**Washoe County Health District**

**Air Pollution Control Hearing Board  
Meeting Minutes**

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| **Members** | **Thursday, October 13, 2022** |
| Richard Harris, JD, PhD, Dr. | **6:00 p.m.** |
| Yvonne Downs, CEM, Vice  Anthony Dimpel, PE |  |
| Paul Kaplan | **Washoe County Health District** |
| Phil Schweber | **WCHD Conference Rooms A & B** |
| Lee Squire | **1001 East Ninth Street** |
| Martin Breitmeyer | **Reno, NV 89512** |

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* 1. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.**

Dr. Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Richard Harris, JD, PhD, Chair

Yvonne Downs, CEM, Vice Chair

Martin Breitmeyer

Anthony Dimpel, PE

Paul Kaplan

Phil Schweber

Lee Squire

Board members absent: None.

Marisa McCune, acting as Recording Secretary, verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Francisco Vega, Air Quality Management Division Director

Joshua Restori, Supervisor, Permitting and Compliance

Jeffrey Jeppson, Senior Air Quality Specialist

Marisa McCune, Administrative Secretary

Chaz Lehman, Deputy District Attorney Civil Division

* 1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Dr. Harris led “The Pledge of Allegiance.”

* 1. **Ethics Law Announcement.**

Mr. Lehman provided a verbal ethics law announcement.

* 1. **Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda.**

Dr. Harris called for a motion to approve the agenda of the APCHB for October 13, 2022. Ms. Downs moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Schweber seconded the motion, which carried unanimously for approval.

* 1. **Approval of Draft Minutes.**

Dr. Harris called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the APCHB from February 16, 2022. Ms. Downs moved that the minutes be approved as received. Mr. Schweber seconded the motion, which carried unanimously for approval.

1. **Presentation and Discussion on Washoe County Air Quality Management Division compliance process.**

Mr. Vega presented a compliance process presentation. During the presentation, Ms. Downs asked whether the EPA, State, and County can fine a single source should there be noncompliance by standard or by permit. Mr. Vega replied that those agencies can fine based on enforcement authority regarding federal requirements. Mr. Vega completed his presentation without further questions.

1. **Recommendation of Staff to Uphold Notice of Violation No. AQMV22-0016 and**

**AQMV22-0017 with a total associated administrative fine of $2,000.00 issued to**

**Metcalf Builders, Inc. by the Air Quality Management Division and Appealed to the**

**Air Pollution Control Hearing Board. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Before Mr. Restori’s presentation, Mr. Dimpel interjected that he has a business relationship and ongoing contracts with Metcalf Builders, Inc. Mr. Lehman interjected and advised that the relationship should be put on record and Mr. Dimpel should recuse himself. Mr. Dimpel agreed to put the relationship on record and recused himself.

Staff Presentation by Mr. Restori regarding the Issuance of Notice of Violation (NOV) No.’s AQMV22-0016 and AQMV22-0017 for failing to control fugitive dust and failing to maintain a logbook of all dust control operations at the project site and made available to District representatives upon request. These actions are minor violations of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management (DBOH Regulations), specifically Section 040.030.C.1 and Section 040.030.E.2.a. Recommended Penalty: $2,000.00.

Upon completion of Mr. Restori’s presentation, Mr. Squire asked questions regarding whether there have been additional complaints received after the violations and whether Metcalf Builders, Inc. is now in compliance. Mr. Restori responded that there have not been additional complaints and that subsequent inspections demonstrated that Metcalf Builders, Inc. has been compliant since the violations. Mr. Breitmeyer asked if Metcalf Builders, Inc.’s reporting and dustlogs have been corrected since the violations. Mr. Restori responded that to his knowledge, the reporting and log issues have been corrected.

Dr. Harris then moved to call those witnesses wishing to speak on behalf of Metcalf Builders, Inc. Witness, Ron Lacey, Vice President of Operations for Metcalf Builders, Inc., was sworn in by Dr. Harris. Mr. Lacey testified on behalf of Metcalf Builders, Inc., saying the company is not disputing any of the violations. Mr. Lacey appeared before the Board because he wanted the Board to be aware that Metcalf Builders, Inc. has taken, and continues to take, steps to maintain compliance since the violations.

Hearing no additional comments, Dr. Harris called for a motion to deny the appeal of NOV No.’s AQMV22-0016 and AQMV22-0017, associated with Case #: 1377, issued to Metcalf Builders, Inc., and levied an administrative fine in the amount of $2,000. The motion was moved by Mr. Schweber and seconded by Mr. Squire. Dr. Harris then took a vote, unanimously in favor to uphold the recommendation of the staff.

Dr. Harris advised Mr. Lacey that Metcalf Builders, Inc. has the right to appeal to the DBOH.

* 1. **Board Comment.**

There was no additional Board comment.

* 1. **Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

* 1. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Dr. Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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