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Action Summary Minutes

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

> Tuesday, May 6, 2008 10:00 a.m.

The Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was held via video teleconference (VTC):
Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue,
Fresno, the Southern Region Office, VTC Room, 2700 M Street, Bakersfield and the
Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto. The CAC
Meeting was webcast.

1. <u>Call to Order</u>—The Vice-Chair, Dana Karcher, called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL—was taken and a quorum was present.

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	County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
	Fresno	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
		Ryan Jacobsen/IAIG (A)	Central
		Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG (P)	Central
		Rico Aguayo/CIG (A)	Central
	Kern	Suzanne Noble/IAIG (A)	Southern
		Dana Karcher/EIG (P)	Southern
	Kings	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
		Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
	Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
		Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Northern
	Merced	Charles "Chris" Dodson/IAIG (P)	Northern
		Dean Wilson/CIG (P)	Central
	San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (A)*	Northern
		Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	Northern
		Randall Blank/CIG (A)	Northern
	Stanislaus	Richard Gibson/EIG (P)	Northern
		Chris Savage/IAIG (P)	Northern
	Tulare	Gary Rohman/IAIG (A)	Central
		David Harrald/IAIG (P)	Central
		Christine Foster/EIG (P)	Central

^{*}Arrived during Item #8.

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

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Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno)— Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, Maricela Velasquez, Senior Public Information Representative; Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst; Angie DeSantiago, Operations Support Supervisor, Toni Taber, Clerk of the Board

<u>Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)</u>—Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst II

<u>Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)</u>— Emily Gonzales-Demont, Administrative Analyst II

- 3. <u>APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2008</u>—The minutes were approved as submitted.
- 4. Public Comments There were no public comments.
- 5. <u>CHAIR COMMENTS</u> The Vice-Chair announced that she hoped to see all members at the Great Valley Conference.
- 6. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS</u> —Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO presented the report. He informed the CAC that Dr. John G. Telles, a renowned cardiologist from Fresno, was recently appointed by the Governor to the District Governing Board. He added the Board is looking forward to benefitting from his health expertise in accomplishing our public health mission.

Mr. Sadredin stated the Governing Board voted to approve the PM2.5 Plan. He noted that 40% of the population is already in attainment, with a plan to have 80% in attainment by 2013, and 100% by 2014. The Board also reaffirmed their commitment to meet the new PM2.5 daily standard of 35 mcg. per cubic meter as opposed to 65 mcg. of the current standard.

Mr. Sadredin stated the Air Resources Board released their Proposition 1B allocations for various corridors and agencies within each corridor. He added that 90% of the central Valley allocation for trucks is targeted to the San Joaquin Valley and 10% to Sacramento. The recommended allocation calls for \$41 million for trucks and \$10 million for rail projects. Sacramento will implement rail projects with consultation with the Valley District.

Mr. Sadredin reminded the CAC that the District's 2008-09 Recommended Budget will be presented at the Governing Board meeting on May 15, 2008.

Dennis Tristao asked about the timelines for EPA approval of the PM2.5 Plan. Mr. Sadredin responded that the Plan is scheduled to be heard by the ARB on May 22nd in the District's Fresno office. If approved by ARB, the Plan will be

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forwarded to EPA for their approval. Mr. Sadredin added that EPA has one year to act on the Plan.

Dave Harrald informed Mr. Sadredin that he had responded to a questionnaire from the District relating to off-road diesel engines. He asked when the information from the questionnaire would be available for a presentation. Mr. Sadredin gave the CAC a brief description of the Rule adopted last year by ARB on off-road vehicles. A survey was conducted to see how many various pieces of equipment in the Valley might fall into an enhanced program. The District is planning to release a draft rule for review and comment in June. He will have an update on responses next month. Mr. Sadredin added that the South Coast AQMD adopted their SOON program, which is voluntary for the first year and will become mandatory the following year. The District is working closely with various stakeholders to make sure a workable program can be developed. The District will need about \$10 million to make the program work based on previous estimates of equipment inventory.

Mr. Harrald responded that much of his equipment is 25 years old and cannot be repowered. He is faced with having to replace or retire the equipment. He added that the \$10 million would not be enough to cover his entire fleet. Mr. Harrald stated this is a big dollar issue.

Manuel Cunha stated ARB adopted this Rule when construction was at its height, knowing that construction in all sectors was headed for a downturn. He stated we need to be cautious about how we proceed because the construction industry is already in a serious situation. Mr. Cunha also stated he appreciated Mr. Sadredin's openness to review the survey and to meet with the interested parties.

Mr. Sadredin recommended that the CAC put the SOON Program on their future agendas for regular updates.

Don Horal asked about the dollars being spent on the VTC system upgrade. Mr. Sadredin stated the VTC system can no longer be maintained due to the age of the equipment and spare parts are not longer being manufactured. He added that the Governing Board has approved a \$1.2 million project to update the VTC system.

