

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, February 3, 2009**  
**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, 34946 Flyover Court, 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 to hold a meeting. There was a quorum from all three interest groups to vote.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Rico Aguayo/CIG (A)	Central
	Manuel Cunha, Jr./IAIG (P)	Central
Kern	Brent Green/CIG (A)	Southern
	Les Clark/IAIG (P)	Southern
	Suzanne Noble/IAIG (A)	Southern
Kings	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
	Riley Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
	Sally Bompreszi/CIG (P)	Central
Merced	Mary-Michal Rawling/EIG (P)	Central
	Dean Wilson/CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (A)	Northern
	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	Northern
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)	Northern
Tulare	Gary Rohman/IAIG (A)	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, George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Scott Nester, Director of Planning; Jamie Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst; Angie DeSantiago, Clerk to the Board; Michelle Franco, OPS Supervisor

Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant

Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Nannette Manzo, Senior Office Assistant

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2008— The Minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – There were no Chair comments.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director gave the presentation. He reported the Governor's Appointee, Henry J. Forman, Ph.D attended his first Governing Board meeting and will be a good addition to the Board. He also stated Dr. Lighthall, the District's Health Advisor gave an extensive presentation to the Board on the recent study by UC Fullerton that found the cost of attainment is \$6 billion per year and the appropriate conclusion that can be derived from the study. He also stated the report noted that attainment will eliminate 800 premature deaths in the Valley. He noted Dr. Lighthall is available to give the same presentation to the CAC upon request.

Mr. Sadredin also reported on items that will be presented at the upcoming Governing Board meeting on February 19, 2009, including a detailed report by staff and the US Forest Service on the wildfires that occurred during summer 2008 and their impact on the Valley's air quality. He reported the District is concerned about the US Forest Service's new policy that uses wildfires as a forest management practice and stated there will be a discussion on this issue. In addition, the Board will be given an update on the District's Agricultural Burn Program and the effects of wood burning restrictions on agricultural burning. The Board will also be asked to approve contracts for voluntary mitigation agreements for a couple of ethanol plants in the Valley. Lastly, staff will ask the Board to approve the District's Economic Assistance Initiative which is designed to give some temporary financial relief to businesses that are suffering from economic hardships without sacrificing any environmental safeguards.

Mr. Sadredin also reported that the first Special City Selection Committee Meeting was held on January 29, 2009. He stated there were 50 Valley cities represented at the meeting and they successfully adopted the process for making selections to the vacant City seats on the Governing Board. He stated additional meetings will be held to adopt a rotation schedule and appoint the new Governing Board members. The next Special City Selection Committee meeting will be held in March 2009.

Manual Cunha stated his concern regarding ethanol plants and their effect on the dairy industry. Mr. Sadredin replied these contracts for voluntary mitigation are for facilities that have already gone through the CEQA process. In addition, Mr. Cunha stated he agreed that the District must take a major role in the wildfire situation with the US Forest Service.

Mr. Rohman asked for an explanation of the socio-economic costs of attainment to be presented to the CAC at a future meeting. The Chair, Mary-Michal Rawling agreed to add this item to a future CAC meeting agenda. Ms. Rawling asked about EJAG's role in the mitigation contract process. Mr. Sadredin replied that EJAG could have input into the administration of various District grant programs. He stated the CAC can give the EJAG direction into how they would like them to proceed in the process. Mr. Sadredin also stated the legislation regarding the new DMV fees is very specific as to the EJAG's role in the disbursement of the fees.

Ms. Rawling asked Mr. Sadredin for feedback about the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit that was recently held. Mr. Sadredin replied the District is supporting the Blueprint process to prevent urban sprawl and as a potential tool in meeting SB375 targets. He stated that SB375 will help establish a goal for each of the Valley's eight metropolitan areas to work together to solve these issues. Mr. Sadredin stated staff will give a presentation on SB375 at a future CAC meeting.

7. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP - Catherine Garoupa, At Large Representative gave the update. She stated the EJAG made a motion to approve the Bylaws at their January meeting. In addition, their meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of every month, alternating meeting times from mornings to evenings. The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2009 (due to the upcoming holiday) at 11:00 a.m. She stated EJAG is continuing to receive various updates from District staff to enable them to learn more about the various processes they will be involved in. In addition, EJAG has formed two sub-committees – one to draft a recommendation to create a fee waiver for environmental justice groups who are making a Public Records Requests and one to develop public outreach materials. Ms. Garoupa also reported EJAG still has one Tulare County At Large Representative and two Small City Ethnic Business Owner vacancies.

8. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT – George Heinen, Planning Manager gave the presentation. He reported the Governing Board adopted Rule 1020 at their January meeting which changed the definitions of VOC to include the compounds methyl formate and tertiary-butyl acetate, which are used in the foam and automobile coating industries. On March 19th, staff will present Rule 4902 regarding point of sales for water heaters to the Governing Board. Mr. Heinen reported staff received six proposals for Rule 4566 (Organic Waste) to do field studies to determine emissions for various controls through management practices. In addition, Mr. Heinen reported staff will conduct upcoming workshops for Rule 4695 (Wine and Brandy Aging), Rule 9410 (Employee Based Trip Reduction Program), Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coating) and Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Feeding). He also reported that in March, staff will hold workshops for Rule 4311 (Flares) and Rule 4612 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations).

Mr. Cunha asked how Rule 4902 (Water Heaters) will affect residents of the Valley. Mr. Heinen responded Rule 4902 will apply to point of sale locations only and will designate the type of water heaters they can sell to the public. Mr. Sadredin stated there will be some incentive funds available to those who wish to replace their water heater to comply with these standards ahead of time.

Public Comment - *The following persons provided testimony on this item:*

- Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company

9. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer gave the presentation. She stated she will give a presentation to the Governing Board at their February meeting regarding the Flag Program and how the District can continue to support the program by working with the American Lung Association. In addition, Ms. Holt stated the Burn Cleaner Program began last week. She reported this program is no longer an outreach program but is now a grants program, in order to fully utilize all of the benefits provided by the Burn Cleaner Program. She stated the incentive amount has increased from \$350 dollars to \$750 dollars per unit and a low income incentive of \$1500 dollars has been added. The incentive is applied at point of sale by the retailer and is designed to be available to all counties throughout the San Joaquin Valley. She stated 100 applications for this program have been received through yesterday and the District's Grants Program is aggressively looking for more funding. In addition, Ms. Holt reported the Lawnmower Program will begin in April and Healthy Air Living activities will take place beginning in May. She also stated there have been a few letters in the Fresno Bee thanking the District for their work at cleaning the air in the Valley.

Mr. Sadredin stated based on the District's initial air quality data for this winter there has been a 50 percent drop in Unhealthy days in the Valley and there has not been a single Unhealthy for All Individuals day in Fresno County thanks to this program and the Wood Burning Rule.

Mr. Cunha asked about the possibility of a payment program for those residents suffering from economic adversity who would like to take part in the Burn Cleaner Program. Mr. Sadredin replied this would be a good area for EJAG and CAC to provide input to this process for next year.

*Mr. Aguayo left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.*

10. ARB COMMENTS – PRESENTED BY ARB REPRESENTATIVE – Ravi Ramalingam, ARB Liaison gave an update on California's Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards.

*Mr. Cunha left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.*

11. MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2009  
OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION REPORT – Mary-Michal Rawling, Chair stated she has noticed there are several vacancies on the CAC. She asked the Clerk to the Boards to send her a list of CAC members who have missed three consecutive meetings and a list of vacant CAC positions. Mr. Sadredin responded the Clerk can also send letters to cities and counties with vacancies on the CAC.

Mr. Horal asked if cities can appoint non-elected officials to the CAC. Mr. Sadredin replied that non-elected officials can be appointed to the CAC.

12. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING - The Chair, Mary-Michal Rawling volunteered to present the report to the Governing Board at their next meeting on February 19, 2009.

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.