

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 June 2, 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 Acting Chair, Dennis Tristao, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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	Ryan Jacobsen – IAIG (A)	Central
Kern	Les Clark – IAIG (P)	Central
	Suzanne Nobile – IAIG (A)	Southern
Kings	Isaac George – CIG (P)	Southern
	Dennis Tristao – CIG (P)	Central
	Riley Jones – IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Kelly Deming – EIG (P)	Central
	Donald Horal – IAIG (P)	Central
	John Beyer – IAIG (A)	Central
Merced	Lee Smith – EIG (P)	Central
	Sally Bomprezzi – CIG (P)	Central
	Tim Durham (IAIG) (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Dean Wilson – CIG (P)	Northern
	Wade Broughton – CIG (P)	Northern
Tulare	Randall Blank – CIG (A)	Central
	Christine Foster – EIG (P)	Central
	Derek Williams – IAIG (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) - Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Scott Nester, Director of Planning; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Public Information Representative; Lucinda Roth, Planning Supervisor; Errol Villegas Planning Manager; Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst; Angie DeSantiago, Clerk to the Board

Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2009 - The Minutes were approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Tristao stated the Fast Track Action Plan and Employee Trip Reduction Plan will be discussed during the meeting. He stated these are important issues that should be carried back to their constituents.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – RICK McVAIGH, Deputy APCO, gave the report. He reported at the May 18, 2009 Governing Board Meeting, the Board set aside Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities). The Board will consider re-adopting Rule 4570 at the next meeting on June 18. He stated the proposed rule and supporting materials including the public health benefit analysis are posted at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org). He noted the Board adopted an additional item for the 2009 Legislative Platform that recommends providing more financial and staffing resources for land managers to reduce fuel supplies. This was in response to the devastating impact the 2008 wildfires had on air quality and public health. He stated three important rules will be presented for amendments at the June 18, 2009 Governing Board meeting; Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling), Rule 4311 (Flares), and the Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities). He also stated the Board will be considering adoption of the District's 2009-10 Recommended Budget. He stated the Healthy Air Living is the focus for two series of outreach and communication efforts. He added the Healthy Air Living Chats are scheduled in cities throughout the Valley and Healthy Air Living Business Summits are scheduled in Bakersfield-June 2, in Fresno-June 3 and in Modesto-June 4.

Mr. Tristao asked about the Climate Change Action Plan. Mr. McVaigh stated there are two main components to the Plan. The District is adopting a procedure for addressing climate change in the CEQA process and developing a carbon credit banking system. This will enable the reduction of greenhouse gases on the local level, which will also help reduce valley smog.

The District will have at least one more workshop before taking the CEQA and Carbon Credit Banking items to the Board.

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

- Colby Morrow

7. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) – Melissa Kelly Ortega, At-Large Representative, gave the presentation. She reported the EJAG met on May 18, 2009 and approved the revision to the EJAG bylaws that now states, “Any such modifications to the Bylaws by the EJAG will be sent to the District’s Citizen’s Advisory Committee and the Governing Board for final approval.” She stated the Environmental Justice Map Subcommittee (Derek Williams, Jeremy Terhune, Melissa Kelly-Ortega, Rey Leon and Catherine Garoupa) and Public Information Request Fee-Waiver Subcommittee (Kevin Hamilton, Rosenda Mataka, Linda MacKay, Catherine Garoupa, Riley Jones and Derek Williams) have been formed and plan to meet before the next EJAG meeting. She added Maricela Velasquez and Lourdes Medina have been working on the outreach materials for EJAG flyers. She also stated the EJAG will be working with Ana Sanchez, Community Liaison at the Asthma Coalition to reach those residents who can most benefit from the PASS Program. She stated the next meeting is scheduled for June 15 at 11:00 a.m. She added the EJAG would like to see more attendance at their meetings.

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

- Laura Fultz-Stout

8. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF FAST TRACK ACTION PLAN MEASURE RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION – LUCINDA ROTH, Planning Supervisor, gave the presentation. The report gave an overview of the electricity usage in California, its connection to air quality, the District’s Energy Action Plan and business strategies. She stated 75% of the electricity consumption goes to lighting, cooling, refrigeration, and ventilation. She also stated the District is developing the Plan to reduce this consumption. She reported part of the 2007 Ozone Plan was a Fast Track measure to use non-regulatory emissions reduction program such as the Energy Action Plan. She stated the Energy Action Plan is a three prong plan that includes outreach and education; tools for residents and businesses to use that focuses on implementation of quick fixes and saving money, and special templates for successful energy efficiency and green fleet programs. She also stated some of the in-house District strategies include focusing on quick fixes with little cost, PG & E audits, employee surveys, development of strategies for long-term solutions, and evaluating possibilities for onsite alternative energy sources and green fleet options. She reported on the various business strategies that are being introduced in the Action Plan including partnering with utility companies, state agencies, and non-profit organizations. She also stated The Energy Action

Plan is still in working progress and a tentative date to workshop is set for July.

9. DISCUSS POTENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR RULE 9410 (EMPLOYER BASED TRIP REDUCTION) - GEORGE Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, gave the presentation. He gave a brief overview of the concepts for Rule 9410. He reported that a complete presentation will be given at the Healthy Air Living Summits that are scheduled for businesses. He stated the major goal is to reduce vehicle miles traveled from work commutes. He also stated employers are broken down to two tiers: Tier one -100 to 250 employees and Tier 2-250 plus employees. He stated the five major strategy types include marketing, support, transportation, incentives and services and amenities. He added the District offers various services and amenities to their employees to encourage program participation. He also added the District hopes to have a Rule 9410 guidance manual and a Healthy Air Living handbook to include ideas and links to Council of Governments (COG) and other regional rideshare programs. He reported the draft language of Rule 9410 will be available at the end of the month and the Rule will be taken to the Board for consideration no later than December, 2009. He also stated the contact person for information on this Rule is Nicole Corless.

