

Action Summary Minutes

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SPECIAL CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held via video teleconferencing 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, Mayor Chris Vierra, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

*Present:*

Councilmember	Jose	Aldaco	City of Waterford
Mayor	David	Ayers	City of Hanford
Councilmember	Darlene	Barber-Martinez	City of Riverbank
Councilmember	Anita	Betancourt	City of Reedley
Councilmember	Michael	Belluomini	City of Merced
Councilmember	Jeff	Chedester	City of Lemoore
Councilmember	Steve	DeBrum	City of Manteca
Councilmember	Juana	Dement	City of Tracy
Mayor Pro Tem	Tom	Dunlop	City of Oakdale
Councilmember	Jose	Escoto	City of Parlier
Councilmember	Gil	Esquer	City of Turlock
Councilmember	Dominic	Farinha	City of Patterson
Councilmember	Bruce	Freeman	City of Bakersfield
Councilmember	Christina	Fugazi	City of Stockton
Councilmember	Greg	Gomez	City of Farmersville
Councilmember	Frank	Gonzalez	City of Sanger
Councilmember	Casey	Graham	City of Newman
Councilmember	Leonard	Hammer	City of Fowler
Councilmember	Dennis	Haworth	City of Chowchilla
Councilmember	Bob	Link	City of Visalia
Councilmember	Jose	Martinez	City of Woodlake

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Councilmember	Michael	McGlynn	City of Dos Palos
Councilmember	Yvette	Montijo	City of Selma
Councilmember	Melvin	Oliveira	City of Gustine
Councilmember	Clint	Olivier	City of Fresno
Councilmember	Felipe	Perez	City of Firebaugh
Councilmember	Alvaro	Preciado	City of Avenal
Councilmember	Monte	Reyes	City of Porterville
Councilmember	Arturo	Sicairos	City of Livingston
Councilmember	Robert	Swift	City of Escalon
Councilmember	Kuldip	Thusu	City of Dinuba
Mayor	Chris	Vierra	City of Ceres
Councilmember	Cindy	Vierra	City of Atwater
Councilmember	Cherylee	Wegman	City of Wasco
Mayor	Bob	Whalen	City of Clovis

3. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2017 – The Chair asked for member comments or suggested revisions to the Minutes for the meeting held on April 6, 2017.

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 April 6, 2017.

4. APPOINT LARGE CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD – Seyed Sadredin, Permanent Secretary and Executive Director/APCO, thanked members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend this important meeting. He said the item before them was to appoint one new large city representative to the District's Governing Board as defined by state law. According to the rotation schedule developed by the Committee, the City of Clovis was next in line to have a representative appointed to the District's Governing Board. He said Clovis Mayor Pro Tem, Drew Bessinger applied for this position and District staff sent ballots to all cities in Fresno County and asked them to return their results by the deadline. He reported that 8 cities in Fresno County, which represents a majority of the total of 15 cities in the county, voted

affirmatively to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Bessinger to be appointed to the District's Governing Board. He added 3 additional cities in Fresno County took action after the deadline, and also voted affirmatively to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Bessinger to the District's Governing Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Bessinger addressed Committee members and said he has been a public servant for five decades, as a law enforcement officer with military, federal, state and municipal agencies. He said it was an honor to be nominated for this position on the District's Governing Board because the work done by the District is vitally important to Valley. He said air pollution does not respect boundaries nor city limits and it adversely affects all of us regardless of income, where we live, or our station in life. It is especially harmful to children, the elderly, and those with chronic illnesses. He added, although some of the sources of pollution that we deal with are unfortunately out of our control and caused by topography, environmental issues such as forest fires and sources outside of our area, there are things that we can do to make our area safer for our citizens. He acknowledged the extensive work by the District's Governing Board and staff, their public partners in agriculture, industry, and environmental groups, and said he looked forward to working alongside them, if appointed at this meeting.

Member Comments:

Northern Region Office (Modesto): None

Central Region Office (Fresno): None

Southern Region Office (Bakersfield): None

Public Comment – None

*Motion:* Whalen  
*Seconded:* DeBrum  
*Ayes:* Vierra, Vierra, Haworth, Swift, Oliviera, Sicairos, DeBrum, Graham, Dunlop, Farinha, Barber-Martinez, Fugazi, Dement, Esquer, Aldaco, Freeman, Wegman, Preciado, Whalen, Thusu, Gomez, Perez, Hammer, Olivier, McGlynn, Ayers, Chedester, Bulluomini, Escoto, Reyes, Betancourt, Gonzalez, Montijo, Link, Martinez  
*Nays:* None

***Motion carried 35-0 to appoint City of Clovis Mayor Pro Tem Drew Bessinger to the District Governing Board***

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS – None
7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.