

**North Coast Unified
Air Quality Management District**
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**Meeting of the
North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District
Governing Board of Directors**

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.,
NCUAQMD District Office
707 L Street, Eureka, CA 95501

AGENDA

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| 1. | 10:00 a.m. Call to Order | Board Chair |
| 2. | Roll Call | Clerk |
| 3. | Changes or Deletions to Agenda | Board Chair |

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 4. | Consider Approving the Consent Agenda, Items for action, 4.1 through 4.2: The Board may approve the Consent Agenda by single motion in whole or in part with or without further discussion. <u>Action Requested:</u> Approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.2. | Board Chair |
| 4.1 | By Consent, Approve Minutes of May 16, 2024 Board Meeting | |
| 4.2 | By Consent, Accept and File District Activity Report | |

REGULAR AGENDA

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| 5. | Public Comment Period (pursuant to Government Code section 54954.3(a)) | Board Chair |
| 6. | Appoint District Hearing Board Members <u>Action Requested:</u> Appoint District Hearing Board Members and Corresponding Alternate Members | APCO |
| 7. | Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, one case Government Code Section 54956.9 | Board Chair |
| 8. | APCO Report | APCO |
| 9. | Board Member Reports | Board Chair |
| 10. | Adjournment | Board Chair |

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Agenda Item: 1

Call to Order

Agenda Item: 2

Roll Call

Agenda Item: 3
Changes & Deletions
to the Agenda

Agenda Item: 4

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item: 4.1

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**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the North Coast
Unified Air Quality Management District Governing
Board of Directors Meeting of
May 16, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Howard at 10:00 a.m. at the NCUAQMD District Office: 707 L Street, Eureka, CA.

The meeting location was made available to the public.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Dan Frasier | Trinity County Supervisor |
| Chris Howard | Del Norte County Supervisor |
| Alexandra Stillman | City of Arcata Councilmember |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Rex Bohn | Humboldt County Supervisor |
| Mike Wilson | Humboldt County Supervisor |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Brian Wilson | APCO |
| Jason Davis | Deputy APCO |
| Erin Squire | Clerk of the Board |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Nancy Diamond | District Counsel |
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Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Agenda Item 3: Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

Agenda Item 4: Consider Approving the Consent Agenda

4.1: Approve Minutes of the April 29, 2024 Board Meeting

4.2: By Consent, Accept and File District Activity Report

A motion offered by Supervisor Frasier duly seconded by Councilmember Stillman to Adopt Consent Agenda Items 4.1-4.2, is hereby APPROVED by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on this 16th day of May 2024, by the following votes:

UNANMIOUS PASS by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Frasier, Supervisor Howard and Councilmember Stillman (3)
Nays: None (0)
Abstain: None (0)
Absent: Supervisor Bohn and Supervisor Wilson (2)

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 5: Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 6: Proposed Increase to District X-Factor

Staff presented the basis for the requested X-Factor increase. Board discussion ensued.

A motion offered by Councilmember Stillman duly seconded by Supervisor Frasier, to Approve Resolution 2024-3: Increase District X-Factor, is hereby APPROVED by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on this 16th day of May 2024, by the following votes:

UNANIMOUS PASS by the following Roll Call vote:

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|------------------------|--------|
| Supervisor Bohn | Absent |
| Supervisor Frasier | Aye |
| Supervisor Howard | Aye |
| Councilmember Stillman | Aye |
| Supervisor Wilson | Absent |

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 7 Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2024-25 District Budget

Chair Howard opened the Continued Public Hearing at 10:15 AM and closed the Public Hearing at 10:23 AM.

The APCO presented updates and notable items from the Proposed 24-25 FY Operating Budget with a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation was not included in the published board packet and is attached.

A motion offered by Councilmember Stillman duly seconded by Supervisor Frasier to, Close Public Hearing and Adopt the Proposed FY 2024-25 District Budget by Roll-Call Vote, is hereby APPROVED by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on this 16th day of May 2024, by the following votes:

UNANIMOUS PASS by the following Roll Call vote:

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|------------------------|--------|
| Supervisor Bohn | Absent |
| Supervisor Frasier | Aye |
| Supervisor Howard | Aye |
| Councilmember Stillman | Aye |
| Supervisor Wilson | Absent |

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 8: APCO Report

The APCO provided a report on the following:

- U.S. House Passes Historic Legislation Defining Special Districts in Federal Law

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 9: Board Member Reports

Councilmember Stillman had questions about District funded wood stove changeout programs and requested additional information about the current program (Woodsmoke Reduction Program).

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

The Governing Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Clerk of the Board Certification:

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct original record of the above-entitled meeting of the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board of Directors held at the above date and time.



ERIN SQUIRE
Clerk of the Board

7/1/2024
Date

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NCUAQMD Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget

May 16, 2024

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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Background Information

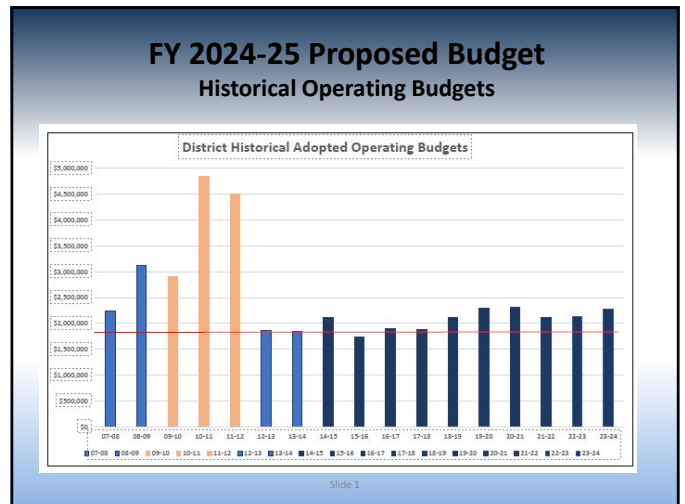
- ✓ Noticed per California Health & Safety Code, Section 40131.
- ✓ 30-day public comment period - began March 29, 2024.
- ✓ Initial public hearing - noticed – April 29, 2024.
- ✓ Proposed Draft Budget has been available for public review in the District office and on the website.
- ✓ Public comment period ends at the meeting when the final budget adopted.
- ✓ No public comments have been received.

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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Aspects Unique to District Budgeting


- Revenue items can vary greatly (permits, applications, major source (Title V) fees on production/usage, fees based on emissions, grant admin, etc.).
- Expense items can vary greatly (wildfire response unfunded, Group Insurance rate increases, air monitoring station equipment repairs, grant admin, etc.).
- The District does not receive any tax base and operates on mix of state funds, grant admin, and permits are fee for service.
- Grant Administration funds may be received in a prior FY and spent from the Reserve Fund in another FY.

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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Liabilities & Reserve Fund


- Liability obligations (from last actuarial):
 - Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability = \$3.3million
 - Pension = \$916k
- Reserve Fund Status
 - Estimated at \$2.5 million in 2024 (beyond the \$1 million minimum)
 - A \$2.2 million transfer to PARS OPEB Trust approved by Board
 - Estimated remaining balance:
\$1 million minimum, + \$300k unencumbered
- Liability Funding Plan (next steps to limit liability obligations)
 - Requires evaluate periodic payments to lessen liability
 - Payments to be either through budget line item or transfer of unencumbered funds in Reserve
 - Note that there is not currently a "Liability Expense" budget line item



FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Key Items Impacting a Balanced Budget

Significant items on Income side:


- Decrease in revenue from loss of Major Title V source anticipated. [Budget Acct #43150]
- Actual revenue for the FY from grant reimbursements varies despite grant amount accepted; use of carryover.
- Anticipated revenue this FY from Rx Fire Grant to cover costs of outreach
- There have been no increases beyond CPI to fee tables for permitted sources (X-Factor) in over 8 years.
- Down the road concern - Burn Permit Fees still at 2019 rates (despite current fees for some NS permits and SMPs are offset by Rx Fire Grant).



FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Key Items Impacting a Balanced Budget


Significant items on Expense side:

- Increase in pension liability (CalPERS). [#60150]
- Increases in Group Insurance Plans by CalPERS – continues to affect health plan premiums for both employees and retirees. [#60175, #60184]
- Slight increase in Personnel costs. [#60050]
- Increase in Workers' Comp Insurance. [#60190]
- Over the years there have been steady increases in insurance (SDRMA), health insurance, software/online programs, communications, memberships (CSDA, CAPCOA, etc.), etc.




FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Addition to Proposed Budget

- Burn Program Coordinator Position
 - Current staff retiring soon (possibly before year-end)
 - Proposed budget includes \$50k in funds for duplicate position for up to 6 months for training
 - Funds could be pulled from Reserve (if necessary) but cost will be offset by payroll charges to Prescribed Fire Grant
 - Once the current Burn Program Coordinator retires there will then again only be one staff position.



FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Preliminary Steps to Balance the Budget


- Initial measures already taken:
 - Unfunded one open staff position (Air Quality Specialist) - \$110k. [#60050]
- Recent historical deficit budgets:
 - FY 2022-23 deficit budget approved at about -\$120k
 - FY 2023-24 deficit budget approved at about -\$145k
 - FY 2024-25 deficit budget proposed at about -\$283k (no CPI)
- Difficult to have a truly balanced budget until the Pension and OPEB liability actuarial(s) are updated after \$2.2 million payment to PARS which should free up AUAL pension payment to CalPERS.



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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Next Steps


- District fees have been insufficient:
 - Fees (X-factor) has not been capturing Pension & OPEB liabilities for 10+ years.
 - The unencumbered \$2.2 million applied to the OPEB liability did not come from excess rates or being under budget.
- Contemplate a future increase to permit fees?
 - Last increase (beyond CPI) was 8 years ago in FY 16 - 17 (then a small % each year for only a few years)



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FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget Next Steps

- Direction will depend on the outcome/status of the previous Board Agenda item – “Proposed Increase to District X-Factor”.
Options:
 - Approved Proposed Budget (as attached – “Budget with CPI”)
 - Approve Proposed Budget (as attached – “Budget with CPI & X-Factor Increase” (11%))
- Rely upon Reserve if necessary for remaining deficit.
- Revised actuarial(s) and impact to AUAL pension payment will provide financial clarity.



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Approval of FY 2024-25 Budget Is by Roll Call vote

Discussion/Questions?



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Agenda Item: 4.2

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TO: North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board

FROM: Brian Wilson, APCO

SUBJECT: District Activity & Air Quality Monitoring Report

DATE: July 18, 2024

ACTION REQUESTED: By Consent, Accept and File District Activity Reports

SUMMARY:

Attached is a summary of the major District activities logged during the reporting period and a air quality monitoring report for the most recent period.

2024 Activity Report

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD Totals | 2023 Totals |
|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------------|-------------|
| Complaint Responses - General | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 5 | | | | | | | 30 | 37 |
| Complaint Responses - Open Burning | 4 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 15 | 13 | | | | | | | 74 | 195 |
| Permissive Burn Days | 31 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | | | | | | | 182 | 346 |
| Non-Permissive Burn Days ("No Burn Day") | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 19 |
| Permissive Burn Days (%) | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | | | | | | | 100% | 95% |
| Standard (Residential) Burn Permits Issued | 437 | 238 | 243 | 327 | 196 | 20 | | | | | | | 1,461 | 2,631 |
| Non-Standard Burn Permits Issued | 440 | 233 | 222 | 290 | 153 | 78 | | | | | | | 1,416 | 2,634 |
| "No Burn Day" Permits Issued | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Smoke Management Plans (SMP) Reviewed | 13 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 34 | 111 |
| SMP Burn Authorizations Issued | 141 | 76 | 155 | 102 | 21 | 23 | | | | | | | 518 | 1,114 |
| Acres Authorized | 2,062 | 427 | 252 | 326 | 21 | 137 | | | | | | | 3,225 | 13,297 |
| Stationary Source Permits Issued (new) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 5 | | | | | | | 18 | 67 |
| Stationary Source Permits Issued (amended) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | 13 |
| Stationary Source Permit Apps. Received | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | | | | | | | 30 | 62 |
| Stationary Source De minimus Determination | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 9 | 6 |
| Inspections - Major Sources | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 11 | 15 |
| Inspections - Minor Sources | 51 | 59 | 22 | 26 | 58 | 29 | | | | | | | 245 | 495 |
| Inspections - Mobile Sources | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | 13 | 1 |
| Inspections - Asbestos | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 3 | 2 |
| Asbestos Notifications Processed | 8 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 9 | | | | | | | 49 | 73 |
| Notice(s) of Violation (NOVs) Issued | 1 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | 25 | 122 |
| Environmental Documents Reviewed | 4 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | | 61 | 34 |
| Grants Paid: Woodstove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 2 |
| Grants Paid: Moyer | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | 3 | 2 |
| Grants Paid: FARMER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Grants Paid: Rural School Bus | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 19 | 21 |
| Public Records Requests Received | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | 27 | 58 |

NCUAQMD Air Quality Monitoring Report

July 2024

The following information summarizes ambient air quality data with respect to applicable State and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS) for the period of February and March 2024.

Air Monitoring Data Summary

PM₁₀ AAQS:

- 1) State PM₁₀ 24-hour AAQS -
 - No exceedances were recorded during this period.
- 2) Federal PM₁₀ 24-hour AAQS -
 - No exceedances were recorded during this period.

PM_{2.5} AAQS:

- 1) State PM_{2.5} 24-hour AAQS -
 - No exceedances were recorded during this period.
- 2) Federal PM_{2.5} 24-hour AAQS –
 - No exceedances were recorded during this period.

Gaseous Pollutant AAQS:

- a) Ozone (O₃) -
 - There were no State or Federal AAQS exceedances recorded during this period.
- b) Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) -
 - There were no State or Federal AAQS exceedances recorded during the period.
- c) Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) -
 - There were no State or Federal AAQS exceedances recorded during the period.

Particulate Matter (PM) Levels in Relation to State Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS):

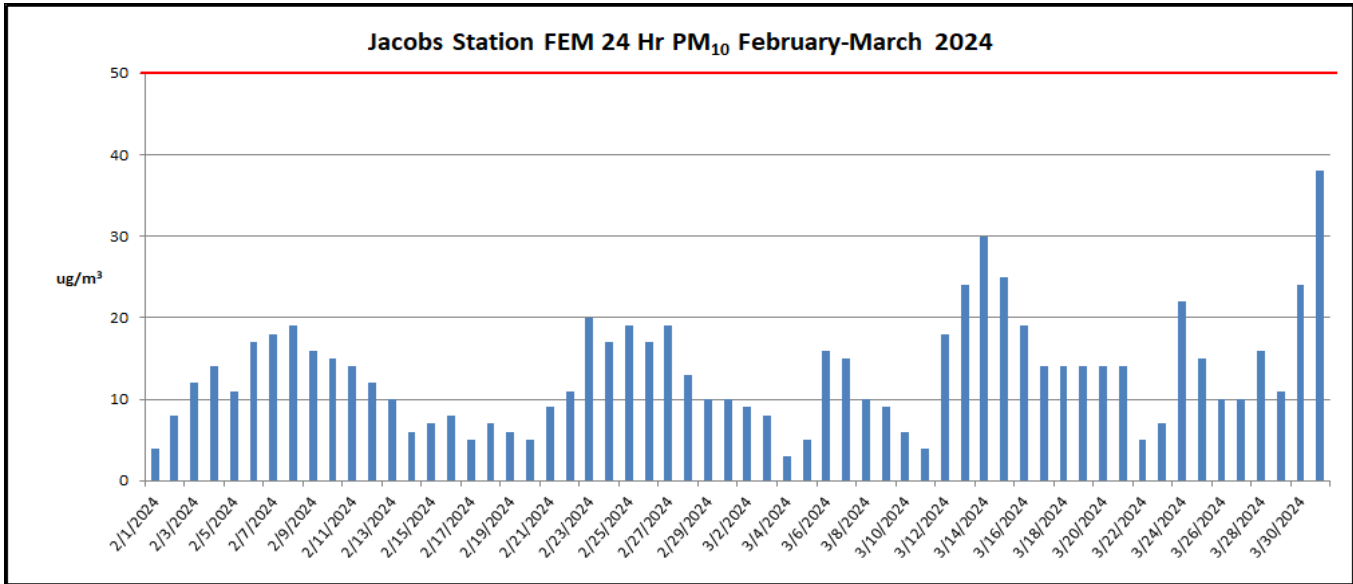
(Excluding data which is undergoing Exceptional Event Exclusion Determination)

