

Action Summary Minutes

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SPECIAL CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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

**Thursday, March 29, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held via video conferencing at the offices of the San Joaquin Valley  
Air Pollution Control District: Central Region Office (Fresno), Northern Region  
Office (Modesto), and Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Chairman of the Special City Selection Committee, Chris Vierra, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

*Present:*

Mayor Pro Tem	Jim	Avalos	City of Selma
Councilmember	Jerry	Antonetti	City of Dos Palos
Councilmember	David	Ayers	City of Hanford
Vice Mayor	Darlene	Barber-Martinez	City of Riverbank
Mayor	Virgil	Bell	City of Maricopa
Councilmember	Leonel	Benavides	City of Farmersville
Councilmember	Anita	Betancourt	City of Reedley
Mayor	Dennis	Brazil	City of Gustine
Councilmember	Michael	Belluomini**	City of Merced
Councilmember	Mark	Chandler*	City of Lodi
Mayor Pro Tem	Tom	Dunlop	City of Oakdale
Councilmember	Fran	Florez	City of Shafter
Councilmember	Mario	Gonzales	City of McFarland
Councilmember	Casey	Graham	City of Newman
Councilmember	Virginia	Gurrola	City of Porterville
Councilmember	Leonard	Hammer	City of Fowler
Councilmember	Orchel	Krier	City of Taft
Councilmember	Nathan	Magsig	City of Clovis
Councilmember	Jose	Martinez	City of Woodlake
Councilmember	Mary	Mitracos	City of Tracy
Councilwoman	Debby	Moorhead	City of Manteca
Councilmember	Jose	Ornelas	City of San Joaquin

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Councilmember	Minerva	Pineda	City of Orange Cove
Councilmember	Hilda	Plasencia	City of Huron
Councilmember	Ron	Ramsey	City of Coalinga
Councilmember	Derek	Robinson	City of Madera
Councilmember	Jill	Silva	City of Hughson
Councilmember	William	Siegel	City of Lemoore
Councilmember	Robyn	Stearns	City of Exeter
Councilmember	Jacquie	Sullivan	City of Bakersfield
Councilmember	Robert	Swift	City of Escalon
Councilmember	Kuldip	Thusu	City of Dinuba
Mayor Pro Tem	Freddy	Valdez	City of Firebaugh
Councilmember	Grace	Vallejo	City of Delano
Councilmember	Craig	Vejvoda	City of Tulare
Mayor	Chris	Vierra	City of Ceres
Councilmember	James	Vineyard	City of Atwater
Councilmember	Cherylee	Wegman	City of Wasco
Councilmember	Mark	Winchell	City of Ripon

\*arrived at 6:13 p.m.

\*\*arrived at 6:24 p.m.

3. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2015 – The Chair asked for member comments or suggested revisions to the Minutes for the meeting on October 29, 2015.

Member Comments:

Northern Region Office (Modesto): None

Central Region Office (Fresno): None

Southern Region Office (Bakersfield): None

Public Comment: None

Hearing no comments, Chairman Vierra deemed the Minutes approved for the meeting held on October 29, 2015.

4. APPOINT SMALL CITY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CENTRAL REGION – Seyed Sadredin, Permanent Secretary and Executive Director/APCO, explained that Councilmember Sally Bomprezzi from the City of Madera, who had previously held this seat, decided to resign her position on the Madera City Council which made her ineligible to serve on the District's Governing Board and created this vacancy. He said at their last meeting, this Committee decided on two options as the procedure for making appointments to the District's Governing

Board. Option one, as initially adopted, was based on a rotation schedule and the Permanent Secretary would seek applicants from eligible cities within that county and then each city council would vote for a final appointment or rejection at that time. Option two was to allow the League of California Cities to decide which counties might be in rotation for a vacant position and by a process of their own, they would decide the nominee to be brought before this Committee for final appointment to the District's Governing Board. He said the latter option would always be the first choice unless the League of California Cities decided to have the Permanent Secretary revert back to option one.

