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**MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
August 25, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Room 307, State Capitol Building
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501**

Members present: John Volkerding, Chair
Matthew Holt, Vice Chair (Teleconference)
Christopher Timm, Member (Teleconference)
Timothy Morrow, Member
Justin Howalt, Member (Teleconference)
Greg Fulfer, Member

Member absent:

Others present: Pam Castañeda, Board Administrator

Item 1. Roll call.

Action: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Justin Howalt, Christopher Timm and Matthew Holt explained why they needed to appear by teleconference. It was impossible and impractical for them to attend in person.

Item 2. How notice requirements were met for the meeting.

Action: Ms. Castañeda described how notice requirements were met for the meeting consistent with the Board's Open Meetings Act Resolution.

Item 3. Approve the agenda.

Action: Mr. Timm moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Fulfer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Item 4. Approval of meeting minutes from April 28, 2017.

Action: Mr. Morrow moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mr. Fulfer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Public comment unrelated to agenda items.

Action: There were no public comments unrelated to the agenda items.

Item 6. EIB 17-01 (R). In the Matter of Proposed New Regulation, 20.2.351 NMAC-Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program. Request for Hearing and appointment of a Hearing Officer.

Action: Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, Staff Attorney for WildEarth Guardians represented the 28 youth ("Petitioners") and WildEarth Guardians ("Petitioners") provided a summary regarding the Proposed New Regulation, 20.2.351 NMAC Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program requested for the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB Board) to schedule a public hearing to consider evidence to support the adoption of the proposed rule. Andrea K. Rodgers on behalf of the petitioners read two written statements from two of the petitioners. a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Eleven youth petitioners came before the EIB Board to present their statements. A 9-year-old who attends Acequia Madre Elementary School; 14-year-old resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a 11-year old resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, a 10-year old resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, a 17-year old resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a 14-year-old resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, an 18-year old resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, 6-year old resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, a 20-year-old resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Board members questioned Ms. Ruscavage-Barz and some of the petitioners.

Andrew Knight and Lara Katz of the New Mexico Environment Department's ("NMED") Office of General Counsel gave an opening statement regarding their objection to the hearing as proposed by the Youth Petitioners and WildEarth Guardians Petitioners as presented. The Board members questioned Mr. Knight and Ms. Katz.



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Ward McCarty, Los Lunas, 350 New Mexico.org provided public comment. The Board questioned Mr. McCurdy.

Tom Solomon, Co-Coordinator 350 org New Mexico commented on one of the Boards question why the power companies are raising their rates.

Trace Semester, counselor of the Health Impact assessment group 10-chapter area of the Navajo Nation provided public comment.

Cynthia Hall, Commissioner New Mexico Public Regulation, Commissioner provided public comment.

Rebecca Sobel, WildEarth Guardian, Senior Climate and Energy Campaigner provided public comment.

Peggy Breault provided public comment.

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap, Earth Care, provided public comment.

Leslie Lakind provided public comment.

Victoria Atencio, Santo Domingo, Earth Care Institute provided public comment.

Elizabeth West provided public comment.

Matthew Gonzales, village administrator for the Village of Cimarron, New Mexico provided public comment.

Emmie Koponen provided public comment.

Lakyn Crist, Chama New Mexico provided public comment.

Samuel provided public comment.

The Environmental Improvement Board deliberated. Justin Howalt was not present on the phone during the meeting to deliberate.

The Chair asked to take a formal vote. Mr. Morrow moved to deny the request for hearing. Mr. Fulfer and Mr. Timm seconded the motion. The Chair asked the



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Board members to identify the yea and nays. Mr. Timm nay, Mr. Fulfer nay, Mr. Morrow nay, Mr. Volkerding nay, Mr. Holt yea. The motion to the request for hearing was denied 4-1.

Item 7. Board member comments and questions.

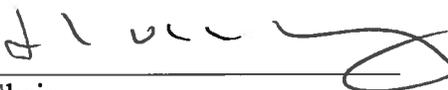
Action: There were no public comments unrelated to the agenda items.

Item 8. Next meeting: September 22, 2017.

Action: The Chair asked the Board Administrator about agenda items for the next meeting. There are no agenda items scheduled.

Item 11. Adjournment.

Action: The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 a.m.


Chair