| Period of February-March 2024 | Air Monitoring Station | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Jacobs | Crescent City | Weaverville |
| PM ₁₀ 24-hour Average Max | 76% | N/A | N/A |
| PM ₁₀ Rolling Arithmetic Mean (April 2023-Mar 2024) | 81% | N/A | N/A |
| PM _{2.5} 24-hour Average (FRM) Max 2023 | 70% | N/A | N/A |
| PM _{2.5} Rolling Arithmetic Mean (FRM) Jan-Dec 2023 | 55% | N/A | N/A |
| PM _{2.5} 24-hour Average (Non-FEM) Max | N/A | 34%* | 46%* |
| PM _{2.5} Rolling Arithmetic Mean (non-FEM) (April 2023-Mar 2024) | N/A | 65%* | 75%* |

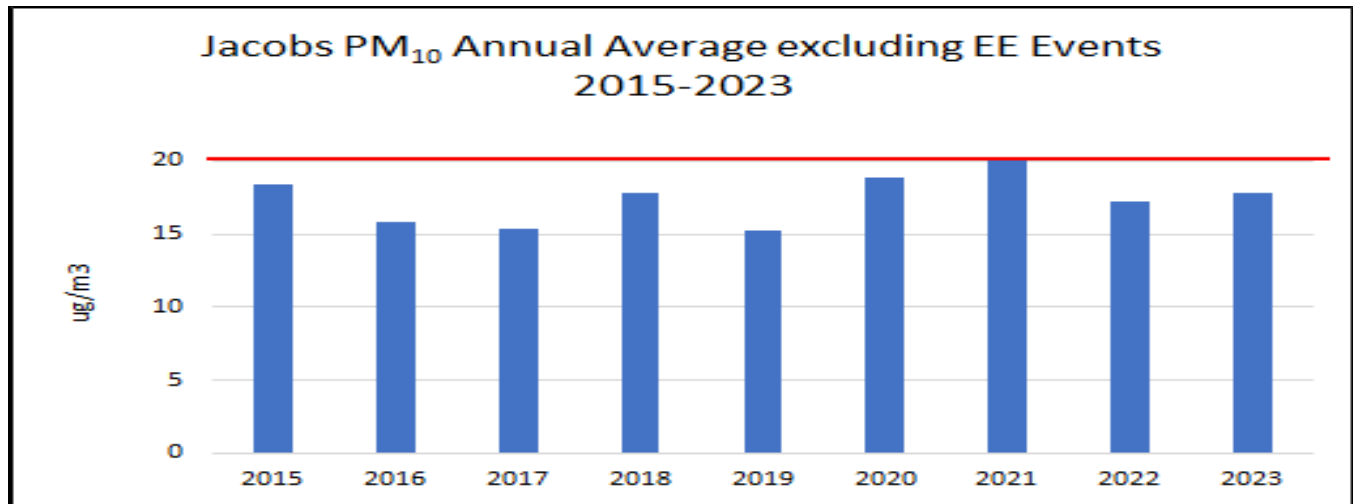
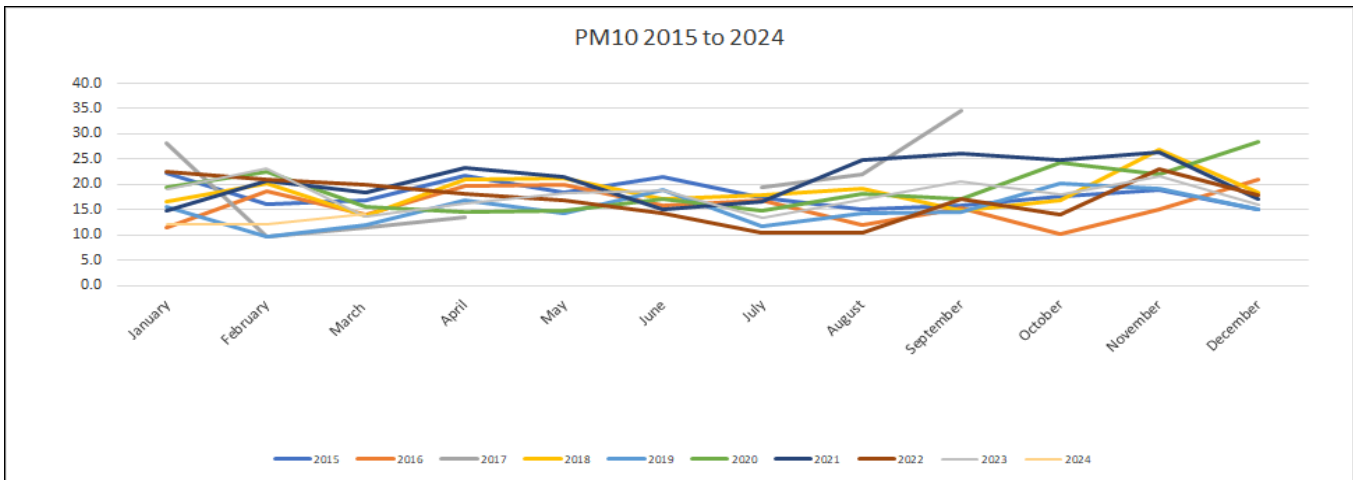
* Instrument not used for Federal Attainment Designation

PM₁₀ Data and Trends:

Eureka, Humboldt County



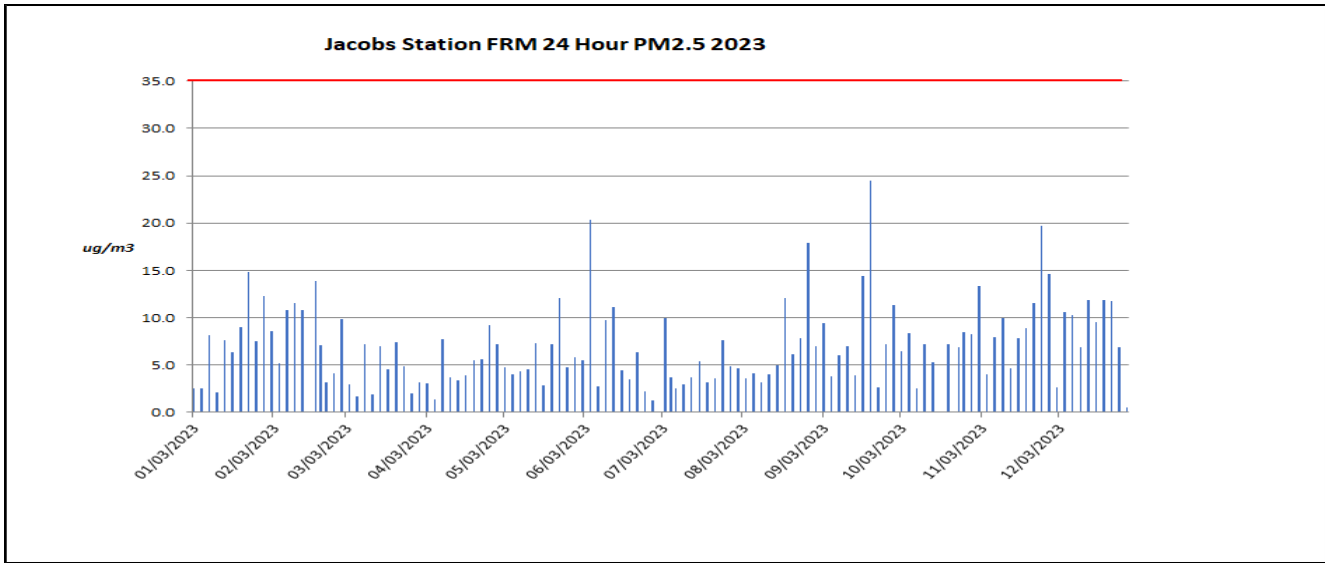
- State PM₁₀ 24-Hour AAQS is 50 ug/m³; Federal PM₁₀ 24-Hour AAQS is 150 ug/m³.
- State and Federal PM₁₀ Annual Arithmetic Mean AAQS is 20 ug/m³.
- Humboldt County is classified as non-attainment for the State PM₁₀ AAQS.



