

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)

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

Monday, April 20, 2009
11:00 a.m.

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group Meeting was held via video teleconference (VTC): Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, the Southern Region Office, VTC Room, 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield and the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL - was taken and a quorum was present to hold a meeting.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
San Joaquin	Jeremy Terhune, At-large Rep.	North
Stanislaus	Rosenda Mataka, At-large Rep.	North
Madera	Catherine Garoupa, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Lourdes Medina, At-large Rep.	Central
	Kevin Hamilton, CAC	Central
	Riley Jones, CAC	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal, CAC	Central
Kings	Andre Booker, At-large Rep.	Central
Kern	Linda MacKay, At-large Rep.	South

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Jon Adams, Director of Compliance; Samir Sheikh, Director of Emission Reduction Incentive Programs; Charlene Cano, Air Quality Specialist I; Kevin Wing, Air Quality Specialist II; Claudia Encinas, Bilingual Public Information Representative; Maricela Velásquez, Senior Public Information Representative

Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Public Information Representative

Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Brenda Turner, Public Information Representative

Members of the Public present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Lois Innis, Ellen Nichols and Derek Williams

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 – Jeremy Terhune made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Kevin Hamilton. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS– Ms. Ellen Nichols mentioned that she’s interested in having breathable air.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – The Chair reminded the EJAG members that Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day. She encouraged members to learn to make changes, create awareness and be involved with events in the communities they serve. She noted that small actions can make a big difference.

She mentioned that she’s working with Maricela Velásquez to establish an EJAG online presence and to get the youth from the Valley involved.

She also said she’s headed to Sacramento tomorrow for Latina Action Day. She’s very excited to let them know she’s actively working with EJAG on air-quality issues.

6. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT – Scott Nester, Director of Planning, presented the report. In addition to the information in the EJAG packet, he stated that Rule 4902, Residential Water Heaters is no longer under development because the District’s Governing Board adopted amendments to this rule on March 19, 2009. Regarding Rule 4311, Flares: emission reductions are hard to calculate because the use of flares is unpredictable. Rule 4695, Brandy and Wine Aging, will have an emission-reduction estimate in subsequent updates. Regarding Rule 4692, Commercial Charbroiling: owners/operators of charbroilers would register their operations through the District’s Permit-Exempt Equipment Registration (PEER) Program as detailed in District Rule 2250.

There was also a discussion on the rules and restrictions for Fourth of July fireworks. Mr. Nester stated that a control measure feasibility study is scheduled within a couple of years to see how fireworks and their emissions can be addressed. There is no intention at this time for regulating them; typically, firework prohibitions are done at the city level by Fire Departments.

7. COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-IDLING REGULATIONS FOR TRUCKS – Jon Adams, Director of Compliance, presented the report. California Air Resources Board (ARB) is responsible for regulating passenger cars, SUVs, trucks, ships, boats, etc. and wrote the truck-idling rule. This rule reduces NOx emissions by 13 tons per day in the Valley.

There was a discussion as to who has jurisdiction of mobile sources; impacts of diesel exhaust; when inspections occur; and outreach to truckers.

8. CAR CRUSHING PROGRAM AMENDMENTS – Charlene Cano, Air Quality Specialist, presented the report. The program is now called Polluting Automobile Scrap and Salvage (PASS) Program. The eligibility process for the program will be simplified. The program will now include a low-income component and a voluntary opt-in component.

There was a discussion on expanding criteria, marketing strategy, eligible vehicles and monetary amounts. Suggestions were offered by EJAG members on possible strategies to reach the residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

There will be a creation of an EJAG subcommittee to provide input to District staff on the marketing and outreach component of the PASS program.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS FEE WAIVER – Suggestions on the fee waiver included: requiring requests to go through EJAG; determining waivers on a case-by-case basis; or creating a grievance note. Rick McVaigh clarified to the EJAG that the fee waiver could be approved by Seyed Sadredin, APCO/Executive Director. Mr. McVaigh also clarified that if a member of the public requests information on a specific facility, they can come into the District at any time and District staff will be happy to sit with them and share the information.

Rosenda Mataka also requested that EJAG items have a higher priority than District reports on the EJAG agenda.

- b. OUTREACH MATERIALS – The Chair reported that a one-page document has been created and will be sent to the EJAG for their input. It will be discussed at the next EJAG meeting. The Chair is also looking at the possibility of creating an email account or Facebook account for the EJAG.

10. FORMATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE FOR CREATION OF EJ MAP – Tabled to next month's meeting.

There was a discussion during this item about limiting the amount of time allowed for questions and comments so that EJAG meetings do not exceed the three-hour limit. Various EJAG members requested that EJAG items, and not District reports, need to be a priority on the agenda, without limiting time for questions, comments and answers.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) – None.

12. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS AND EJAG SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING THE CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 – None.
13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. – Ms. Mataka volunteered to report at the May meeting.

Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.