

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2010
5:30 p.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 – The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Kern	Linda MacKay, At-large Rep.	South
Stanislaus	Pamela Neronha, At-large Rep.	North
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner*	South
Fresno	Sandra Celedón-Castro, At-large Rep*	Central

*Arrived at 6:04 p.m.

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Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Todd DeYoung, Program Manager of Strategies & Incentives Department, Claudia Encinas, Bilingual Public Information Representative.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Brenda Turner, Public Information Representative; Emily Gonzalez-Demont, Office Services Manager

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

Members of the public present – None

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 – This item was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum..
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – The Chair made no comments.
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. McVaigh recommended EJAG assign an Ad-Hoc Committee to establish EJAG's goals and objectives for 2011 and requested that item be added to next month's agenda.
7. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT– Due to low attendance, this item was tabled until the next meeting.
8. PRESENTATION ON VEHICLE REPAIR, RETIREMENT, REPLACEMENT FOR MOTORISTS (VRRRM) PROGRAM – Milo Sheldon, VRRRM Program Manager for the Foundation for Community Colleges, made a presentation outlining the various components of the Vehicle Repair, Retirement, Replacement for Motorists (VRRRM) Program available to consumers. Mr. Sheldon explained the process for determining consumer eligibility and how consumers can obtain an application for this program. Mr. Sheldon also provided an overview of the Repair and Replacement Incentive elements of this program and how each phase of the program is handled in the San Joaquin Valley area as well as the South Coast area.

Mr. Sheldon indicated there will be 15 weekend events held at a variety of convenient community college locations throughout the San Joaquin Valley beginning in January 2011 and will run periodically through the summer of 2012. He advised that consumers will be encouraged to attend the weekend events and consumers who have their vehicles pre-screened and deemed eligible for the program will be referred to a contracted Gold Shield service station to have the emission-related repairs performed.

Mr. Sheldon advised there are approximately 38 Gold Shield stations in and around the San Joaquin Valley region which are authorized for participation in the VRRRM program. Gold Shield stations will submit all smog pre-test diagnosis and repair estimates to a VRRRM Settlement Advisor; repairs are then pre-approved by the Settlement Advisor. This process is currently taking approximately 48 to 72 hours to make an approval or decline the request.

The consumer eligibility guideline for the replacement program is quite simple; consumers must retire their high-emitting vehicle, 1995 model or older. The vehicle purchase must be four model years newer, or a hybrid or electric vehicle. Mr. Sheldon said the consumer participation is limited in the replacement process, as there is only enough funding to replace about 1,000 vehicles statewide at \$3,500 per vehicle.

Mr. McVaigh said this would be a great opportunity for EJAG to use its resources and contacts to assist with outreach for those weekend events, and recommended two action items for the next EJAG meeting. The first is to gather available brochures or handouts related to this program and distribute them at

the next meeting for members to review. The second is to identify and share upcoming weekend events so members will be aware of events in their areas.

With regard to advertising this program, Mr. Sheldon indicated it is primarily through their website, although some marketing materials have been provided to Gold Shield stations for the Repair Program. The recommendation was made to have a link to the VRRRM website placed on to the District's website. That will be added as an action item for the next committee meeting.

9. FOLLOW-UP/DEBRIEF ON THE COLLABORATION WORKSHOP – This item was tabled until the next meeting due to low attendance.
10. DISCUSSION ITEM: EJAG'S ACTION PLAN TO ENGAGE NORTHERN REGION RESIDENTS PROGRESS REPORT – This item was tabled until the next meeting.
11. DISCUSSION ITEM: COMPLAINT PROCEDURES BROCHURE SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENT - This item was tabled until the next meeting due to low attendance.
12. DISCUSSION ITEM: EJAG MAP RECOMMENDATIONS - This item was tabled until the next meeting.
13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) – None
14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Marvin Dean, Ethnic, Small-Business Owner Representative, inquired about the status of EJAG business cards. Mr. Dean requested permission to print a nominal supply of cards prior to a January 20th event if staff is unable to provide them by that date.

In reference to item #9 – Follow-Up/Debrief on the Collaboration Workshop, Ms. Neronha said a draft of the Collaboration Workshop summary from Carolyn Penny was provided to CAC members at the December 7th meeting. Ms. Neronha inquired why this wasn't available with the agenda items EJAG is reviewing tonight. Staff indicated the draft was subsequently sent via email to all EJAG members prior to today's meeting.

Mr. Williams said he, Ms. Celedon-Castro and Mr. Dean formed the Ad-Hoc Committee to bring recommendations to the group on the \$10 million, but is also looking at the effect of the rules and regulations for AB32 and SB375 on members of the EJ community to make sure they are not being adversely impacted one way or the other. All three Ad-Hoc Committee members are on the same page regarding the funding available for AB2522 and said they would present a formalized report to the group in January.

15. EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING THE CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011. – No suggestions were made.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010 at 10 A.M. – Pamela Neronha volunteered to prepare and present the EJAG report at the next CAC meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.