb ozone standard).

District staff has developed the Ozone Attainment Plan for Western Nevada County (2023 Plan) for the 70 parts per billion 8-hour ozone standard (70 ppb ozone standard).

The California Air Resources Board staff has concluded that the 2023 Plan meets the State Implementation Plan (SIP) planning federal requirements of the federal Clean Air Act including attainment demonstration, emissions inventory, reasonable further progress (RFP), reasonably available control measures (RACM) analysis and transportation conformity demonstrations, and contingency measures for progress and attainment.

Staff released the SIP and all of its appendices in a public notice prior to this hearing.

Chair Adams opened the public hearing. The following are the comments received:

Ray Kapahi, Air Quality Consultant – He had comments related to the ozone precursor emissions inventory.

He discussed that Section II (E) indicates that emissions of ROG from stationary, mobile and area sources represent only 6.6 tons/day while natural sources are estimated to equal 215.6 tons/day. This means that natural sources represent 97% of all ROG emissions.

In other words, the State or the District has no control over 97% of the ROG emissions. What is the point in regulating ROG emissions from gasoline dispensing, consumer products, aerosol coatings and petroleum storage? Even if emissions from these categories were eliminated, there would not be any meaningful change in the overall ROG emissions budget for the County.

Since ROG is one of the 2 main precursors for ozone (NOx being the other), is it the District's position that reducing NOx emissions will be sufficient to bring the region into attainment for the 2015 ozone standard?

Leah Mathews, California Air Resources Board – Leah commented that CARB is in full support of passing the SIP and has every confidence that the Air District will make attainment. There have been many steps in this process and the Air District developed documents that have been included in the SIP. CARB supports this proposal.

Chair Adams closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Bullock made a motion to approve the SIP by authorizing the approval of Resolution 2023-04. Supervisor Scofield seconded the motion. The Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

C. Appoint Nevada County Supervisor Hoek as an alternate to Mountain Counties Air Basin Control Council (BCC)

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. Currently, Supervisor Adams is the appointed BCC member for Northern Sierra, but an alternate is necessary. Nevada County Supervisor Hoek (and alternate Air District Board Member) has expressed a willingness to represent the Air District on the BCC as an alternate.

Supervisor Scofield made a motion to appoint Nevada County Supervisor Hoek as an alternate to Mountain Counties Air Basin Control Council (BCC). Supervisor Bullock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

VI. Director's Report

A. Report on CAPCOA delegation to Washington D.C.

Ms. Bennitt reported on her recent trip to Washington D.C.

B. Status on Portola PM2.5 Nonattainment Area

Mikki Brown, Federal TAG Specialist discussed her program in Portola and upcoming events.

VIII. Concerns of the Board – No concerns were raised.

IX. Schedule next Meeting – Next meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

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MINUTES

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

March 20, 2023

12:30 p.m.

(Site A) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (Headquarters)

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Grass Valley, California

(Site B) VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

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Portola, California

Members Present:

Supervisor Roen, Chair
Supervisor Adams, Vice-Chair
Supervisor Scofield
Supervisor Bullock
Supervisor McGowan

Members Absent:

Supervisor Ceresola

I. A. Standing Orders:

Call to Order. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

Chair Roen called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. A quorum was confirmed. Also present; Gretchen Bennett, Executive Director; Melissa Klundby, APCSII, Dawn Lunsford, Clerk of the Board, Kit Elliott, District Counsel

A roll call was performed and a quorum was determined to be present.

II. Closed Session- Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), a closed session will be held to discuss the appointment of an Interim Executive Director.

A closed session was called and staff members Dawn Lunsford, Melissa Klundby and Gretchen Bennett left the meeting. Following closed session, staff members Dawn Lunsford, Melissa

Klundby and Gretchen Bennitt returned to meeting. District Counsel reported out of closed session that direction will be given to staff.

III. Discussion and authorization of process to select an Executive Director to fill the vacancy in that position.

The Board discussed that they would like a presentation by CPS HR on recruiting and advertising for filling the vacancy of the Executive Director. Additionally, they directed staff to update position description for Executive Director.

Schedule next Meeting – Next meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 P.M.

