

Action Summary Minutes  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA

**June 1, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with the California Department of Public Health's recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, no physical location was provided for public attendance.***

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kevin Abernathy, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. He announced the District was responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by holding this meeting in a manner consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 and California Department of Public Health's recommendations for social distancing.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting and one member short from the City Interest Group to take action.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts / EIG (A)	VTC
Kern	Christine Zimmerman / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Wayne Clausen / CIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	VTC
	Dennis Tristao / CIG (P)	VTC
Madera	Johnnie Siliznoff / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Brittany Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Kevin Abernathy / IAIG (P)	VTC
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC

\* (P) = Primary, (A) = Alternate, IAIG = Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG = Environmental Interest Group, CIG = City Interest Group

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 4, 2021 – This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum from the City Interest Group.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, provided the CAC members an update on state budget process. The Governor released the May revisions to his proposed 2021 State Budget on May 14, 2021. The District and stakeholders have been very active in advocating for the various clean air policy and budget requests that will benefit the Valley. The following provisions included in Governor’s May revision are particularly beneficial to the Valley:
  - \$150 million for alternatives to agricultural open burning
  - \$213 million for agricultural diesel engine replacement and update (FARMER)
  - \$265 million for AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
  - \$150 million (\$400 million over three years) for Clean Cars 4 All

Mr. Cunha thanked staff and the Governing Board for working with stakeholders to advocate for additional funding in the Valley. He said the issue is going to be making sure the funding is made available quickly and the District has the staffing necessary to get applications processed timely in light of the drought conditions.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessica Coria, Program Manager, provided an update on the District’s planning and rule development efforts.

Public Comment: None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD – Laura Carr, CARB representative, gave a brief update on the actions taken by CARB at their meeting held on May 20, 2021.

Public Comment: None

9. UPDATE ON THE ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCKS REGULATION – Paul Arneja, Air Resources Engineer with CARB’s Transportation and Clean Technology Branch, and Beth White, Air Pollution Specialist with CARB’s Transportation and Clean Technology Branch, provided an update to CAC members on the following:

- Compliance options and deadlines for the Truck and Bus Regulation

- Reporting requiring for the Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation
- Overview of the proposed Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

Mr. Abernathy asked if the issues with DMV registration holds for trucks that were moved into the low mileage category had been fixed. Ms. White responded that there were a couple of hiccups initially which she believes have been resolved. She said CARB sends truck information updates to DMV every 24 hours so the registration information can be updated.

Mr. Cunha expressed concern about the survey regarding three-quarter ton trucks that CARB sent out. The survey appeared to be from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) to make it look more enforcement driven. He said CARB has asked businesses to purchase these trucks and then added a deadline for zero-emission diesel trucks by 2023. He questioned the additional costs that would be passed on to businesses in addition to high freight costs.

Mr. Arneja said the purpose of the mailing was to notify stakeholders that the OAL was reviewing the Advanced Clean Truck Regulation and that if they wanted to get a jump on reporting they could start now. He said once OAL approved the regulation, then reporting would become mandatory. Mr. Cunha said CARB staff failed to reach the rural communities in their notification and communications process. He said most independent truck drivers do not have the funds to get rid of their trucks and purchase all-electric vehicles in the next 3 to 5 years.

Ms. Brown said she completed the survey at the beginning of the year, and asked if there was a phase out period for private industry. Mr. Arneja said that is CARB's general strategy. He added that the phase out would take place during a relatively long timeframe, from 2023 to 2045. He said CARB staff would be holding additional workshops beginning in late-July with potential language to walk through what they think the proposal might be.

Chairman Abernathy said the members were concerned that agricultural operations seem to have been missed as part of their outreach for this program and that is a tremendous hurdle that CARB will have to overcome as they get closer to the 2023 deadline. He said a conversation needs to take place with key agricultural stakeholders to help CARB get where they need to go and help agriculture understand where they need to go.

Public Comment: *The following persons commented on this item:*

- Colby Morrow, So Cal Gas

10. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL BURNING – Jessica Coria, Program Manager in the District's Air Quality Science and

Planning Department, provided an update to CAC members on the District's on the District's Supplemental Report and Recommendations to address CARB's action on the District's 2020 Staff Report and Recommendations on Agricultural Burning. The recommendations will be considered by the District Governing Board on June 17, 2021, and include the updated prohibition schedule for affected crop types, per CARB recommendations, for varying farm sizes.

Due to lack of a quorum the CAC could not take formal action on the recommendations; however, there was consensus among the members present in support of the District's Supplemental Report and Recommendations on Agricultural Burning.

Public comment: None

11. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO ARB REVIEW OF DISTRICT EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the ongoing efforts underway to address the CARB review of the District Emission Reduction Credit (ERC) Program.

Public comment: None

12. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Ryan Hayashi, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has been working with the Community Steering Committees to re-envision the process and community engagement in light of stay-at-home orders and social distancing recommendations. The Community Steering Committees are continuing to have meetings utilizing online meeting tools. The South Central Fresno, Shafter, and Stockton communities are continuing to work on implementing the approved Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) and Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs).

During their meeting on February 25, 2021, Mr. Hayashi reported that CARB selected Arvin/Lamont as a Year 3 AB 617 community. The District has held two Community Steering Committee (CSC) meeting with the Arvin/Lamont community. During the most recent meeting the CSC approved a community boundary which includes the Fuller Acres, Weed Patch, and Hill Top communities which are located in close proximity to Arvin and Lamont, in addition to including the area between the two communities as well.

- b. Vernon Hughes, CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617. Moving forward, CARB will be partnering with the districts on CERP implementation, working on updates to the AB 617 Blueprint based on lessons learned during Year 1, compiling and

sharing resources on strategies, and continuing the development of tools to support the program (AQ View Data Portal, Emissions Inventory, and Technology Clearinghouse).

In July 2021, CARB will be considering the CERP for the Stockton Community.

Public Comment: None

13. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on District outreach activities, including AB 617 outreach efforts, media advertising, and preparation for the 2021 Wildfire Season.

Public Comment: None

14. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha requested an update on the 2021 Wildfire Season at a future meeting.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Abernathy volunteered to present the report during the June 17, 2021 Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next Meeting – NO MEETING IN JULY. The next CAC meeting is scheduled on August 3, 2021. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).