

Action Summary Minutes  
**San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room  
 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011**  
**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, Manuel Cunha, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call - was taken and a quorum was present to hold a meeting.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Manuel Cunha, Jr./IAIG (P)	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG (P)	Central
	Ryan Jacobson/IAIG (A)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (P)	Central
	Sarah Sharpe/EIG (A)	Central
Kern	Brent Green/CIG (P)	Southern
	Les Clark/IAIG (P)	Central
Kings	Riley Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
	Dennis Tristao (CIG)(P) *	Central
	Alene Taylor/EIG (A) ****	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P) **	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG(P)	Central
Merced	Richard Jantz/CIG (P)	Northern
	Tim Durham/IAIG (P)	Northern
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	Northern
	David Phippen/IAIG (A)	Northern
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG	Central
	Pamela Nerohna/EIG (A)	Northern
	Mike Van Winkle/CIG (P) ***	Northern
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central
	Christine Foster/EIG (P)	Central

\*Mr. Tristao arrived at 10:14 a.m.    \*\*Mr. Horal left at 11:32 a.m.  
 \*\*\*Mr. Van Winkle left at 11:37 a.m.    \*\*\*\*Ms. Taylor left at 12:10 p.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; George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer; Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Rich Burt, Network Systems Analyst; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards; Karen Meeker, Operations Support Supervisor; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer

Staff Present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Theresa Haywood, Senior Office Assistant

Staff Present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Amy Nakanishi, Senior Office Assistant; Nannette Manzo, Air Quality Field Assistant.

3. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2010 – Minutes approved with no changes.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Chair Comments – Mr. Cunha noted he arrived 12 minutes early. He also requested the Clerk reformat future Agendas to indicate which items require action and which are for informational purposes only.
6. Executive Director/APCO Comments – Mr. Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO gave an update on the District's accomplishments during 2010 and stated that the San Joaquin Valley recorded the cleanest summer and winter in Valley history. He indicated the District received \$3 million in new funding from the EPA as well as \$200,000 in additional funds from the American Recovery Act. He also stated that \$200,000 - \$400,000 in funding for administrative expenses were redirected to fund more projects. He indicated the District has allocated \$1.4 million for the next round of Technology Advancement Program (TAP) projects. With regard to the District's 2011 Legislative Platform, Mr. Sadredin requested members to provide him with any potential legislative items that they feel the District should be working on in the coming year.

The Chair extended his thanks to the APCO and District staff for their hard work throughout the year. He expressed his appreciation for the District's efforts in providing outreach to schools and working closely with EJAG, specifically with regard to the November Collaboration Workshop.

Public Comment: None.

7. Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Business
  - a. EJAG Highlights - Pamela Neronha, CAC and EJAG member representing Stanislaus County, gave a report on the December 14<sup>th</sup> EJAG meeting. She indicated a quorum was not present; therefore, action items on the agenda were tabled until the next meeting. She stated Deputy APCO, Rick McVaigh, recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to establish the 2011 Goals, Objectives and Action Plan for EJAG be added to the next meeting

agenda. Ms. Neronha stated Mr. Milo Sheldon, Program Manager of the Foundation for Community Colleges, gave a presentation on the Vehicle Repair, Retirement and Replacement for Motorists (VRRRM) program. She stated EJAG members are looking forward to providing an outreach plan for this program to EJ communities.

Ms. Neronha noted Mr. Marvin Dean, Ethnic Small Business Owner Representative, will hold a public meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield to introduce the goals and objectives of EJAG to the community in order to begin eliciting interest and comment from community members. She indicated Derek Williams, EJAG representative from Tulare County, is in the process of organizing an outreach agenda to community members in order to provide input to EJAG. Ms. Neronha stated Mr. Williams, as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding recommendations on the use of AB2522 DMV fees, requested that the District provide information regarding incentive programs for utilizing these fees. She stated a third Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of reviewing and offering recommendations regarding the development of EJAG maps for District use.

Public Comment: None.

- b. Review of Burning Trash Brochure – The Chairman requested this item be addressed at the end of today's Agenda.
- c. Appointment of CAC City Interest Group Representative on EJAG – Mr. Sadredin indicated there is a vacancy in the City Interest Group and requested the Committee to make an appointment. Mr. Williams suggested that the Chairman of that interest group retain a seat on EJAG until a replacement can be found. The Chair agreed and indicated an appointment would be made before the next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

- d. CAC Suggestions for EJAG's 2011 Goals and Objectives - Mr. Sadredin reminded the Committee that each year EJAG is directed by the Governing Board to come up with Goals and Objectives for the coming year. He explained EJAG is required to submit recommendations for their goals and objectives to the APCO for review and then, in consultation with CAC, the APCO is directed to finalize the EJAG Goals and Objectives. Mr. Sadredin explained this item was placed on the agenda to see if there are areas of interest that CAC would like to have EJAG work on in the coming year. With the Chairman's approval, Mr. Sadredin requested CAC members to submit recommendations on areas they feel EJAG should focus on in the coming year directly to the Clerk of the Boards.