Mr. Durham asked if the District knows how much vehicular traffic miles is traveled between the north valley and Pacheco Pass. He stated there is a very large amount of traffic that does not fall under this program and this allows the District the opportunity to work with the State and employers outside of the District to achieve savings. Mr. McVaigh stated the District is setting up meetings with the Bay Area and other districts that contribute to our smog problems and this would be an excellent topic for discussion.

Randall Blank asked for the District to consider an interagency coordination of this program and joining other air districts such as Sacramento and Placer County. Dean Wilson gave other resources that may be helpful in providing information on vehicular traffic miles traveled between the north valley and both Bay Area through Pacheco Pass. He stated that there are situations that create a stumbling block such as commuters that work in diverse areas.

Mr. Jones asked if the District offers an alternative schedule to work at home. Mr. McVaigh stated the District has about 10 employees that telecommute and the District is sharing the template policy and procedure that have been put in place to allow for telecommuting to other businesses. He added the information is also provided on our website Healthy Air Living.com or they may contact Carolyn Rose, Personnel Director. Derek Williams asked if the Rule 9410 guidance manual would be available after the rule or would a draft be available prior to the workshop or public hearing Mr. Heinen stated the guidance manual will be a living document that can be added to before or

after the rule adoption. The Mr. Heinen stated a draft will be available prior to the workshops.

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

- Nancy Ellis
- Laura Fultz-Stout

9. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT - GEORGE Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, gave the presentation. He stated the actual field studies for Rule 4566 (Organic Waste Operations) will be conducted this month. These studies will determine which control measures may be the most productive in reducing emissions from green waste composting. He reported a scoping meeting was held on Rule 4905 (Natural Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Residential Central Furnaces). He also stated Rule 4311 (Flares) and Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling) will be going before the Board for adoption on June 18. He added Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities) will also be reconsidered for adoption at the next Board meeting. He reported the first workshops for Rule 9410 (Employer Based Trip Reduction Programs) and Rule 4612 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations-Phase II) are scheduled for June. He added Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking and Rule 4308 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heater, rated 0.075 to <2.0 MMBtu/hr) are also scheduled for the second workshops. He also stated New Rule 4695 (Brandy and Wine Aging) and Rule 4601 (Agricultural Coatings) are scheduled for final workshops. He stated the following rules and staff reports will be available for 30-day commenting in June; Rule 4602 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Refinishing Operations), Rule 4653 (Adhesives), and Rule 4603 (Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products) and Rule 4684 (Polyester Resin Operations).

Mr. Hamilton asked about the health benefits of Rule 4570 and asked for a report to be given at the next meeting. Mr. McVaigh stated the Health Risk Assessment is also available on the District's website:[www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)

10. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Maricela Velasquez, Senior Public Information Representative gave the presentation. She stated the Healthy Living Chats are two-hour public meetings that are being held around the Valley. She stated the District encourages all members and the public to attend. At the Healthy Air Living Chats, residents learn about the region's air quality issues and have a chance to win prizes ranging from an electric lawn mower or bicycle to a walk-to-work iPod package. She also stated the Business Summits are scheduled in Bakersfield, Modesto, and Fresno with all summits being held at District offices. She noted all participants will receive a Healthy Air Living bag which includes Healthy Air Living toolkit materials, the telecommuting resource book and employee trip reduction manual. She stated the Clean Green Yard Machines program is being extended so that more Valley residents may participate. She also stated the District has new

outreach materials available to promote school participation in the Flag Program. She added the District received 15 entries for the Healthy Air Living video contest. The judging will take place next week and the winners of the thirty-second videos will be presented to the CAC at the next meeting. She stated the Healthy Air Living website is updated weekly and encourages the CAC to visit the District's Healthy Air Living website at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

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

- Melissa Kelly-Ortega

11. ARB COMMENTS – PRESENTED BY ARB REPRESENTATIVE - Jeff Lindberg, ARB Planning Liaison, gave the presentation. He gave a brief update on actions that were taken nationally with respect to greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, passenger cars and trucks. He stated in September 2004, ARB passed regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with the regulations to take effect in 2009. He also stated these regulations were authorized by the 2002 legislation Assembly Bill 1493 (Pavley). He noted the regulations had been threatened by automaker lawsuits and were stalled by the U.S. EPA's delay in reviewing and then initially denying California's waiver request. He also noted with granting of the waiver, it is expected that the regulations will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from California passenger vehicles by about 22 percent in 2012 and about 30 percent in 2016, all while improving fuel efficiency and reducing motorist's costs. He concluded as part of the agreement in establishing the one set of standards nationally, the auto manufacturers would drop any opposition to implementing California's standards. Mr. Horal asked what ARB is using as a baseline. Mr. Lindberg stated he will provide this information to CAC members.
12. MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2009 - Mr. Beyer stated the agricultural industry has been having workshops in regards to the incentive funding available through NRCS. He thanked Rick McVaigh and the District for their assistance in helping the farmers understand the requirements needed to become eligible for the funding. Kevin Hamilton stated he would like to give a presentation at the next meeting on the AQI Community Education Program for Kids that was developed by the Fresno Regional Foundation. Christine Foster stated the Board be given a brief synopsis of the EJAG subcommittees. Mr. Tristao introduced the new CAC members as follows; John Beyer, Madera County (Industry/Ag-Alternate), Tim Durham, Merced County (Industry/Ag-Primary) and Derek William, Tulare County (Industry/Ag-Primary).
13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Dennis Tristao volunteered to present the report during the June 18, 2009 Governing Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.