

## Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

### Summary Minutes for October 18, 2022 Meeting held at 1:30 pm

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Meeting was recorded in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
810 Court Street, Jackson, California

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#### Determination of a Quorum

##### Present on Roll Call:

Pat Crew	Amador County District 1, Supervisor
Richard Forster	Amador County District 2, Supervisor
Frank Axe	Amador County District 4, Supervisor
Brian Oneto	Amador County District 5, Supervisor
Bob Stimpson	City of Jackson, Councilman
Susan Bragstad*	City of Amador City, Councilman
Linda Rianda	City of Sutter Creek, Councilman (Vice Chair)

\*Attended via Zoom

##### Absent on Roll Call:

Keith White	City of Plymouth, Councilman
Diane Wratten	City of Ione, Councilman
Jeff Brown*	Amador County District 3, Supervisor (Chair)

\*On vacation

##### Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, Air Pollution Control Officer

David Estey, AAD Inspector

Dominic Moreno, Sutter Creek Fire Chief

Bruce Smith, City of Amador City

NOTE: These minutes remain in *Draft* form until approved by Minute Order at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Any packets prepared by Staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations, which are referred to by Board members in their decisions, which are contained in the staff reports, are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.

At 1:34 p.m. Director Rianda called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Rianda led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Approval of the agenda for this date; any and all off agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code).</p>	
<p><b>Motion:</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <u>Director Axe</u>, seconded by <u>Director Crew</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 7-0-3</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Brown, Wratten, and White</p>
<p><b>Public Matters Not on the Agenda:</b> Discussion items only; no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador Air District Board of Directors; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or a committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. <b>Please note - there is a five (5) minute limit per topic</b></p>	
<p>Administrative Matters</p>	
<p><b>1.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes: Review and approval of the August 16, 2022 Board Minutes:</b> Approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Axe, seconded by Director Oneto, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for this date. Vote 7-0-3</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Brown, Wratten, and White</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>	<p><b>Small Lawn Equipment Rebate Program (SLERP): Action</b></p> <p>APCO Perry explained that the purpose of this program is to address Assembly Bill 2086 that will prevent the manufacturing in California of gas or diesel powered small (less than 45cc) lawn and garden powered equipment in order to reduce exhaust and evaporative emissions. Currently, the only incentives for Small Off Road Equipment (SORE) are through the State but only for commercial businesses. The Amador Air District (AAD) has put together our own version of a SORE program to help our Amador County residents achieve less emissions and cleaner air. The Small Lawn Equipment Rebate Program (SLERP) gives residents two incentive options to purchase zero emission equipment. Option 1 allows for the purchase of new electric lawn and yard equipment with verified disposal of old gas or diesel-powered equipment for a rebate of up to \$250.00. The second option is for the purchase of new electric lawn and yard equipment or replacement batteries with no old equipment being surrendered. The rebate amount for this would be \$50.00. For this program, there is a budget line item of \$40,000.00. APCO Perry expressed that the District understands the importance of reliability of gas-powered equipment for residents in higher elevations, especially during power-outages but that our focus for this pilot program was more for the elderly residents that live within City limits and would benefit from a zero emission power equipment that could be easily handled by them and have much smaller parcels to take care of.</p> <p>It was moved by <u>Director Axe</u>, seconded by <u>Director Stimpson</u>, and carried to approve authorization to proceed with the program. Vote 6-1-3</p> <p><b>Nay:</b> Director Oneto <b>Absent:</b> Directors Brown, Wratten, and White</p>

<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Special Project – Sutter Creek Fire Station Chipper:</b> Discussion and Possible Action APCO Perry explained that the District received a special request from Fire Chief Dominic Moreno, Sutter Creek Fire Station and Bruce Smith from Amador City for grant assistance in purchasing a chipper for the station and the community. The community has raised approximately \$7000 - \$7,500 already. Fire Chief Moreno believes they could reduce the current spending on the green waste bin by minimizing the amount of times the bin is swapped. The new chipper would allow the community to have less burn piles, specifically around creek cleaning, roadways, and right-of-away. Fire Chief Moreno explained to the Board that purchasing this chipper would be a great asset to the residents and community as not only would it be used for fire reduction but would also provide good quality wood chips that residents could take free of charge for their landscaping needs. Unused chips would be hauled off in the green waste bin maximizing the space in the bin. Chipping days around city streets would also be made available. The money for this chipper will come out of budget line item #54712.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p>It was moved by <u>Director Oneto</u>, seconded by <u>Director Axe</u>, and unanimously carried to approve grant assistant in the amount of not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the purchase a new chipper for the Sutter Creek Fire Station. Vote 7-0-3</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Brown, Wratten, and White</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>APCO Updates:</b> Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p><b>Smoke Reduction Bin Program:</b> AAD continues to host the SC bin. The Green Waste Voucher Program ended last month. Overall, we can call this program a success. People were very appreciative about their vouchers. We disbursed 450 vouchers during the months of July, August, and September. A total of 336 vouchers were used. We have allowed residents to use their September voucher during the month of October. We will be starting back up again in April of 2023 and increasing the vouchers to 200 and run the program until September of 2023.</p> <p><b>Rule 400 Resubmission:</b> Back in 2020, AAD submitted Rule 400 to EPA and CARB to include in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Rule 400 is a New Source Review that outlined the requirements for new and modified major sources in nonattainment areas. Our submittal was reviewed by EPA and received a limited approval/disapproval. We submitted our rule in 2020 but in 2021 the DC Circuit Court of appeals issued a decision not allowing interprecursor trading (IPT) in CA. Our rule had language pertaining to IPT giving us the limited disapproval. APCO Perry has been working on modifying the language in the rule and will bring back for Board approval at our next meeting in January 2023.</p> <p><b>Annual Invoicing/Permits to Operate Renewals Complete:</b> AAD currently has 120 active sources. We have one Title V which was Ampine and we have two synthetic minors which are US Mine and SGI. This fiscal year we have brought in \$107,289.</p>

	<p><b>Green Vehicle Police Incentive Program Status:</b> Currently, the cities of Lone and Jackson are still waiting on their pursuit vehicles and the dealer keeps telling them that they will be getting them soon. Unfortunately, the dealer notified Sutter Creek that they could not complete the order because of the scarcity of parts specific to the hybrid. They are still working on finding another dealer that may be able to provide a vehicle.</p> <p><b>Financials:</b> APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Brown, Wratten, and White</p>
<b>Correspondence:</b>	None
<b>Adjournment:</b>	At 2:15pm the meeting was adjourned until January 17, 2023 at 1:30 pm