

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, March 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 - Dennis Tristao, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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	Amarpreet Dhaliwal – CIG (P)	Central
	Rico Aguayo – CIG (A)	Central
	Ryan Jacobson - IAIG (A)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton – EIG (P) **	Central
	Sarah Sharpe – EIG (A)	Central
Kern	Brent Green - CIG (A)*	Southern
	Les Clark - IAIG (P)	Southern
Kings	Kelly Deming - EIG (P)	Central
	Riley Jones - IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Dennis Tristao – CIG (P)	Central
	Donald Horal - IAIG (P)	Central
	Lee Smith - EIG (P)	Central
Merced	Sally Bompreszi - CIG (P)	Central
	Dean Wilson - CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl - AIG (A)	Northern
	Randall Blank - CIG (P)	Northern
Stanislaus	Richard Gibson - IAIG (P)	Northern
Tulare	Gary Rohman - IAIG (A)	Central
	Christine Foster - EIG (P)	Central

**Brent Green arrived 10:10 a.m.*

*** Kevin Hamilton arrived 10:13 a.m.*

(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; David Lighthall, Health Advisor; George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Jamie Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst; Angie DeSantiago, Clerk to the Board

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

Staff present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Emily Gonzales-Demont, Administrative Analyst II

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 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 that more stringent residential wood burning restrictions which were adopted as amendments to Rule 4901 in October 2008, have resulted in improved wintertime air quality. There was a 50% reduction in the number of unhealthy air quality days Valleywide with no red flag days in Fresno. Average PM2.5 concentrations were down 10% Valleywide. More reports will be brought to the Board in April to look at all the other contributing factors such as the low economy. Mr. Sadredin reported that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its decision on March 2 that backs the EPA's finding that the San Joaquin Valley Air District has cleaned up the Valley's air for particulate matter 10 microns and smaller (PM10). He also reported on a presentation on wildfires that was presented at the last Board meeting. The report was on the impacts of wildfires on the San Joaquin Valley air quality in summer 2008. The northern California's wildfires burned over 1.3 million acres, causing spikes in San Joaquin Valley's ozone and particulate matter air pollution levels. The District is working closely with federal land managers to minimize the air quality impacts of wildfires in the future. In addition, he reported on a joint meeting that was held with South Coast Board members, APCO's, District Board members and District staff. They were able to identify several key areas that can be addressed by the two districts working together.

Mr. Sadredin reported on the Special Valleywide City Selection Committee meeting held on January 29, 2009. He stated that the City Members adopted the process for making appointments to the Governing Board. He reported there was great interest in serving on the Governing Board and they will adopt a rotation schedule at their next meeting. He stated due to the various steps

in the Board Member selection process, the vacant City seats may not be filled until last summer 2009 at the earliest.

7. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP – Kevin Hamilton, At-large Representative gave the update. He stated that several issues have yet to be discussed because the group has not yet completed their goal discussions. They now have a set of rules and by-laws that have been approved. The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. He also thanked the District for providing bilingual staff during the meetings to better serve the community.

8. HEALTH UPDATE: ASSESSMENT OF THE HALL ET AL. REPORT: "THE BENEFITS OF MEETING FEDERAL CLEAN AIR STANDARDS IN THE SOUTH COAST AND SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASINS" CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON AND SONOMA TECHNOLOGIES, INC., NOVEMBER 2008 – David Lighthall, Health Advisor, gave an extensive presentation to the Committee 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. The report noted that attainment will eliminate 800 premature deaths in the Valley. The CAC discussed the component of factors that were considered in this study. Mr. Lighthall stated information is based on current studies and geography. Mr. Hamilton stated the study is well written and encouraged the CAC to read the entire study which fully outlines the compounding factors that have been discussed.

Public Comment: The following person provided testimony on this item:
 - Laura Fultz-Stout, Coalition for Clean Air

9. The District's Economic Assistance Initiative – Mr. Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO reported on the item that was taken to the Board last month relating to what the District might be able to do for businesses to offer a measure of relief for the tough economic situation. He stated the Economic Assistance Initiative is an extension of the District's commitment to customer service in light of the difficult economic circumstances that we are currently facing globally. He reported staff has looked into ways to help entities regulated by the District without sacrificing public health. He encouraged the CAC members to get the word out to businesses that may be able to take advantage of the economic assistance measures that were presented. CAC members commended the District for the initiative.
Sarah Sharpe left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

10. UPDATE ON AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL WOOD BURNING RESTRICTIONS - *THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT CAC MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2009..*

11. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT – George Heinen, Planning Manager gave the presentation. He stated the District will present Rule 4566 for board action to authorize the \$30,000 to help pay for studies to determine emissions for various controls through management practices. Rule 4902 (Residential Water Heaters), which requires new and replaced water heaters to meet lower NOx limits will also be presented for adoption. The new limits apply to newer replacement units only, do not require change out of existing equipment, and are enforced at point of sales. In addition, he reported staff will conduct upcoming workshops for amendments to Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities), and Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling). He also reported in April, staff will hold workshops in Rule 4308 (Small Boilers), Rule 4695 (Wine and Brandy Aging), and Rule 4901 (Employer Based Trip Reduction Programs). Workshops will be held in May for Rule 4612 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coatings Operations – Phase II). He noted all dates and information for Rule workshops are posted on the District Website.

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer gave the presentation. She reported the Lawn Mower Program begins in April and will be presented before the Board in March along with the outlines for the Healthy Air Living spring and summer program activities. She noted the District had a great wood burning season and has received acknowledgment from the public, thanking the District for their hard work. Mr. Jones asked about the Fireplace Replacement Program. Ms. Holt stated almost all of the 161 units have been sold out. About one-third of the money went to low income units, which was divided by the population in each county. Counties with fewer people were allocated fewer dollars. The District feels the money was distributed evenly based on population. She also noted that at the last Board meeting in February, the Board approved the District's Flag Program incentives and the Middle and High School Curriculum Program.

13. ARB COMMENTS – PRESENTED BY ARB REPRESENTATIVE – Jeff Lindberg, ARB Liaison, gave an update on the ARB Board meeting. He stated ARB Staff recommended several areas for non-attainment including: entire eastern Kern County (with a carve-out for the Indian Wells Community), two remote, high-elevation sites: the Tuscan Buttes in Shasta County and the Pinnacles National Monument in San Benito County, and three rural areas, eastern San Luis Obispo County, southern Inyo County and San Bernadino County. He reported these areas were submitted to EPA on March 12th and EPA is required to make a final designation of areas by March, 2010. He reported State implementation plans for all non-attainment areas will be due in 2013.

14. MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2009 – Dennis Tristao, Acting Chair, will comment on Dr. Lighthall's presentation and the Economic Initiative Measures at the Governing Board Meeting on March 19, 2009.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING - Dennis Tristao, Acting Chair, volunteered to present the report to the Governing Board at their next meeting on March 19, 2009.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.