

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, August 4, 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. CALL TO ORDER - The Chair, Mary-Michal Rawling called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL - was taken and a quorum was present.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manual Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (P)	Central
	Ryan Jacobsen/IAIG (A)	Central
Kern	Issac George/CIG (P)	Southern
	Les Clarke/IAIG (P)	Southern
Kings	Riley E. Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	John Beyer/IAIG (A)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
Merced	Mary-Michal Rawling/EIG (P)	Central
	Tim Durham/IAIG (P)	Northern
	Dean Wilson/CIG (P)	Northern
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	Northern
	Richard Gibson/EIG (P)	Northern
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)	Northern
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central
	Christine Foster/EIG (P)	Central

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

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) - Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO; Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services; Dave Warner, Director of Permits; Scott Nestor, Director of Planning; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Rich Burt, Communication Systems; Angie DeSantiago, Clerk of the Board

Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) - Theresa Hayward, Senior Office Assistant

Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) - Brenda Turner, Air Quality Education Rep II

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008 - Minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS - Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, gave the presentation. He reported the Arvin Edison Water District has given the Air Resources Board (ARB) notice for the Arvin air monitoring station. The District is exploring all options including finding another site which may take six months to set up. The CAC will be kept posted. He also reported the State will begin releasing Prop 1B grant funds; this includes \$18 million dollars for trucks and \$19 million dollars for school buses. He added this is half of the money funded for trucks that is owed to the District. The ARB has revised the guidelines due to the delay in disbursement of funds to give more time to truckers to meet contract obligations. He reported the District has negotiated with the Central Valley Chevrolet Dealers to give away a Malibu Hybrid. To enter, residents can visit one of 18 participating dealers to fill out a personal air quality pledge card and further information may be found on the District's website [www.HealthyAirLiving.com](http://www.HealthyAirLiving.com). The contest will run through September and the winner will be announced at the October (now November due to Board meeting date change) Governing Board meeting. Mr. Sadredin gave an update on the District's Polluting Automobile Scrap and Salvage (PASS) Program. This program is local and Valley residents can apply to receive \$1,000 or \$5,000 toward a newer, cleaner car. He noted \$2 million is available through the program and applications will be taken until funds run out. He encouraged the CAC members to promote the PASS Program in their communities. Mr. Sadredin noted the District is partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide workshops to

agriculturalists interested in the Tractor Replacement Program to reduce emission from off-road mobile or stationary agricultural sources. He stated NRCS has funded \$16 million dollars and the District has funded \$3 million dollars for the Program. The District held training sessions and assisted farmers to file applications and the Program is proving to be a success. He reported the District also has partnered with various cities, counties, municipalities, and organizations to administer and help them file for stimulus funding. The District applied for over \$125 million dollars worth of grants, and so far has been awarded \$6 million dollars; \$4 million dollars for school buses, \$2 million dollars for off-road Ag and several other projects have received the initial preliminary approval for funding. He also expressed more stimulus funds would estimate between \$10 to \$30 million dollars for the Valley for air pollution projects. He added the District will keep the CAC posted on the various grant decisions that are made on the stimulus funding.

Mr. Sadredin notified the CAC that he is in the process of preparing an evaluation report on the tasks and accomplishments of the EJAG as directed by the Governing Board. He asked the CAC to provide input through the Chair in preparation of the evaluation report which will be presented to the Board in December. He also informed the CAC, to ensure maximal protection of student health and to build on the existing Flag Program; the District is developing new, voluntary activity guidelines that will offer Valley school districts added tools and flexibility in protecting student health. A key element in this program will be easy and quick access to real-time air-quality data from monitors near schools. He noted the ability to access real-time air quality will also be helpful in verifying the accuracy of the District's air-quality forecast in the face of unanticipated weather patterns or exceptional events such as wildfires. He requested the CAC add this item to a future agenda for discussion. He reported the William and Flora Hewett Foundation recently funded a budget and spending review of the District. The Hewett Foundation is a non-profit organization supporting environmental and community activists throughout the Valley. The District was compared to Bay Area, South Coast, Ventura and Sacramento. He noted the published final report reflects very well with the District and the report and findings will be presented to the Board in August.

Mr. Sadredin updated the CAC on the Special City Selection Committee. He stated the Committee developed a rotation process to elect the four City officials to the Board. The voting for three of the vacancies has been concluded. The three recommended candidates are: Jesus Gamboa (Tulare County-Large City), David Ayers (Hanford-Small City), and Randy Miller (Taft-Small City). The City of Stockton vacancy had one candidate with inadequate

votes, which opened the process; two are now being considered and voting by the cities will be concluded this week. The next City Selection Committee meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. The new members should attend the September Governing Board meeting.

CAC members gave comments on the items that were presented.

Mr. George stated the City of Arvin will help in re-establishing an air monitoring station. He added the city has large parks and properties that may be considered for the site. Mr. Sadredin stated the District will contact the City of Arvin in assisting with a new site location.