For this vacancy, the League of California Cities decided the next appointment would be from either the counties of Madera or Kings and solicited applications from eligible councilmembers in those counties. He said the following councilmembers applied for this position:

Mayor Waseem Ahmed, City of Chowchilla  
Councilmember David Ayers, City of Hanford  
Councilmember Andrew Medellin, City of Madera  
Councilmember William Oliver, City of Madera  
Councilmember Derek Robinson, City of Madera

He said ballots were sent out to the eligible cities and Councilmember David Ayers received 4 of the 5 votes cast, as the City of Chowchilla did not cast a vote. He said Mr. Ayers nomination was now before the Committee for action.

Member Comments:

Northern Region Office (Modesto): None

Central Region Office (Fresno): None

Southern Region Office (Bakersfield): Councilmember Grace Vallejo, City of Delano; Councilmember Jacquie Sullivan, City of Bakersfield; Councilmember Fran Florez, City of Shafter; Councilmember Craig Vejvoda, City of Tulare; Councilmember Virgil Bell, City of Maricopa

Public Comment – None

*Motion:* Moorhead  
*Seconded:* Magsig  
*Ayes:* Sullivan, Gonzales, Krier, Wegman, Vineyard, Vierra, Antonetti, Swift, Brazil, Silva, Chandler, Moorhead, Graham, Dunlop, Winchell, Barber-Martinez, Mitracos, Magsig, Ramsey, Thusu, Stearns, Benavides, Valdez, Hammer,

Ayers, Plasencia, Siegel, Robinson, Belluomini, Pineda,  
Gurrola, Betancourt, Ornelas, Avalos, Vejvoda, Martinez  
Nays: Vallejo, Bell, Florez

***Motion carried 36-3 to appoint Councilmember David Ayers, City of Hanford, as the Small City Representative from the Central Region on the District's Governing Board***

5. APPROVE CITY NOMINATION PROCESS – Mr. Sadredin said based on member comments made during the previous item, several background issues were already addressed for this item. He said under the state law, the District Air Pollution Control Officer serves as the Permanent Secretary for the Special City Selection Committee. Serving in that capacity, it is recommended that the Permanent Secretary be directed to identify the next cities in rotation in adherence to the following conditions:
1. The Permanent Secretary has been notified by the League of Cities that they wish for the District to solicit candidates for appointment.
  2. The District Governing Board shall have three members from cities with a population of less than 100,000, with one member selected from the northern region, one from the central region, and one from the southern region of the District.
  3. The District Governing Board shall have two members from cities with a population of 100,000 or more, with each member selected from different regions of the District.
  4. There shall be no more than one city representative from each county within the District.
  5. The cities selected shall rotate amongst the counties by District regions, from North to South.
  6. When possible, members will be appointed for a second term.

The Chair, Chris Vierra, voiced appreciation for Mr. Sadredin's explanation of this very complex appointment process, noting there are not a lot of other options available to ensure state law requirements are met.

Member Comments:

Northern Region Office (Modesto): Councilmember Robert Swift, City of Escalon; Councilmember Grace Vallejo, City of Delano

Central Region Office (Fresno): Councilmember Craig Vejvoda, City of Tulare; Councilmember Michael Belluomini, City of Merced; Councilmember William Siegel, City of Lemoore

Southern Region Office (Bakersfield): Councilmember Grace Vallejo, City of Delano

Public Comment – None

*Motion:* Antonetti  
*Seconded:* Brazil  
*Ayes:* Sullivan, Vallejo, Bell, Gonzales, Florez, Krier, Wegman, Vineyard, Vierra, Antonetti, Swift, Brazil, Silva, Chandler, Moorhead, Graham, Dunlop, Winchell, Barber-Martinez, Mitracos, Magsig, Ramsey, Thusu, Stearns, Benavides, Valdez, Hammer, Ayers, Plasencia, Siegel, Robinson, Belluomini, Pineda, Gurrola, Betancourt, Ornelas, Avalos, Vejvoda, Martinez  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve recommended city nomination process***

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS – Councilmember Craig Vejvoda thanked his colleagues for attending this meeting. Councilmember David Ayers introduced himself and thanked committee members for giving him the opportunity once again to serve on the District’s Governing Board.
8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.