

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EASTERN KERN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Location: Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District Board Room
414 W. Tehachapi Blvd., Suite D, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Ridgecrest City Hall
100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Zoom Video Conferencing - <https://zoom.us>
Meeting ID # 826 861 7254

DISTRICT RECONVENED

DIRECTORS: Davies (Chairman), Scrivner (Vice-Chairman), Peters, Blades, and Creighton

ROLL CALL: 4 Present (Davies, Creighton, Gorman – Tehachapi) (Peters– Zoom)

1 Absent (Scrivner)

SALUTE TO FLAG: Director Gorman

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER: Gary Ray, Jr.

AIR QUALITY ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER: Bernave Garcia

BOARD SECRETARY: Cristina Bolton

BOARD ACTION SHOWN AFTER EACH ITEM IN CAPS. The vote is placed in **bold** below each Board Action. For example, **Scrivner – Peters** denotes Director Scrivner made the motion and Director Peters seconded the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: All items listed with a (-CA) were considered routine and approved by one motion.

Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask questions for clarification; make referrals to staff for information or request staff to report to the Board at a later meeting. In addition, the Board may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. NO ONE HEARD.**

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) On their own initiative, Board members may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make referrals to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda [Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2(a)]. **NO ONE HEARD.**

HEARINGS

- 3-CA) Hearing to Present and Receive Comments on Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget – OPEN HEARING; RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT; CLOSE HEARING AND DIRECT STAFF TO CONSIDER ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED IN PREPARATION OF ITS FINAL PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 2024 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**
- 4-CA) Re-Appointment of Hearing Board Member – REAPPOINT MR. BRETT MOSELY TO THE HEARING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JULY 31, 2027. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**

DISTRICT REQUESTS

- 5-CA) 2024 DMV Grant Program Agreements – Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) Board approved funding for three DMV Grant Program road paving projects which total \$100,000.00 in DMV Grant funds. APPROVE THE TWO 2024 DMV GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS AND THE ONE STANDBY PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**
- 6-CA) Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District Extension Request for Removal of the Emergency Affirmative Defense Provisions from Rule 201.1, Permits to Operate for Sources Subject to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (1990 FCAA)– AUTHORIZE APCO TO SIGN AND SUBMIT LETTER TO CARB. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**

- 7-CA) Travel Request for Gary Ray, Jr. to Attend the National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana – Unusual travel request for Gary Ray, Jr., to attend the 2024 NAAMC in New Orleans, Louisiana, from August 11 through 16, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 – AUTHORIZE GARY RAY, JR., APCO, TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR MONITORTING CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2024. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**
- 8-CA) Zero Emissions Vehicle Rebate Program 2024 Guidelines – Update to vehicle voucher program, allows eligible applicants will receive a rebate of up to \$4,000. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE APCO TO IMPLEMENT NEW GUIDELINES. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**
- 9-CA) Use of Inter-District Emissions Offsets by CalPortland Cement Company –Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-001-07 requesting inter-district NOx offset transfer from CalPortland Oro Grande Facility to CalPortland Mojave facility. – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RESOLUTION NO. 2024-001-07. **Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)**

MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

- 10-CA) Summary of Proceedings for Meeting of May 2, 2024 – APPROVE AND FILE.
Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)

DOCUMENTS FOR FILING

- 11-CA) DISTRICT Notice of Violation's update – RECEIVED AND FILED.
Creighton - Davies: Roll call vote: Davies – Aye, Creighton – Aye, Gorman – Aye, Peters– Aye, 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent (Scrivner)

DISTRICT UPDATES

- 12) APCO Report (Verbal)

MR. RAY WELCOMED MR. JOHN “SKIP” GORMAN TO THE BOARD

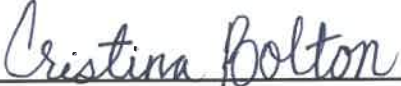
OF DIRECTORS. MR. GORMAN WILL BE REPRESENTING THE CITY OF RIDGECREST. FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ADDED ROUGHLY \$320,000 TO THE DISTRICTS RESERVES, NOW TOTALLING \$3.1 MILLION DOLLARS. THE DISTRICT ANTICIPATES A BALANCED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. THE DISTRICT WILL BE WORKING WITH KERN COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES TO UPDATE CLASSIFICATIONS AS WELL AS ADJUST SALARIES AMONG THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO CORRECT INEQUITIES. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL KERN COUNTY AND SEIU REACH A CONTRACT AGREEMENT. EKAPCD STAFF IS ON CALLS WITH THE STATE DAILY, MONITORING WILDFIRE IMPACTS AND ISSUING HEALTH ADVISORIES ACCORDINGLY.


ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, 2:00 PM, REGULAR BOARD SESSION AT EASTERN KERN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM, 414 W. TEHACHAPI BLVD., SUITE D, TEHACHAPI, CA.

Davies

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(District Seal)


Cristina Bolton, Board Secretary
Eastern Kern APCD


Michael Davies, Chairman
Eastern Kern APCD

