The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board of the Counties of Alpine, Inyo and Mono, State of California met at 10:00 am on November 9, 2017 in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, 437 Old Mammoth Road (Suite Z), Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

Governing Board members present:
- John Wentworth, Board Chair, Town of Mammoth Lakes
- David Griffith, Board Vice Chair, Alpine County
- Fred Stump, Mono County
- Stacy Corless, Mono County Alternate
- Matt Kingsley, Inyo County
- Dan Totheroh, Inyo County
- Ron Hames, Alpine County

Governing Board members absent:
- Larry Johnston, Mono County

A quorum was present.

GBUAPCD staff present:
- Phill Kiddoo, Air Pollution Control Officer
- Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
- Susan Cash, Administrative Projects Manager
- Grace Holder, Senior Scientist
- Chris Howard, Senior Research & Systems Analyst
- Kim Mitchell, Research & Systems Analyst II
- Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board

Members of the public included: (as indicated by voluntary sign-in)
- None

**Agenda Item #1**
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Wentworth called to order the regular meeting of the Governing Board at 10:01 a.m.

Board member Kingsley then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item #2**
Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda (No Action)

Board Chair Wentworth asked for public comment on items not on the agenda at 10:03 am.

No comments were offered.
Motion (Griffith/Corless) approving consent items a through b as follows:

a. Approval of the September 14, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes (with corrections as noted by the Clerk of the Board)

b. Designation and Disposal of Surplus Equipment

(vote was taken by roll call)
Ayes: Board Members – Wentworth, Griffith, Totheroh, Kingsley, Hames, Stump, Corless
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Board Member – Johnston

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.

Motion (Kingsley/Stump) taking the following actions:

1. Designation of Nature’s Image of Lake Forest, California as a sole source provider for project operation and management services for the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project based on availability and experience per the District’s purchasing policy, section 3.3 (Sole Source Determination)

2. Approving the presented contract with Nature’s Image of Lake Forest, California for project operation and management services for the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project for an amount not to exceed $1,146,002.80 for a term from November 9, 2017 to June 30, 2019 with the funds for the work to come from the Keeler Dune project budget

(vote was taken by roll call)
Ayes: Board Members – Wentworth, Griffith, Totheroh, Kingsley, Hames, Stump, Corless
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Board Member – Johnston

Motion carried 7/0 and so ordered.
A brief presentation was given by Ms. Kimberly Mitchell, Research and Systems Analyst. Some of the points covered included:

- The District responded to smoke issues in the following ways: maintained a webpage dedicated to smoke impacts; issued health advisories based on the Air Pollution Episode Plan, District Rule 701; deployed emergency monitors as a part of the Emergency Air Quality Monitoring Program; worked alongside Air Resources Advisors from the Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program; maintained particulate matter (PM) data to utilize for planning efforts and documentation

- Between June 1, 2017 and October 15, 2017, 34 fires were tracked

- There are 231 Smoke Alert email subscribers. (sign up at: http://www.gbuapcd.org/healthadvisory/HealthAdvisorySignUp.php)

- Emergency Air Quality Monitoring Program sites included: Coso Junction (Schaffer Fire), Antelope Valley (between Coleville and Walker) (Detwiler Fire), Woodfords (multiple fires); Lee Vining (multiple fires), Bridgeport (multiple fires)

- Air Quality Summary Reports can be found on GBUAPCD’s website or at www.wildlandfiresmoke.net

A break was taken at 11:18 am.
The meeting resumed at 11:25 am.

APCO Kiddoo noted that in the Travel Report (item 6a) the Owens Lake Cultural Resource Task Force plus trip was postponed and rescheduled for November 21, 2017. He then gave a brief summary of item 6a.i, “Making Sense of Sensors Conference”, as outlined in the Board Report.

Board Vice Chair Griffith reported that he toured Owens Lake with APCO Kiddoo in October.

Board alternate Corless reported that Board member Johnston is recovering from treatment in Mammoth and she encourages people to visit him.

Board member Stump commented that being involved with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and looking at the activities here, there are still some significant silos that could be created by action in one venue that could create a complication in another which is not an issue that we can resolve. He then encouraged everyone to keep monitoring what is going on in the water side and how it might affect things. The Owens Dry Lake is a perfect example of a water issues that wasn’t addressed and became an air issue.
APCO Kiddoo replied that the District does have a secondary source rule which is
to protect us from deteriorate air quality based on secondary projects, groundwater
would be an example of that.

Board Chair Wentworth reported that the Town of Mammoth Lakes was awarded a
grant from a group called Headwaters Economics out of Montana that is part of a
number of efforts to connect the dots of our region and the larger agencies of
California and how we play a meaningful role in climate change and bridging the
gap between the state of California and the federal government specifically
regarding federal land and cap and trade funds.

APCO Kiddoo reported to the Board on the following topics:

1) New Hire: Introduction of Mr. Lajos Kurucz, the District’s new Air
Monitoring Technician II will take place at the January meeting.

2) Lee Vining Monitoring Site: funding was approved at the last Board
meeting. The site is now prepped, and electrical line is at the location to be
hooked up to the monitor. The fence is installed, and the concrete
foundation will be poured early next week.

3) Phase 9/10 Project at Owens Lake: The project is almost complete for the
most part. The deadline for all infrastructure is December 31, 2017. There
are some loose ends being resolved as the project comes to completion.

4) The District’s Activities in Pursuit of Nominating Owens Lake as an
Archaeological District and Development of a Management Plan: Since the
September Board meeting, staff attended the Inyo County Board of
Supervisors meeting where they had a workshop and the Inyo County
Planning Department had an agenda item to act as an informational piece
for the board and for the public. Staff also met with the Big Pine Paiute
Tribal Council and were able to get on the Council’s agenda and present
what staff has been doing regarding the nomination. Staff asked the tribal
Council to direct their staff to engage with the District to develop new dust
control technologies, to develop ways to achieve air quality goals while also
protecting cultural resources. The next goal for District staff is to meet with
four other tribal councils that have a vested interest and previous
participation with the Cultural Resource Task Force.

The next regular meeting of the District Governing Board will convene at 10:00 am
on January 11, 2018 in Independence, California. The District’s Clerk of the Board
will find and reserve a handicap accessible meeting room and contact the District
Board members as to its location.

The Board convened into closed session at 11:41 am.
10) CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District; pursuant California Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4).

11) CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

12) CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
EXISTING LITIGATION:

a. Russell Covington; Robert Moore; Randy Sipes; Randal Sipes, Jr.; Laborers’ International Union of North America Local Union No. 783 vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV140075; pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

b. Mammoth Community Water District vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV140076; pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

The Board reconvened into open session at 12:05 pm. Board Chair Wentworth reported on the items as follows:

Regarding Closed Session Item No 10, APCO Kiddoo reported that on September 19, 2017 the Settlement Agreement between the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation was executed and entered upon receiving the settlement payment of $35,000.00 on November 2, 2017. The Settlement Agreement was then fulfilled, complete and resolved.

Regarding Closed Session Item No.’s 11 through 12: Nothing reported.

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Wentworth at 12:05 pm. The Board will reconvene in open session at 10:00 am, on Thursday, January 11, 2018 in Independence, California.

Attest:

Tori DeHaven, Board Clerk

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