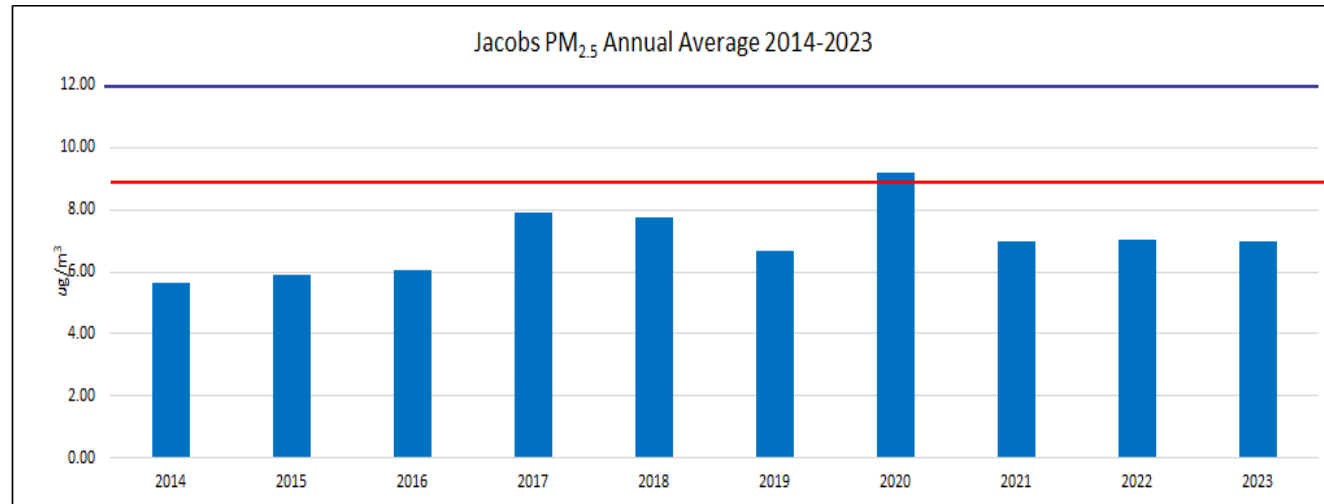
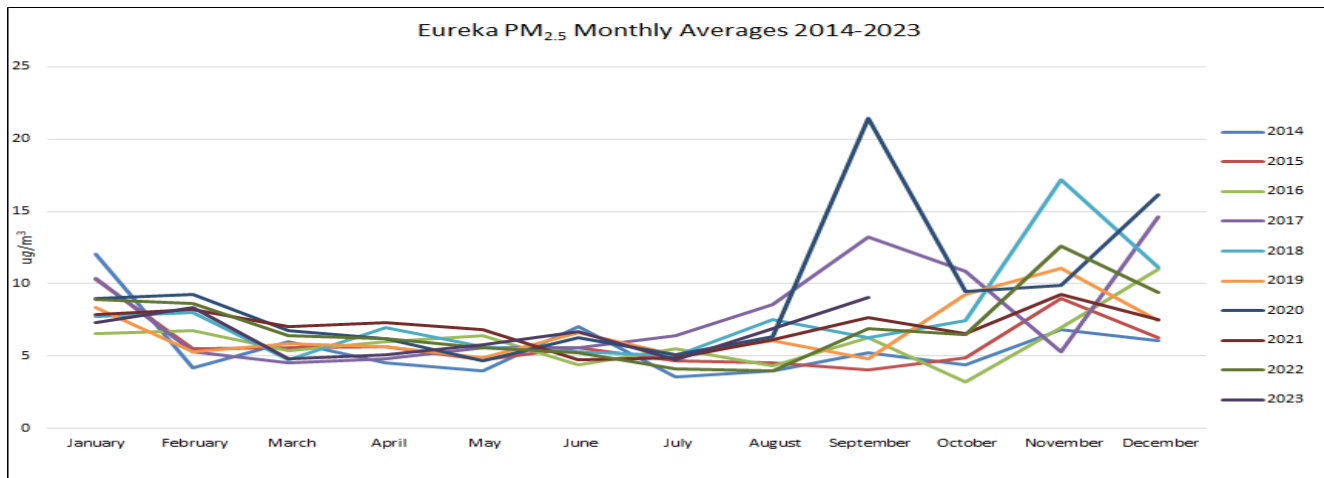
- State PM₁₀ Annual Arithmetic Mean AAQS is 20 ug/m³; There is no separate Federal PM₁₀ annual standard.

PM2.5 Data and Trends:

Eureka, Humboldt County

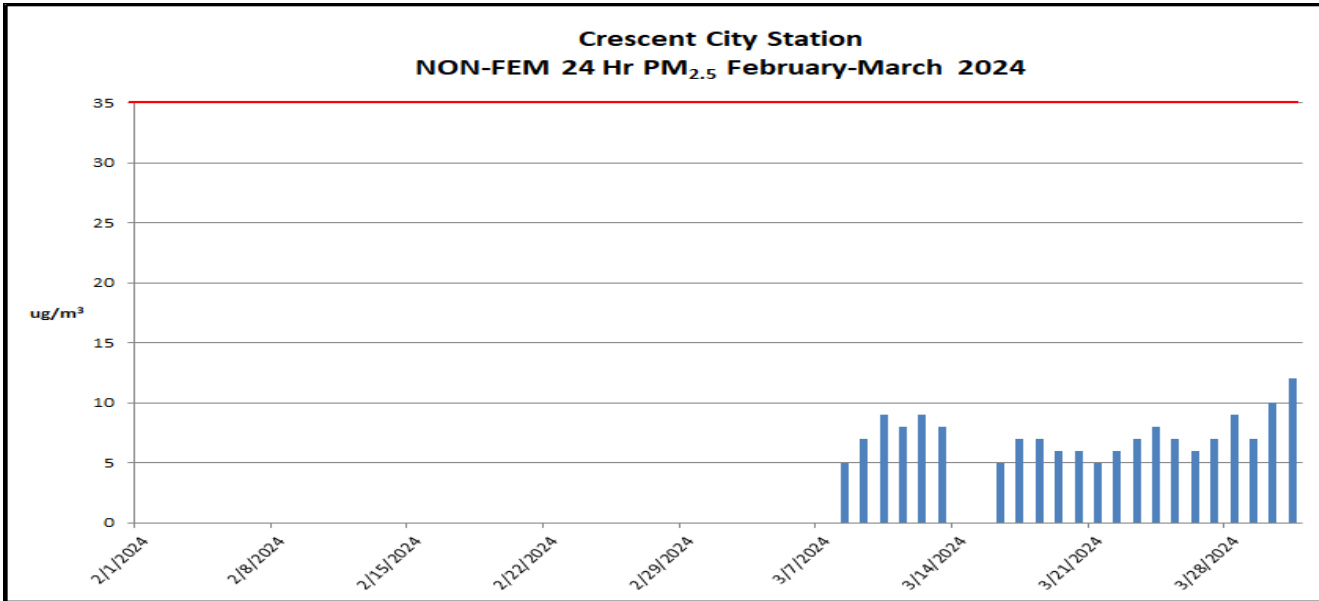


- Federal PM_{2.5} 24-Hour AAQS is 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; There is no separate State PM_{2.5} 24-Hour standard

