

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, September 1, 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, 2700 M Street, Bakersfield and the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto. The CAC Meeting was webcast.*

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mary-Michal Rawling, Chair, 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
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG (P)	Central
Kern	Suzanne Noble/IAIC (A)	Southern
	Brent Green/CIA (P)	Southern
Kings	Riley E. Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Northern
Merced	Mary-Michal Rawling/EIG (P)	Central
	Tim Durham/CIA (P)	Central
	Dean Wilson/CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (A)	Northern
	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	Northern
Stanislaus	Richard Gibson/EIG (P)	Northern
	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)	Northern
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central
	Christine Foster/EIG (P)	Central
	Mike Santana/CIG (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; Scott Nestor, Director of Planning; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Jessie Fierro, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst II; 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) - Nannette Manzo,  
Senior Office Assistant

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2009 -The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS - The Chair, Mary-Michal Rawling, introduced Mike Santana, City of Farmersville, as a new member to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Santana stated he also serves on the League of California Cities as an alternate and he looks forward to serving on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS - Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, gave the presentation. He informed the committee the October Governing Board meeting has been postponed to November 5, 2009. He stated the Special City Selection Committee met on August 31, 2009 and four new Board members were appointed: David G. Ayers, City of Hanford (small city), Jesus Gamboa, City of Visalia (large city), Ann Johnston, City of Stockton (large city), and Randy Miller, City of Taft (small city). He informed the CAC of several items to be discussed at the September Board meeting. He stated the District will ask the Board to reauthorize and expand the District's Economic Assistance Initiative for another six months. This measure would provide some measure of relief without sacrificing environmental safeguards, allow the businesses more time to pay permit fees, use installment payments, and have late fees waived. He stated about 300 permittees have taken advantage of the initiative to date. He reported Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling) and Rule 4695 (Brandy Aging and Wine Aging) will be presented at the September 17, 2009 Governing Board. He also stated due to significant changes in the provisions of the previous proposed amendments to Rule 4692, the Board continued the adoption hearing to September and the Board concurred with staff's recommendation to establish a pilot Charbroiler Incentive Program (CHIP) to retrofit some under-fired charbroilers in order to evaluate the efficacy of emission control systems.

Mr. Sadredin asked the CAC committee, in partnership with the Asthma Coalitions and Lung Association, to give suggestions and input to help build on the existing Flag Program to establish better tools and guidance for

schools to deal more effectively with student activities. He also provided an update on the Healthy Air Living contest to give away a Chevy Malibu Hybrid and encouraged CAC members to go to their communities to promote pledges and participation. The winner will be announced at the November 5, 2009 Governing Board meeting. He reported the District has been in discussions with the Edison Water District to permit ARB to leave the air monitoring site for an additional year. This will allow for a replacement and under EPA requirements, provide EPA the time to run two sites simultaneously to assure they are compatible. Mr. Sadredin is scheduled to attend the Edison Water District's Board meeting on September 8, 2009 to pursue efforts to convince their Board to leave the air monitoring site at its current location.

Mr. Wilson asked if the Flag Program has guidelines for establishing air quality within counties. He gave an example that the schools in the west Los Banos area are so close to Pacheco Pass that they are affected by the Pacheco fires. Mr. Sadredin stated under the Flag Program's new policy, two situations will be addressed; 1) normal day to day air quality situations, and 2) the development of special guidelines and tools to deal with specific events such as fires within vicinities.

Mr. Tristao asked about three issues: 1) the non-attainment fee for major sources, 2) status of reclassification to extreme, and 3) the PM2.5 Plan. Mr. Sadredin stated the District's Rule 3170 was written to satisfy requirements as specified in the Federal Clean Air Act. EPA has acted on Rule 3170 with limited approval and disapproval. The 2008 PM2.5 Plan was approved by the Board in 2008, however EPA has not acted on it and based on information from EPA they do not have a timeline for action. EPA has proposed designation and the PM2.5 Plan is in review with EPA and is expected to be published in the Federal Register by the end of 2009.

7. DRAFT RULE 9410 (EMPLOYER BASED TRIP REDUCTION) - CAC INPUT AND HELP WITH OUTREACH TO EMPLOYERS - Scott Nester, Director of Planning, gave the presentation. He explained the proposed rule would require larger employers (100+ eligible employees) to establish employee trip reduction programs. These programs are designed to encourage employees to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, thus reducing pollutant emissions associated with work commutes. Some employees may be excluded from being counted for this Rule, such as: Part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees among others. He stated the ETRIP takes a menu-based approach, allowing employers to decide which menu options work best for their operations, employees, and existing programs. He reported the goal is to make ridesharing and alternative transportation more accessible to employees while not requiring employers to guarantee any certain number of participants. In addition, employers

would survey their employees about their commute modes during a survey week, semi-annually. He mentioned the results are for informational purposes, to help the employer and the District document the success of the rule in facilitating alternative transportation and ridesharing. He stated there is no target participation level associated with the survey results and employers will submit a brief annual report to the District providing the results of the surveys and a list of measures included in the ETRIP. He added Web reporting will be available.