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: III.B

Agenda Description: Payment Details by Vendor Board Report – February 2023

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 2023

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
 Payment details by Vendor Board Report
 February 2023

9:51 AM
 03/14/23

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Adecco					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	255878	10-5318	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-503.37
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256115	10-5318	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-710.64
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256272	Mejia, PPE 2/5/23, 26.5 hours	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-784.67
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256477	24 hours Mejia	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-710.64
Total Adecco					-2,709.32
ADP Fees					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/01/2023	26011R06	processing charges W2	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Payroll ...	-127.40
Bill Pmt -Check	02/03/2023	03673R06	Processing Charges	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Payroll ...	-56.69
Bill Pmt -Check	02/17/2023	4458R06	Processing Charges PPE 2/3/23	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Payroll ...	-56.69
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2023	87107963	Processing Charges	10-1003 · Cash, Bank Payroll ...	-40.00
Total ADP Fees					-280.78
Asquith Business Service					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968775		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-770.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	V969170	1.5 EPA hours, PPE 2/17/2023	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-385.00
Total Asquith Business Service					-1,155.00
AT&T CALNET 3					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256169		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-27.24
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256170		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-68.81
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256530		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-52.80
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256533		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-46.34
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256538		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-27.45
Total AT&T CALNET 3					-222.64
B of A					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968723	PPE 2/3/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-21,372.26
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	V969099	paydate 2/23/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-21,228.32
Total B of A					-42,600.58
Bennitt, Gretchen					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	V968111		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-18.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	V969084		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-52.23
Total Bennitt, Gretchen					-70.73
CALPERS (Health)					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	912129	Mar 2023	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-8,263.88
Total CALPERS (Health)					-8,263.88

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Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
CALPERS (Retirement)					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	912105	PPE 2/3/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-2,135.17
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	912106	PPE 2/3/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-1,659.48
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	912104	Monthly ER Classic UAL contri...	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-10,187.92
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	912108	Monthly ER PEPRA ual contri...	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-133.75
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	912140	PPE 2/17/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-2,135.17
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	912141	PPE 2/17/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-1,659.48
Total CALPERS (Retirement)					-17,910.97
CALPERS 457 PLAN					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	912107	PPE 2/3/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-1,492.12
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	912142	PPE 2/17/23	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-1,492.12
Total CALPERS 457 PLAN					-2,984.24
CAPCOA California Air Pollution Control O					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256263	Fall Membership conf	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-950.00
Total CAPCOA California Air Pollution Control O					-950.00
English Mountain Ranch					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968737		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-4,878.51
Total English Mountain Ranch					-4,878.51
Fish, Joe					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968722	dental	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-170.00
Total Fish, Joe					-170.00
Goodwin Ranch					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256559	Farmers 2022-04 John Deere ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-132,853.88
Total Goodwin Ranch					-132,853.88
Hahn, J. aka Wolf Creek Wood Stoves					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968767	TAG 2015, #2021-565 Thomp...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-3,500.00
Total Hahn, J. aka Wolf Creek Wood Stoves					-3,500.00
Heat Transfer Systems					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	V969196		20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-26,826.00
Total Heat Transfer Systems					-26,826.00
House of Print and Copy					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	255903	Bus. cards, Tasha	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-48.28
Total House of Print and Copy					-48.28

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Hunter, Julie					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	V9688973	Sac Prescribed burn Program ...	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-96.38
Total Hunter, Julie					-96.38
Inc. Senior Citizens of Sierra County					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256154	Oct - Dec 2022 AB2022-01	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-1,438.00
Total Inc. Senior Citizens of Sierra County					-1,438.00
Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256162	Metal Hauling TAG 2015	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-165.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256161	wastecart adj	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-20.32
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256310		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-12.71
Total Intermountain Disposal, Inc. Vendor					-198.03
James Merzon					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	V968805		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-555.00
Total James Merzon					-555.00
Mountain Messenger					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	255886	public notices	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-123.45
Total Mountain Messenger					-123.45
Plumas County					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256340	Portola Memorial Hall 4/22/23 ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256339	Portola Memorial Hall 4/22/23 ...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-100.00
Total Plumas County					-300.00
Plumas Unified School District					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256509	BP4708 Dup Payment	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-35.15
Total Plumas Unified School District					-35.15
Progressive Source Communications					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	V968981	final -25% for woodstove chan...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-13,000.00
Total Progressive Source Communications					-13,000.00
Quincy Hot Spot					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256139	TAG 2015, #2021-592 Hollister	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-3,500.00
Total Quincy Hot Spot					-3,500.00

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**Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Payment details by Vendor Board Report
February 2023**