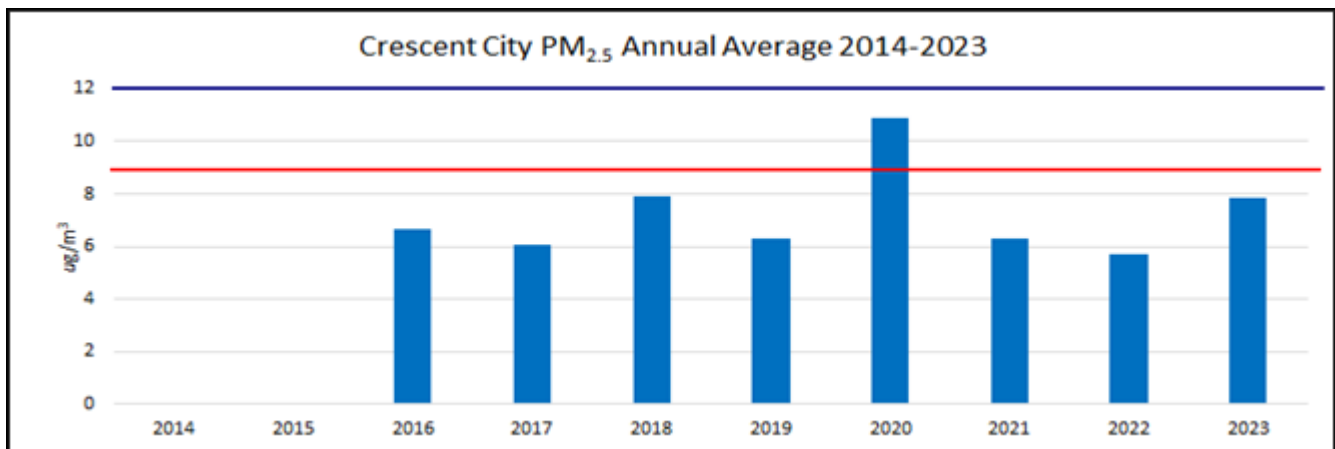
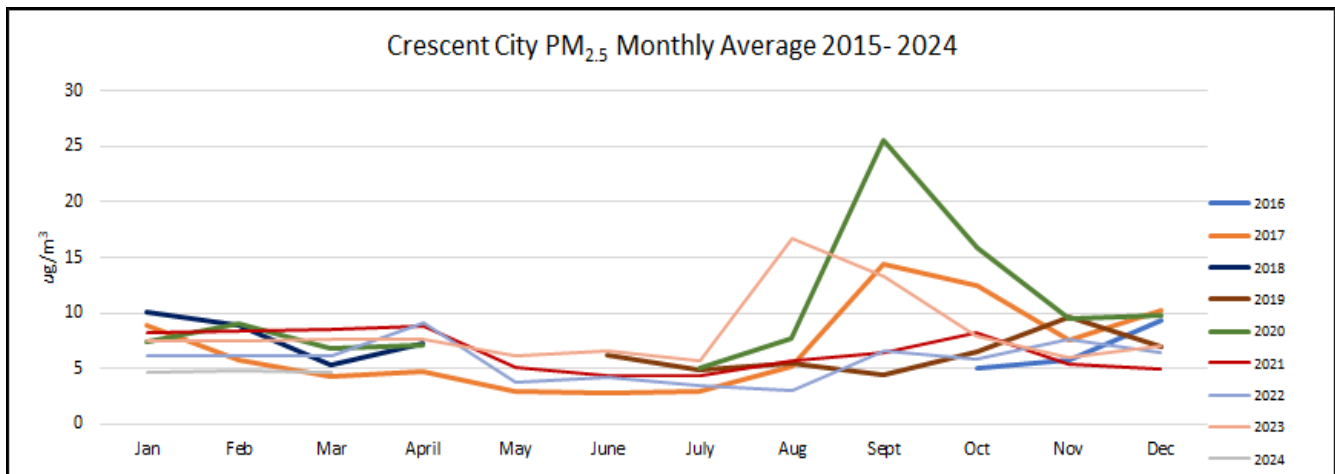


- State PM_{2.5} Annual Arithmetic Mean AAQS is 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$;
- Federal PM_{2.5} Annual Standard changed from 12 to 9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in February of 2024.

Crescent City, Del Norte County

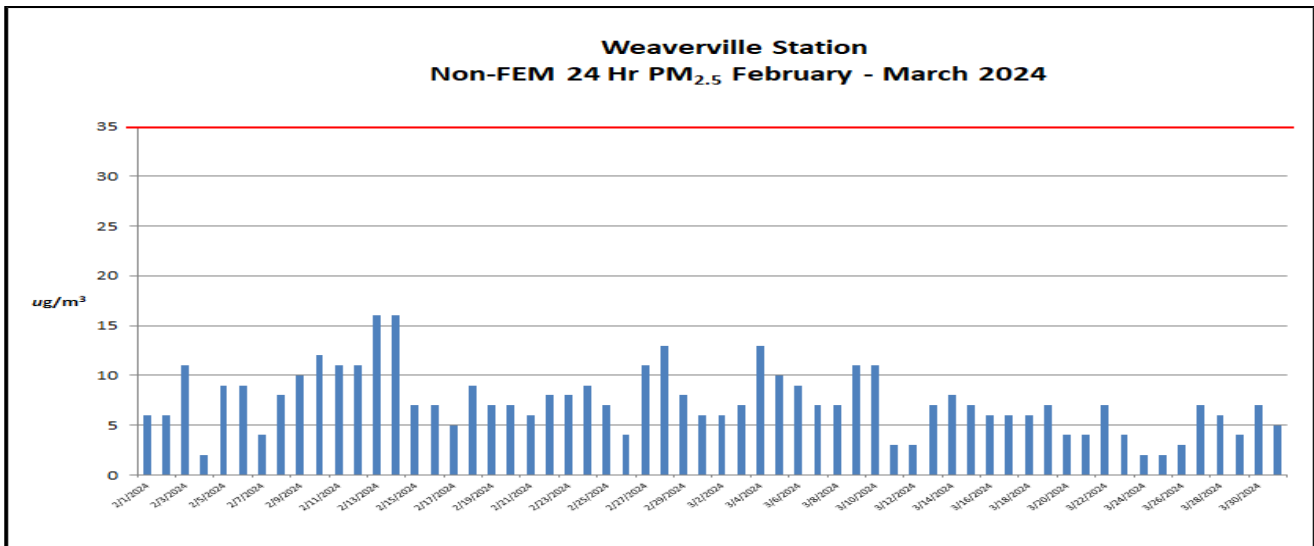


- Federal PM_{2.5} 24-Hour AAQS is 35 ug/m³; There is no separate State PM_{2.5} 24-Hour standard
- This monitor is not used for attainment decisions.