He stated the District will be taking the Rule for adoption in December and information on rule workshops and Rule 9410 is available on the District's website at [tripreduction@valleyair.org](mailto:tripreduction@valleyair.org).

8. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) - Andre Booker, At-Large Representative, gave the report. He gave a summary of activities EJAG has been working on for the last several months. He stated EJAG has been working on creating a link on the District website for those interested in contacting EJAG about community concerns in their areas. He complimented the District staff and EJAG members for their extensive efforts in the development of the EJAG bylaws. He stated the committee appreciates District staff providing rule information and keeping them informed, however, they would like the District to include them in the thought process and developments of rules and projects. The next EJAG meeting is September 21, 2009.

Mr. Tristao congratulated Mr. Booker and the Home Garden Community for their efforts in successfully obtaining a grant for their area to improve transportation including safe routes to schools and improvement to sidewalks and bus stops.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) EVALUATION REPORT - Mr. Sadredin gave a brief synopsis of the formation and goals of the EJAG. Mr. Sadredin indicated that when the Board approved the formation of EJAG, it directed the APCO to prepare an evaluation report after the formation was completed. He stated the evaluation report should be based on the nine specific duties identified in the Environmental Justice Strategy Policy and that discussion be framed within what has been accomplished in terms of those duties as follows:

1. *The EJAG will advise the District in identifying opportunities for providing compliance assistance to businesses impacting ethnic and/or low-income communities.*
2. *The EJAG will advise the District in promoting community outreach efforts and in identifying opportunities and strategies for increasing*

- participation by ethnic and low-income communities in air-quality management.*
3. *The EJAG will advise the District in increasing meaningful community participation and capacity building.*
  4. *The EJAG will facilitate communication with all Valley residents focusing on ethnic and low-income communities.*
  5. *The EJAG will advise the District in implementing public education and outreach programs for community members.*
  6. *The EJAG shall compile and present an annual EJ strategic update to the CAC.*
  7. *The EJAG shall meet at least quarterly.*
  8. *The EJAG shall report monthly to the CAC.*
  9. *The EJAG will advise the District in the development of analytical tools and training protocols to aid the District in addressing the needs of the EJ communities.*

Mr. Sadredin stated EJAG and District staff will provide input to the evaluation report. In addition, EJAG has put together a sub-committee to report on the evaluation report and will submit their major accomplishments to Mr. Sadredin. To assist EJAG in building their record of accomplishments, Mr. Sadredin assigned several projects to EJAG which included asking them to educate the low-income communities about the District's Polluting Automobile Salvage and Scrap (PASS) Incentive Program and Rule 7070, Perchloroethylene (PERC) from Dry Cleaning Operations. Mr. Jones and Ms. Foster, who also serve as EJAG members, stated their committee's meetings had not been structured, however, are now focusing to achieve the mission and goals of the EJ strategy policy.

After much discussion, the CAC determined they were not prepared to give adequate input on the success or lack of success of the EJAG at this time. Ms. Rawling requested each CAC member to contact the EJAG members in their County and ask the following: 1) What do they think their accomplishments have been with the EJAG; 2) Procedurally, how can communication with the CAC be improved, and 3) If they think they have met the EJ goals outlined for them in the EJ Strategy Policy. She requested feedback be emailed to both her and Mr. Sadredin by next Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) BYLAWS

There was a motion made by Chris Savage and seconded by Dennis Tristao to table this item to October 6, 2009.

Ayes: Cunha, Noble, Horal, Durham, Savage, Williams, Deming, Smith, Rawling, Hoffdahl, Gibson, Foster, Dhaliwal, Green, Tristao, Wilson, Broughton, Santana

Nays: None

*Motion passes unanimously to table Agenda Item 10, Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Bylaws to October 6, 2009.*

Mr. Sadredin stated that he will complete the EJAG evaluation report and the recommended EJAG bylaws and present them at the same time to the CAC committee for consideration.

11. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT - George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, presented the report. In addition to the information in the CAC packet, he gave highlights on Rule 4308 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heater, rated 0.075 to <2.0 MMBtu/hr) and Rule 4103 (Open Burning).

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer gave a brief summary of District activities. She stated the District is accepting entries for the Healthy Air Living Chevy Malibu Hybrid contest. She also stated the District is sponsoring and promoting the Commute Green in the San Joaquin Challenge scheduled for September 14 to September 18. A similar program is scheduled in October called Commute Green in the San Joaquin Kids Edition. She concluded the District is anticipating the Check Before You Burn and winter PM season.

13. ARB COMMENTS - No Report

14. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009 - The Chair will report on the following items: 1) Discussion on Arvin Air monitoring site; 2) Rule 9410 (Employee Based Trip Reduction Programs); 3) CAC's comments on the evaluation report, which will be given to Mr. Sadredin on September 8, 2009; and 4) the CAC's motion to table the EJAG bylaws.

Mr. Savage will assist the Chair in providing direction to the EJAG on guidelines for addressing the next EJAG report.

15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT CAC REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. - Mary-Michal Rawling volunteered to give the report at the September 17, 2009 Governing Board Meeting.

Adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.