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
Sierra Booster					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	256308	Rule 230 public notice	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-150.00
Total Sierra Booster					-150.00
Sonoma Technology					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/16/2023	V968979	Winter Burn Curtailment	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-5,500.00
Total Sonoma Technology					-5,500.00
Supervisor Ceresola					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	V968161	mileage board meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-13.10
Total Supervisor Ceresola					-13.10
Supervisor Paul Roen					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	255919	mileage board meeting	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-20.96
Total Supervisor Paul Roen					-20.96
Tahoe Truckee Unified School District					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256104	Low NOx School Bus Relacem...	20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-75,000.00
Total Tahoe Truckee Unified School District					-75,000.00
US Bank					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2023	256191		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-7,631.27
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2023	256191		20-1000 · Cash, Restricted Fu...	-155.38
Total US Bank					-7,786.65
Wizix Technology Group					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/02/2023	255934	black toner C3500	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-14.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2023	256183		10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-151.36
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2023	256552	Savin/C4540	10-1000 · Cash, Operating Ge...	-27.21
Total Wizix Technology Group					-193.07
TOTAL					-353,334.60

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: III.C

Agenda Description: The State of California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General and the Fair Political Practices Commission Ethics Training

Issues:

The State of California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General and the Fair Political Practices Commission ethics training courses are available on-line at www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov/ab1234/. State Law requires certain local officials to receive two hours specified ethics training every two years. After completion of this ethics training course you will be able to print out a certificate of completion which a copy will need to be forwarded to the District per District Policy #1020.6.

Requested Action:

If warranted, please complete the required training and submit a certificate of completion to the Air District.

Attachments:

1. none

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: III.D

Agenda Description: Conflict of Interest Forms for the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) are DUE MARCH 15th

Issues:

The Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000, et.seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. This is also required through District Policy #1020.

Requested Action:

1. Complete the required Conflict of Interest Forms online at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

Attachments:

1. None

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: IV.A

Agenda Description: Presentation from CPS HR - Recruitment Services

Issues: The Board requested that the firm CPS HR present options for a recruitment process for the vacant Executive Director position.

Requested Action: Consider proposal

Attachments: CPS HR will present

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: IV.B

Agenda Description: Appointment of Interim APCO

Issues: Gretchen Bennitt is resigning as APCO on April 7, 2023. The Board will discuss and appoint an Interim APCO. The Board will also discuss financial compensation.

Requested Action:

1. Ad Hoc Committee will report out to the Board
2. Appoint an Interim APCO

Attachments: None

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennett, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: IV.C

Agenda Description: Proposed Agreement between Rise Gold and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

Issues:

Rise Gold has proposed an agreement with Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District to compensate for services if their project commences production. Two separate versions of the agreement are presented to the Board for discussion 1) An agreement put forth by Rise Gold and 2) An agreement that Staff has modified and presented in a strike-out underlined version.

Requested Action:

1. Consider enacting a temporary suspension of voting requirements under Policies 5040.20 & 5040.21 as allowed by Policy 5070.61.
2. Review proposal, consider approval.

Attachments:

1. District Policy 5040.20, 5040.21 and District Policy 5070.61
2. Agreement between Rise Gold and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (as put forth by Rise Gold)
3. Agreement between Rise Gold and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (as modified by staff of NSAQMD)

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POLICY TITLE: Board Actions and Decisions

POLICY NUMBER: 5040

5040.10 Actions by the Board of Directors include but are not limited to the following:

5040.11 Adoption or rejection of policies;

5040.12 Adoption or rejection of a resolution;

5040.13 Adoption or rejection of rules and regulations;

5040.14 Approval or rejection of any contract or expenditure;

5040.15 Approval or rejection of any proposal which commits District funds or facilities, including employment and dismissal of personnel; and,

5040.16 Approval or disapproval of matters which require or may require the District or its employees to take action and/or provide services.

5040.20 Action can only be taken by the affirmative vote of four (4) members, three (3) of whom shall be members from each of the three counties. Four (4) Directors represent a quorum for the conducting of business, provided that a member from each of the three (3) counties shall be present. Actions taken at a meeting where only a quorum is present, therefore, require all four (4) affirmative votes to be effective.

5040.21 A member abstaining in a vote is considered as absent for that vote.

5040.211 Example. If 4 of 6 Directors are present at a meeting, a quorum exists, if each county is represented, and business can be conducted. However, if 1 Director abstains on a particular action and the other 3 cast "aye" votes, no action is taken because a "majority of the Board" did not vote in favor of the action.

5040.30 The Board may give directions which are not formal action. Such directions do not require formal procedural process. Such directions include the Board's directives and instructions to the Air Pollution Control Officer.

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5070.50 Decorum.

5070.51 The chairperson shall take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to preserve order and decorum during board meetings, including public hearings. The chairperson may eject any person or persons making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, refusing to abide by a request from the chairperson, or otherwise disrupting the meeting or hearing.