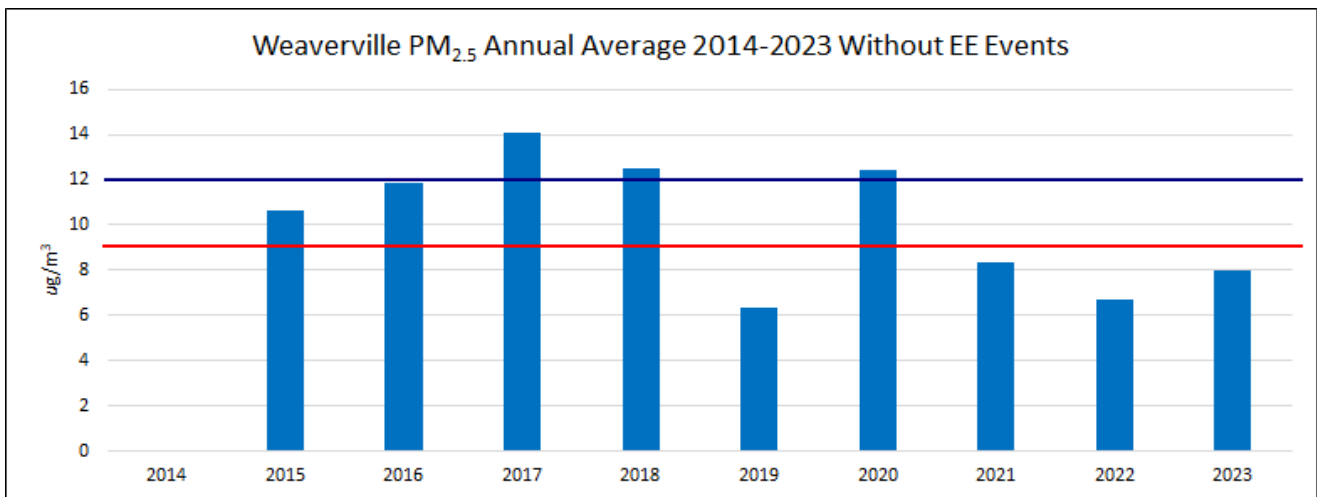
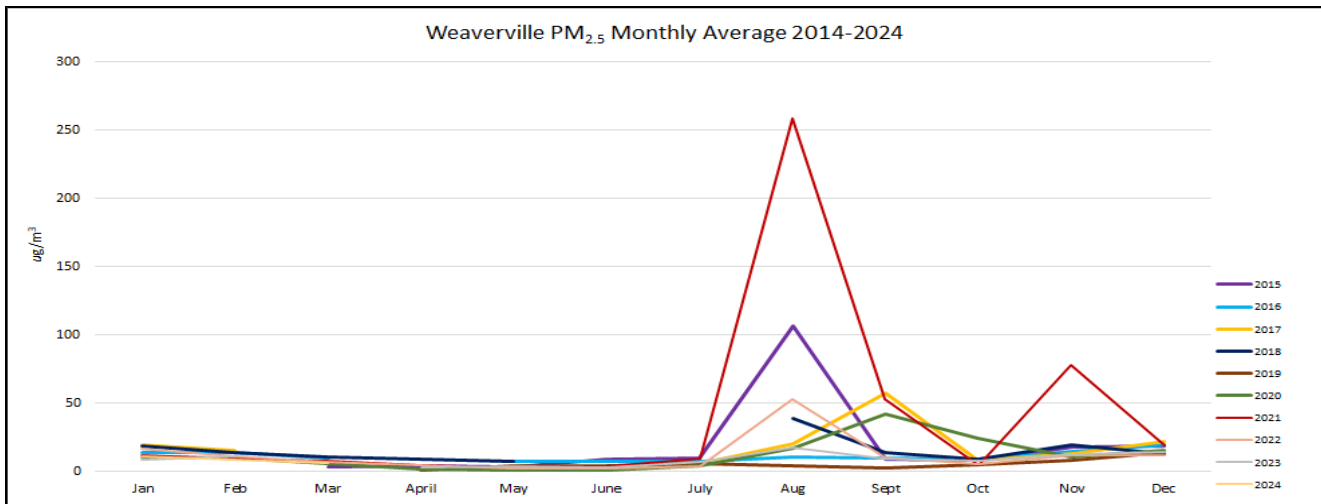


- State PM_{2.5} Annual Arithmetic Mean AAQS is 12 ug/m³; Federal PM_{2.5} annual standard is 9ug/m³
- Federal PM_{2.5} Annual Standard changed from 12 to 9 ug/m³ in February of 2024.
- This monitor is not used for attainment decisions.

Weaverville, Trinity County



- Federal PM_{2.5} 24-Hour AAQS is 35 ug/m³; There is no separate State PM_{2.5} 24-Hour standard.
- This monitor is not used for attainment decisions.



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Agenda Item: 5

Public Comment Period

Agenda Item: 6

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TO: North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board

FROM: Brian Wilson, APCO

SUBJECT: Appoint District Hearing Board Members

DATE: July 18, 2024

ACTION REQUESTED: Appoint District Hearing Board Members and Corresponding Alternate Members

SUMMARY:

The District Hearing Board has several vacancies for the member positions of Professional Engineer, Medical Professional, and Attorney. As directed, District staff has continued to engage in outreach activities and has reached out to appropriate organizations. To date, four applications have been received from two civil engineering professionals, one medical professional, and one attorney. These applications and resumes will be provided during the Board meeting for review. Please review these potential candidates and take action or provide direction to Staff as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

The current Hearing Board members and the corresponding alternates are as follows:

| MEMBER POSITION(S) | | MEMBER | APPOINTMENT EXPIRATION |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Professional Engineer | Primary | Charles Rocklein | Appointment expires 1/18/26 |
| | Alternate | <i>(vacant)</i> | |
| Attorney | Primary | <i>(vacant)</i> | |
| | Alternate | <i>(vacant)</i> | |
| Medical Professional | Primary | <i>(vacant)</i> | |
| | Alternate | <i>(vacant)</i> | |
| Public Member #1 | Primary | Ken Mierzwa | Appointment expires 01/18/26 |
| Public Member #2 | Primary | Joanna Hawley-Jones | Appointment expires 03/18/26 |
| Public Member | Alternate | <i>(vacant)</i> | |

Hearing Board members serve for a term of three years and then must be reappointed. In accordance with Health & Safety Code (H&SC) § 40800, an Alternate member may serve only in the absence of the Hearing Board member with whom they are

associated, and are also limited for the same term as the Hearing Board member with whom they are associated.

The Medical Professional position and Attorney positions are still unfilled and their corresponding alternate is also vacant. In addition, there is still a vacancy for an alternate to the Professional Engineer position. The H&SC § 40801 gives the following guidance on the background needed for these vacant positions as follows:

Attorney Member/Alternate - *“...member admitted to the practice of law in this state.”*

Professional Engineer Member/Alternate - *“...member who is a professional engineer registered as such pursuant to the Professional Engineers Act...”*

Medical Professional Member/Alternate - *“...member from the medical profession whose specialized skills, training, or interests are in the fields of environmental medicine, community medicine, or occupational/toxicologic medicine.”*

Last year, the Governing Board approved the request to perform recruitment outreach for these positions to solicit letters of interest and resumes for these unfilled positions. District staff has performed the following outreach:

- Advertisement in the Times Standard, for all open positions.
- Posting on the District website for all open positions.
- Posting on the Districts Facebook page
- Email and phone outreach to the Humboldt Independent Practice Association, Humboldt Del Norte Medical Society, and the Providence Hospital System for the open medical professional position.
- Email outreach to the Humboldt Builders Exchange for inclusion in their newsletter to all members for the open engineer alternate position.
- Direct mailings to all Civil Engineers found through a Google search in Humboldt, Del Norte & Trinity Counties, with approximately 40 mailings sent for the open engineer alternate position.

Staff has run several public notices in the Times Standard, Trinity Journal and Del Norte Triplicate, as well as the District website and Facebook postings. Governing Board members can also suggest individuals which can be discussed by the Board.