Public Comment: None

8. Rules Under Development – Mr. George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, gave the presentation on current rules under development. He reported the Board approved a negative declaration for Rule 4681 (Rubber Tire Manufacturing) in November. He stated the Board received updates on Rule 4566 (Composting) and Rule 4702 (Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 2) in November and agreed to extend the adoption schedule from December 2010 to early 2011.

Mr. Heinen indicated the District is working on minor corrections to rules relating to sanctions; Rule 2020 (Exemptions), Rule 4605 (Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations) and Rule 4684 (Polyester Resin Operations). He stated the District intends to resolve these issues before sanctions are triggered in August, and indicated those changes should not have a tremendous impact on valley industries.

Public Comment: None

9. Approach for Addressing Upcoming Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards – Ms. Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, provided the Committee Members with an overview of the challenges the District faces in achieving the EPA's increasingly stringent standards. Ms. Fierro explained the EPA's process for setting ozone standards and the sanctions that can be applied if an area fails to submit an approvable plan on time or fails to implement an approved plan. She also reviewed the EPA standards and schedules for PM2.5 and Ozone from 1997 forward, and explained how the standards can overlap. She also provided an overview of how the new PM2.5 and 8-hour Ozone Standards will impact the Valley and pose significant challenges, which requires the District to change the way the standards are addressed and look at new ways to tackle these problems.

Mr. Sadredin described how the District is proposing a risk-based strategy that can provide significant public health benefits, and how the District will focus on the reducing the harmful components that pose the biggest health impact in an effort to progress toward the new federal standards.

The Chairman requested copies of the presentation as well as the District comment letter that was submitted to the EPA be sent to members of both the CAC and EJAG.

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

- Elizabeth Jonasson, Coalition for Clean Air

10. Verbal Report from California Air Resources Board (ARB) – Mr. Jeff Lindberg, Air Resources Board (ARB) Representative presented this item. He stated with regard to the Truck, Bus and Off-Road Equipment regulations, ARB recognized the challenges the economic downturn has presented to those industries as well as the emissions benefit that the economic downturn has had on those

industries. As a result, ARB adopted changes that would effectively reduce the cost of compliance for those regulations as well as delay some of the milestones associated with those regulations.

He reported ARB also adopted a Cap & Trade regulation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from approximately 600 of the State's largest greenhouse gas emitters, which represents about 80% of the greenhouse gas emissions in California. He explained the Cap & Trade regulation is the cornerstone of ARB's efforts to comply with AB32.

Mr. Lindberg stated the allowances will initially be provided free of cost to a large degree. He explained ARB will hold a quarterly auction where allowances can be purchased, or they can be purchased from other entities that aren't using as much, possibly at a lower price. He stated the program's ultimate goal is to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2020, compared to the current level, which is equivalent to getting the State to its 1990 target under AB32.

Public Comment: None

11. Appointment of CAC Members to the Economic Analysis Advisory Group – Mr. Sadredin explained this item was on the agenda at the last meeting and that the Board had expressed a desire to have a group of stakeholders look at the District's analyses prepared in support of District regulations to make sure the quality of data is the best it can be. He stated the District is putting together a work group to look at this and requested volunteers from the CAC. The following members agreed to serve on the aforementioned work group: Chairman Manual Cunha, Kevin Hamilton, Dennis Tristao, Derek Williams, Pamela Neronha and Lee Smith.

Public Comment: None

12. Outreach and Communication Report – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer gave a report on various District outreach efforts. Ms. Holt indicated the 2011 Bilingual Kids' Calendar is now available and encouraged members to take a supply for distribution. She estimated 20,000 calendars are distributed throughout the Valley on an annual basis, focusing mainly on libraries and other public buildings. The Chairman suggested District staff reach out to the children's hospitals throughout the Valley as another option for distributing the calendars.

Ms. Holt explained that the District recently opened up the eligibility requirements and extended the deadline for the agricultural tractor grant program to January 31, 2011, and is currently accepting applications. Ms. Holt indicated specific details of the program are available on the District's website.

She stated the District will be putting together a series of events for the Vehicle Repair, Retirement, Replacement for Motorists program (VRRRM). Ms. Holt explained the program basically helps people get their car repaired and the first

event is planned for January 22, 2011 in Stockton. Participants attending this event will get a smog test and if that fails, they will have the opportunity to get a \$500 voucher towards repair. She explained in order to participate in this program, vehicles must be 1995 or older and the individual must have had the vehicle registered for at least the past six months. Ms. Holt explained the District is partnering with Valley CAM and with one of the State Community College Districts on this program.

Ms. Holt stated the District's Check Before You Burn Program is currently in full swing.

Public Comment: None.

- 7b. Review of Burning Trash Brochure – Members reviewed a photocopy of EJAG's Burning Trash Brochure and provided their comments to District staff. Members were concerned about the size and color of the font used for the word illegal and requested that the font used on the front of the brochure be the same size and color. It was noted that the translation on the Spanish version has an error. District staff indicated the translation would be verified.

Public Comment: None.

13. Member Comments and Suggestions to be Included in the Presentation of the CAC Report During the Governing Board Meeting on January 20, 2011 – No comments or suggestions were presented by Board members.
14. Volunteer to Present Report During Governing Board Meeting – Mr. Cunha, volunteered to present the report at the January 20, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled on February 1, 2011. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.