5070.52 The chairperson may also declare a short recess during any meeting.

5070.60 Amendment of Rules of Order.

5070.61 By motion made, seconded and approved by a majority vote, the board may, at its discretion and at any meeting: a) temporarily suspend these rules in whole or in part; b) amend these rules in whole or in part; or, c) both.

POLICY TITLE: Certificate of Recognition for Departing Members of the Board of Directors
POLICY NUMBER: 5080

5080.10 The Air Pollution Control Officer may prepare a certificate of recognition for board members when they depart from service on the Board of Directors. The certificate of recognition shall be a simple, typical, low-cost paper certificate of the quality found in stationary stores.

5080.20 The certificate of recognition will be signed by the Chairperson, or Vice Chairperson in his absence.

5080.30 The certificate will be installed in a simple, low-cost frame and presented to the departing board member at the last board meeting the member attends or packaged and sent to the departing board member.

AGREEMENT FOR DEDICATION OF AIR QUALITY RESOURCES

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into between Rise Grass Valley Inc. a Nevada corporation (“Rise”) and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (“NSAQMD”), a special district, (collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually as “Party”), on March ____, 2023. By this Agreement, Rise agrees to provide certain air quality resources in the manner described herein. Further, NSAQMD agrees to accept the air quality resources offered by Rise as described herein.

RECITALS

A. Rise is the applicant for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project (“Project”) located within Nevada County.

B. NSAQMD is comprised of the Air Pollution Control District of Nevada, Plumas, and Sierra Counties. NSAQMD is required by state law to achieve and maintain the federal and state Ambient Air Quality Standards, which are air quality standards set at levels that will protect the public health.

C. In order to provide support to NSAQMD in their efforts to achieve and maintain the federal and state Ambient Air Quality Standards, Rise will fund one (1) Air Pollution Control Specialist full time staff person for NSAQMD, up to \$100,000 per year (adjusted by the CPI Index based on equivalent dollars in January 2022) at the commencement of Commercial Production, to cease upon the cessation of Commercial Production until such time as Commercial Production recommences.

D. The Parties now wish to memorialize the terms of Rise’s offer to assist with air quality standards over and above what is required by law, and NSAQMD’s acceptance of that offer into a formal agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, which the Parties hereto agree are true and correct, and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Incorporation of Recitals

All recitals are incorporated as if set forth as terms of this Agreement.

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b. Definitions

- i. **“Commercial Production”** shall mean production maintained for a period of 3 months at a minimum of 800 tons gold mineralization processed per day.
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Dated: _____, 2023

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

Dated: _____, 2023

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: IV.D

Agenda Description: Proposed County Contribution for FY 23/24

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 C, which resulted in the county contribution being the previous fiscal years' contribution.

Requested Action:

1. Propose and Adopt a County Contribution for FY 2023 - 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 2023-2024

Proposed County Contribution Values for FY 23-24

CPI Adjustment Factor: 7.56% *- this is the value for CY 2022*

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

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

	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	<i>Increase over last year's contribution</i>	<i>Decrease from last year's contribution</i>
Nevada	\$ 51,621.80	\$ 55,524.41	\$ 3,902.61	
Plumas	\$ 10,457.22	\$ 11,247.79	\$ 790.57	
Sierra	\$ 1,693.48	\$ 1,821.50	\$ 128.03	
Totals	\$ 63,772.50	\$ 68,593.70	\$ 4,821.20	\$ -

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

	FY 23-24	<i>Increase over last year's contribution</i>	<i>Decrease from last year's contribution</i>
Nevada (2020 pop.: 100,249)	\$ 48,119.52		\$ 3,502.28
Plumas (2020 pop.: 18,939)	\$ 9,090.72		\$ 1,366.50
Sierra (2020 pop.: 3,021)	\$ 1,450.08		\$ 243.40
Totals	\$ 58,660.32	\$ -	\$ 5,112.18

Method C - Previous Fiscal Year's Contribution

	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	<i>Increase over last year's contribution</i>	<i>Decrease from last year's contribution</i>
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Plumas	\$ 10,457.22	\$ 10,457.22		
Sierra	\$ 1,693.48	\$ 1,693.48		
Totals	\$ 63,772.50	\$ 63,772.50	\$ -	\$ -

Contribution remains the same as last fiscal year.

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennett, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: March 27, 2023

Agenda Item: V.A

Agenda Description Portola PM Nonattainment Area

Issues: Staff will update the Board on the various tasks concerning the Portola PM Nonattainment Area.

Requested Action: None, informational only

Attachments: None