If appropriate individuals meeting the Professional Engineer, Medical Professional, and/or Attorney cannot be found, it is at the discretion of the Governing Board to appoint other individuals as necessary to the Hearing Board. It states under H&SC § 40802: *“if the district board, in the case of a district with population of less than 750,000, is unable to appoint a person with the qualifications specified in section 40801 who is willing and able to serve, and for that reason a vacancy exists on the hearing board, the county district board may, in order to fill that vacancy, appoint any person to the hearing board.”*

Staff is continuing outreach efforts to fill the vacant positions and will appropriately advise the Governing Board.

Agenda Item: 7

Closed Session

Agenda Item: 8

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TO: North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Board

FROM: Brian Wilson, APCO

SUBJECT: APCO Report

DATE: July 18, 2024

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept and File

The following information is provided as a summary of items of interest to the Board and District. Staff solicits and appreciates any feedback concerning these items or other items of interest from the Board.

1. Wildfire Smoke Impacts – 2024 Season

In preparation for the 2024 wildfire season, District Staff recently provided presentations regarding the air district's wildfire response activities to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Pre-Fire Season Briefing on June 27th and then to the Redwood Coast Healthcare Coalition on July 16th.

Recently, the District issued an Air Quality Smoke Advisory on July 9th (see attached) in response to smoke impacts primarily from the Shelly Fire located in Siskiyou County, Klamath National Forest. District Staff will issue further Advisories as conditions change.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently announced the launch of an interactive, statewide map (arb.ca.gov/cleanaircenters) that offers a one-stop-shop for information about the location and services available at Clean Air Centers, where communities can seek refuge during times of poor air quality, including periods of intense wildfire smoke. Built in collaboration with local air quality control districts, the online map makes it possible to see where Clean Air Centers are located and provides easy-to-access information, including operating hours, contact information and on-site resources like free Wi-Fi. With wildfire season approaching, Clean Air Centers will offer the public access to adequate air filtration and a safe place to go during periods of heavy smoke.

In addition, CARB also recently launched the SmokeReadyCA campaign (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/smokereadyca>) which is providing an online toolbox where

public health officials and others can help educate people about the risks of smoke exposure and actions they can take to protect their health.

2. Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District projects

Earlier in the year, District Staff met with consultants (the prior head of CARB and the past APCO of the Bay Area AQMD) to identify funding opportunities for commercial harbor craft, specifically tugboat operations in Humboldt Bay. The Statewide Zero-Emission Freight and Marine Grant funding and the State's Commercial Harbor Craft (CHC) Regulation were also discussed.

More recently, District Staff met with the HBHRCD Staff to receive an update on the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project and discuss applicable regulations and grant opportunities for HBHRCD.

3. District hosted trainings for Local Gas Station Company Staff

The District hosted a series of hands-on training seminars for local gas station company personnel focused on the installation and use of the Gilbarco TLS-450 gasoline tank monitoring system, the new industry standard. In the coming years, the TLS-450 will be implemented at permitted Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (GDFs) throughout the District and statewide. This system will enable more efficient fueling operations while enhancing GDF compliance reporting and analytic capabilities. The seminars, conducted by a certified manufacturer's representative, were attended by local industry staff and organized by District Air Quality Inspector David Huffman.

4. District Support of AB2522 – Compensation of Governing Boards

On June 18th, District Staff provided correspondence (see attached letter) to the Honorable Maria Elena Durazo (Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee) in support of AB 2522, compensation of air district governing boards. Initially beginning with the South Coast AQMD, AB2522 is now applicable to all air district governing boards in the state.

This bill would be in line with SB 329 (Dodd), signed into law in 2023, that more than tripled compensation limits for city council members, and allows for annual increases going forward. AB2522 would do the following:

- Increase outdated compensation limits (per day/month) by up to two times for board members of local air districts; and
- Authorize an annual increase going forward, not to exceed 5% or inflation up to 10%.

Compensation limits for board members of local air districts are outdated and have not been increased since the 1980s. For example, compensation limits for North Coast AQMD Board Members were last amended in 1989, or 35 years ago, and set at \$100 per day and \$3,600 per year (per CA H&S Code Sect. 40154). Based on estimated inflation, those amounts are equivalent to over \$270 per day and over \$9,720 per month in 2024 respectively. The bill enhances local control by

empowering local agencies to appropriately update per diem rates going forward through a public process without impacting the state budget.

5. District Staffing Changes

Recently, the District promoted Alexandra (“Alex”) Winkler to Air Quality Specialist, who now primarily works with grant administration (Carl Moyer, FARMER, woodstoves, and Rural School Bus Grants). The District has also recently hired Brooke Kalarney to our Administrative Support position, where she will work in the Front Office and be instrumental in the support of the District burn programs. Attached is an updated District organizational chart.



AIR QUALITY SMOKE ADVISORY

A joint message from the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) and partners

Press release issued: July 9, 2024

Advisory updated as conditions change

Currently, the Shelly Fire located in Siskiyou County, Klamath National Forest is bringing some Moderate smoke impacts (24hr avg AQI) along the Highway 96 corridor and river drainages due to nighttime and morning inversions. Conditions are expected to remain Moderate in impacted areas for the next several days. Overall, Good air quality conditions are expected along the coast.

Air quality monitors and the current Air Quality Index (AQI) for communities should be viewed at <https://fire.airnow.gov>. USFS Air Resource Advisors (ARAs) have not yet been assigned to fires impacting our area (<https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook>).

ALERT – Hazardous (AQI 301 and higher, 24 hr. avg):

None

ADVISORY – Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy (AQI 151-300 range, 24 hr. avg):

None

Regional Smoke Outlooks – Good, Moderate, to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (AQI 0-150 range):

Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity County – Overall, Good to Moderate air quality conditions with brief periods of increased smoke impacts inland and upper-level haze possible. Coastal areas are expected to have Good air quality with some haze aloft. These conditions are expected to occur through the week. This Air Quality Smoke Advisory will be updated as conditions substantially change.

| U.S. EPA AIR QUALITY INDEX (https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/) | | | |
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| Notice | Level of Concern | AQI Value | Actions to Protect Yourself |
| | Good | 0 - 50 | None, air quality is satisfactory and poses little or no risk |
| | Moderate | 51 - 100 | Sensitive individuals should limit prolonged or heavy exertion |
| | Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) | 101 - 150 | People within USG should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion |
| Advisory | Unhealthy (UH) | 151 - 200 | People within USG should avoid all prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion |
| | Very Unhealthy (VUH) | 201 - 300 | Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion |
| Alert | Hazardous (HAZ) | > 301 | Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity |

Air quality monitors and the current Air Quality Index (AQI) for communities should be viewed at <https://fire.airnow.gov>. Particulate Matter (PM2.5) monitors are presently located in Eureka, Crescent City, Hoopa, Willow Creek, Weaverville, and Gasquet.

Fire information can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcq.gov/> or <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Current weather information can be found at www.wrh.noaa.gov.

For further information, visit the District's website at www.ncuaqmd.org or call the District's Wildfire Response Coordinator at (707) 443-3093 x122.

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New map shows where Californians can find relief during times of poor air quality

CARB launches first interactive statewide Clean Air Centers map

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Topics Smoke

Programs Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Center Grant

SACRAMENTO – The California Air Resources Board today announced the launch of an interactive, statewide map that offers a one-stop-shop for information about the location and services available at Clean Air Centers, where communities can seek refuge during times of poor air quality, including periods of intense wildfire smoke.

Built in collaboration with local air quality control districts, the online map makes it possible to see where Clean Air Centers are located and provides easy-to-access information, including operating hours, contact information and on-site resources like free Wi-Fi.

With wildfire season approaching, Clean Air Centers will offer Californians who don't have access to adequate air filtration a safe place to go during periods of heavy smoke.


“Californians need to know where to turn for a safe haven in the event of an emergency that threatens local air quality. The Clean Air Centers map makes that essential information easily accessible to those who need it most,” said CARB Chair Liane Randolph.

CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR CENTERS MAP

Find relief from wildfire smoke and air pollution near you!

INTERACTIVE MAP FEATURES

- Permanent & Temporary Locations
- Address & Contact Information
- Operating Hours
- On-Site Resources

  arb.ca.gov/cleanaircenters

The California Clean Air Centers Map also highlights the importance of a \$5 million pilot program designed to create a statewide network of Clean Air Centers by funding ventilation system upgrades and providing portable air cleaners to facilities in vulnerable communities. About 200 of the Clean Air Centers on the new map were created through the pilot program, jointly led by CARB and local air districts.

“Clean Air Centers are a high-value investment that provide direct, immediate health benefits to some of our most at-risk communities,” said Tung Le, Executive Director of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association. “Access to clean air is a fundamental right that becomes a critical need when emergencies and other urgent

situations arise. This map empowers individuals and communities with the information they need to stay safe during wildfire smoke and other air pollution events.”

Not all centers will appear on the map at the same time, as many of them only open during wildfire smoke events or other air quality emergencies. CARB and California’s local air districts will be updating the map with information on new or additional Clean Air Centers as that information becomes available.

CARB is also working on an upgrade to its mobile app, California Smoke Spotter, to include Clean Air Center locations and information. That update is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

Clean Air Centers Map

CARB's mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy. CARB is the lead agency for climate change programs and oversees all air pollution control efforts in California to attain and maintain health-based air quality standards.

Source URL: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/new-map-shows-where-californians-can-find-relief-during-times-poor-air-quality>

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June 18, 2024

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 2522 (W. Carrillo) – SUPPORT and SPONSOR

Dear Chair Durazo:

The North Coast Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) is in strong *SUPPORT* of AB 2522 (Carrillo) – South Coast Air Quality Management District: district board: compensation. This bill would:

- Increase outdated compensation limits (per day/month) by up to two times for board members of local air districts; and
- Authorize an annual increase going forward, not to exceed 5% or inflation up to 10%.

Compensation limits for board members of local air districts are outdated and have not been increased since the 1980s. For example, compensation limits for North Coast AQMD Board Members were last amended in 1989, or 35 years ago, and set at \$100 per day and \$3,600 per year (per CA H&S Code Sect. 40154). Based on estimated inflation, those amounts are equivalent to over \$270 per day and over \$9,720 per month in 2024 respectively. This bill would provide needed modernization of this outdated compensation for board members who often travel long distances and perform an important public service with nominal compensation. It is time these nominal amounts caught up to the present economic reality, especially in light of the recent rapid increase in inflation, which has only intensified the problem. It should be noted that as air district responsibilities (reflected in the length of meeting agendas) have expanded greatly since the 1980s, per meeting compensation has remained fixed.

Air district board members throughout the state receive minimal compensation for their hard work on air quality issues and protecting public health at the local level. Board members are dedicated public servants who often have other essential duties to perform as local elected officials or are private citizens with existing careers that must provide their primary financial support. The current low and outdated compensation

levels present challenges for these public servants, making it harder to balance their other professional and personal obligations with the additional duties required to serve the community by oversight of an air quality district.

This bill would be in line with SB 329 (Dodd), signed into law in 2023, that more than tripled compensation limits for city council members, and allows for annual increases going forward.

AB 2522 also presents an opportunity to enhance equity in environmental governance. The bill could facilitate broader and more diverse participation on air district boards. Improved financial incentives could attract a more comprehensive array of candidates, including those from underrepresented and vulnerable communities whom the economic impracticality of serving may have previously deterred. This bill could help enhance the representation of California's diverse population on air district boards, to further promote the voices and concerns of communities statewide that are disproportionately affected by air pollution.

Finally, the bill enhances local control by empowering local agencies to appropriately update per diem rates going forward through a public process without impacting the state budget.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the bill further, please call me at (707) 443-3093.

Sincerely,

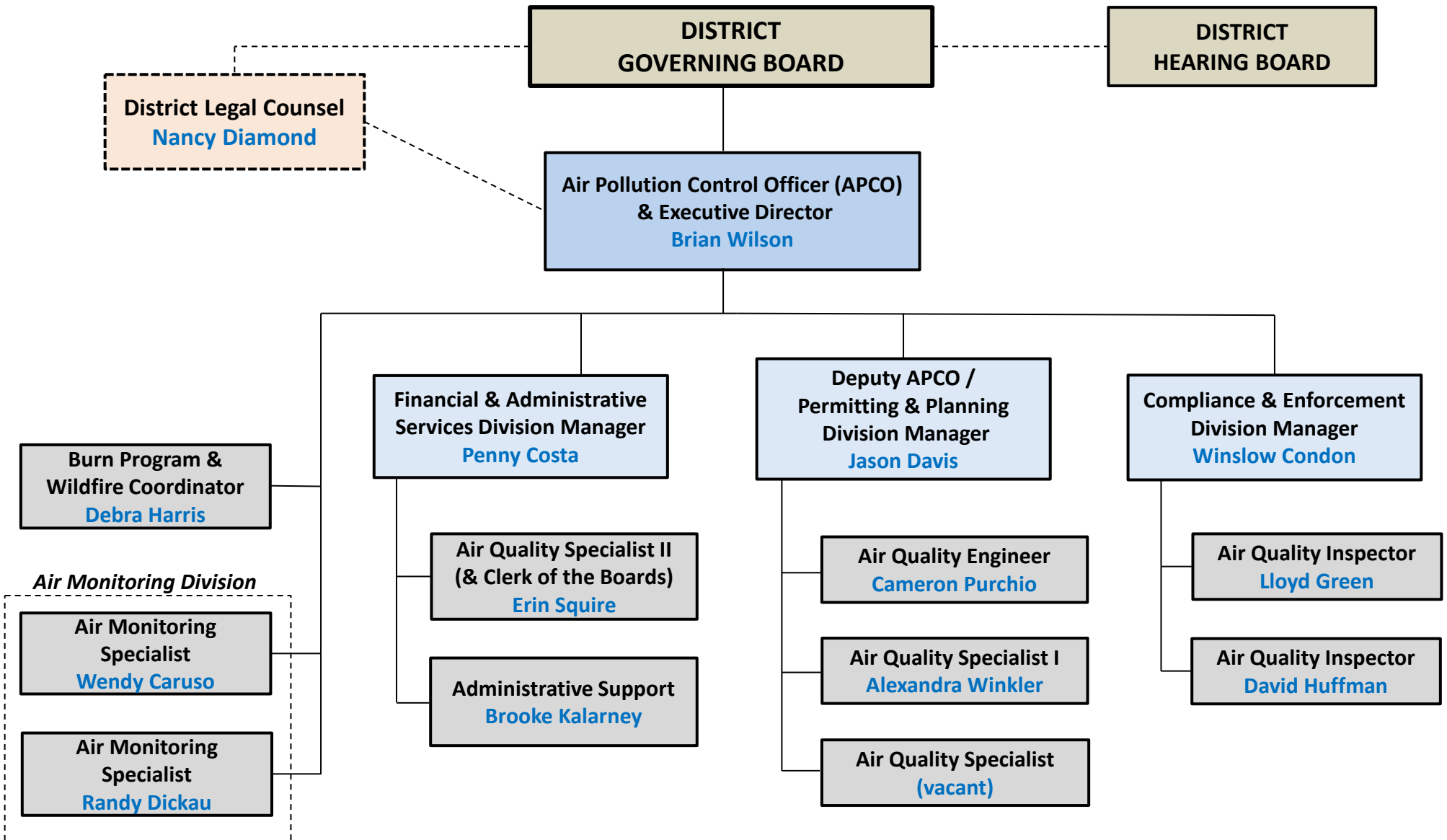


Brian Wilson
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

c: Honorable Wendy Carrillo
Honorable Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD)

Organizational Chart



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Adjournment