CAC members discussed the process for reviewing EJAG for the evaluation report. The CAC discussed their concerns in determining the accomplishments of EJAG. The Chair requested this item be put on the CAC agenda for September.

Mr. Cunha asked that education on the Flag Program and any other outreach programs be extended to the private schools as well as public schools. Ms. Rawling supports this request. Mr. Sadredin stated there have been questions about funding school bus replacements for private school buses, however, in terms of advisories and health education there is no reason they should not be included.

7. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) - Kevin Hamilton, At Large Representative, presented the report. He noted the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) requested the District staff to expand the number of public list serves to include college students for notification of EJAG. He also gave an update on the four subcommittees that have been created by the EJAG. He stated the next meeting will be August 17, 2009, at 11:00 A.M.
8. PRESENTATION ON VALLEY PUBLIC TELEVISION'S "AIR REPORTS FOR KIDS" - Kevin Hamilton, At Large Representative, presented an educational video produced and broadcast by KVPT and funded with the Valley Public Television. He stated it is important for these kinds of efforts be showcased to demonstrate the District's efforts in getting information out to the communities beginning with the young people.
9. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN - Dave Warner, Director of Permit Services, gave the presentation. He provided updates on the District's Implementation Plan of the Climate Change Action Plan. He

also gave a briefing on the District's proposed approach to dealing with greenhouse gases under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He stated the State Attorney General, and more recently, the Governor's office of Planning and Research (OPR) have both made it clear that CEQA analyses must include Greenhouse Gases (GHGs); however, they have not provided much guidance on how to do so. He stated project proponents and land-use agencies have been turning to the District for advice and guidance, and in August of 2008, the Board gave the District the direction to prepare guidelines for the Board's consideration. The District held several scoping meetings in late 2008 and early 2009, and discussed with stakeholders several options for determining whether GHGs are significant. He reported with some guidance from the State, the District proposed a concept called "Best Performance Standards (BPS)". He also added this concept is approved by OPR in their guidance on how to implement CEQA, it doesn't include a numeric threshold, but it does require an analysis of the basis of the performance standard. He gave a summary of how the District will establish BPS and the ways to develop BPS. He stated the District is proposing to take this concept to the Board in October for their approval as a method of establishing the BPS.

Mr. Warner also gave a presentation on the proposal to modify Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking). He stated the Board directed the District to investigate the development of a greenhouse gas emission reduction registration/banking program. He added this modification would provide an avenue to encourage early innovative GHG emissions reductions, with a benefit of reducing criteria emissions. He also gave a summary of what the rule amendments would provide and what GHG reductions may or may not be eligible. He reported the modified Rule 2301 will go to the Board for Receive and File in September 2009 and for adoption in October (now November due to Board Meeting date change). He stated information is provided at the District's website:  
[www.valleyair.org/Programs/CCAP/CCAP\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/CCAP/CCAP_idx.htm).

10. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT - Scott Nester, Planning Director, presented the report. In addition to the information provided in the CAC packet, he reported the June adoption for Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling) was continued to August 20, 2009. He also stated Rule 4602 (Motor Vehicle Assembly Coatings); Rule 4653 (Adhesives); Rule 4603 (Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products); Rule 4684 (Polyester Resin Operations); and proposed new Rule 4695 (Brandy Aging and Wine Aging) will go to the Board for Receive and File on August 20, 2009 and adoption is set for the September 17, 2009 Governing Board meeting.

11. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer gave a brief summary of Healthy Air Living activities. She stated the public will begin seeing the Healthy Air Living television advertisements and radio ads to encourage committing to one change to help improve air quality in the Valley. She also stated the District is still accepting applications for the Clean Green Yard Machine Program. She reported the District will begin limited outreach in a few communities where there is a need for communicating the legality of burning trash.
12. ARB COMMENTS - Jeff Lindberg, ARB Planning Liaison for the San Joaquin Valley presented the report. He stated on July 23, 2009, the Air Resources Board amended the off-road regulation to (1) provide new credits for fleets that have experienced drops in vehicle activity and/or that have reduced their fleet size, (2) delay some of the 2011 and 2012 requirements until 2013, and (3) add new incentives to spur early retrofits and repowers. He added over the next few months, staff will assess the overall impact of the economic conditions on emissions and report back to the ARB Board early part next year.
13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009 - Mr. Cunha stated he would like the CAC to receive information on the outreach programs that are being taken to the communities by the Environmental Justice Advisory Group. He stated it is important for the CAC to be informed on what EJAG is communicating to the communities. The Chair encouraged the CAC members to attend the EJAG meeting as a member of the public.
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT CAC REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. - In the absence of the Chair, Christine Foster and Manual Cunha will be present to give the report at the August 20, 2009 Governing Board Meeting.

Adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.