



VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Standing Committee Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022
Meeting Summary

1. Chair Matt LaVere convened the meeting at approximately 3:02 p.m. Vice Chair Lynn Edmonds, Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Mayor Rich Rollins, Council Member David Pollock, and Council Member Ryan Blatz, were present. Also present were Shawn Atin, CEO-HR, Jeff Burgh, Auditor-Controller, Jaclyn Smith and Jeff Barnes, County Counsel, and County Staff; and Dr. Laki Tisopulos, Nancy Mendoza, Leonie Macaraeg, Juli Cromer, and Carolina Guerra of APCD staff.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The approval of the December 14, 2021 Meeting Summary was moved by Supervisor Ramirez, seconded by Mayor Rollins, received and filed. Vice Chair Edmonds abstained from voting as she was not present at the last meeting.
4. The adoption of a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Standing Committee for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act was moved by Vice Chair Edmonds, seconded by Supervisor Ramirez, and approved unanimously by the committee.
5. The Air Pollution Control Officer, Dr. Tisopulos, stated the County of Ventura is entering into negotiations with the labor unions and that it was an appropriate time for them to seek an MBA analysis of some of the position classifications. A request for the study was submitted to the County to ensure that appropriate classifications were being used for the agency. Mr. Atin stated that items relating to labor negotiations, such as negotiation tactics and other considerations, are usually discussed in closed session. This item was deferred for discussion at a later time in closed session with the full APC Board.
6. Chair LaVere stated that the APC Board met in closed session to discuss succession planning and options regarding the position of the Air Pollution Control Officer and given the dates and times that they are working with, the Board decided to appoint an Interim APCO effective April 1st. They can look at options going forward at the next meeting on April 12th and discuss this further with Mr. Ali Ghasemi, but they welcome comments from Dr. Tisopulos regarding the matter. Dr. Tisopulos offered his assistance in making the transition as smooth as possible and informed Chair LaVere of an upcoming CAPCOA meeting in April. Chair LaVere asked for clarification regarding the name of the committee. Dr. Tisopulos explained that the acronym stands for the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association and stated that he is the chair on the legislative committee.

Supervisor Ramirez requested that Dr. Tisopulos and Chair LaVere meet at a later time to discuss coverage for this meeting. Chair LaVere agreed and stated that the meeting would be scheduled within the next week or two. Supervisor Ramirez

recommended that Chair LaVere check with County Counsel to ensure that everything is done “by the book.” Ms. Jaclyn Smith stated that it was fine for Chair LaVere, Dr. Tisopulos, and Mr. Ghasemi to meet and discuss these issues.

7. The next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
8. Chair LaVere adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:11 p.m.