Gary Rohman stated that the SOON Program is not mandated until 2009 and he thanked the District for taking the time to go over this costly off-road rule.

7. <u>UPDATE: FAST TRACK TO ATTAINMENT</u>—Mr. Sadredin gave an update on the Healthy Air Living (HAL) initiative which is currently the primary focus of our Fast Track efforts. Last month three HAL Summits were held, one in each region, and over 500 people attended. The Summits highlighted good examples of what businesses, municipalities and individuals are doing to reduce air pollution. He added that the next activity will be to get every city and

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county in the Valley to declare promulgations and designate July 7th through July 13th as Healthy Air Living Week. The hope is that they make new commitments for doing new things to cut or shift emissions. At the May 15th Governing Board Meeting, action will be taken on Healthy Air Living Week activities. Internally, the District will be encouraging telecommuting, carpooling and biking as alternative transportation. The District wants to serve as a role model for businesses and government agencies. Externally, there are plans for a hybrid vehicle to be given away as part of a promotion to encourage residents to make pledges to participate in HAL activities.

8. Hearing Board Subcommittee Recommendations for Southern Region

Hearing Board - Suzanne Noble made a motion for approval of the selections for the Southern Region Hearing Board except for the application of Frank Macciole for the public alternate position. Ms. Noble explained that Mr.

Macciole was being excluded because his candidacy as an alternate member has potential conflict of interest issues. Mr. Macciole was an employee of Chevron as of 2006, still continues to draw benefits from Chevron, and may also own Chevron stock. Since most of the petitions presented at the Southern Region Hearing Board are from Chevron and other oil and gas companies, Mr. Macciole would have to remove himself when these companies are presenting petitions. The Southern Region Hearing Board already has member who has to remove himself when petitions from these companies are heard.

Moved: Noble Seconded: Horal

Ayes: Cunha, Noble, Horal, Dodson, Hoffdahl, Savage, Harrald, Karcher, Deming, Smith, Gibson, Dhaliwal, Tristao,

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Abstain: Foster, Wilson

Motion to approve selections for the Southern Region Hearing Board, except for Frank Macciole as the public alternate position passes with 14 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Abstains.

9. Rules Under Development — George Heinen, Rule Development Supervisor, presented the report on various rules and upcoming workshops. Chris Savage asked Mr. Heinen to explain the special technical committee put together for Rule 4566 and how it fits in the rule making process. Mr. Heinen stated it is more of an informal meeting with interested parties to gather information to resolve technical issues and then take information to workshops. Seyed Sadredin stated this Rule requires a multi-media approach and understanding of other competing interests that might come into play. He added the District doesn't want to create a rule that takes away the ability for cities and counties to get rid of their waste and meet other legal requirements relating to recycling. Mr. Sadredin also added the State of California is also creating a technical committee.

Dennis Tristao asked if Dr. Schmidt's analysis of the emission factors will be broken down into components. Mr. Heinen stated the analysis will be based on studies held at composting sites. He added that Dr. Schmidt's report will not be available by the May 15th Governing Board meeting.

- 10. <u>TECHNICAL RULES SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION</u> Chris Savage stated he has not been able to get CAC representatives to join and he suggested tabling this Item until the CAC decides how it wants to proceed.
- 11. Outreach and Communications Report Maricela Velasquez, Senior Public Information Representative presented the report. She gave an update on the Burn Cleaner Program, the Clean Green Yard Machine Program and the EJAG applicant interview process. Ms. Velasquez added that Outreach and Communication is currently very busy working on the Healthy Air Living initiative. Dean Wilson stated the window of opportunity for the Burn Cleaner time-frame is too short. Ms. Velasquez stated the Burn Cleaner Program runs from February 1st to April 30th, but it is very popular and sells out quickly. Mr. Wilson stated he thinks the Burn Cleaner Program should start earlier and the Clean Green Yard Machine Program should be offered to more than one person in a household. Amarpreet Dhaliwal suggested the Lawnmower Program also be expanded in rural areas.
- 12. <u>ARB COMMENTS</u> Jeff Lindberg, ARB Representative, presented the report.
- 13. CAC Member Comments and CAC Suggestions to be included in the PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008 Christine Foster stated that today, May 6th, is World Asthma Day. Dennis Tristao asked if Mr. Sadredin could get a schedule of when the District is offering the next training course for Certified Air Permitting Professionals (Dave Warner, District Director of Permit Services will provide this information). Manual Cunha recommended having Senator Juan Arambula's bill to increase DMV fees added to the agenda for the June CAC meeting.
- 14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT CAC REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING,

 THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M. Dennis Tristao volunteered to present the CAC Report.
- NEXT MEETING The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 (time to be determined by the Chair). Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.

ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.