

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

January 3, 2012

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, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call - was taken and a quorum was present to hold a meeting. A quorum for voting was not formed. Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO reported due to technical difficulties the Northern Region did not have visual capabilities, however committee members could hear and interact verbally.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
	Ryan Jacobsen/IAIG (A)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (A)*	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG(P)	Central
Kern	Carolyn Temple/EIG (P)	South
	Les Clark/IAIG (P)	South
Kings	Riley E. Jones/IAIG (P)**	Central
	Kelly Deming/EIG(P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
Merced	Tim Durham/IAIG (P)	Central
Stanislaus	Richard Gibson/EIG (P)	North
	Chris Savage/IAIG(P)	North
	David Geer/CIG (A)	North
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central
	Ed Needham/IAIG (A)	Central

**Mr. Hamilton arrived at 10:05 a.m.

*Mr. Jones arrived at 10:22 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; Cathy Blevins, Network Systems Analyst; Brandon Swedblom, Network Systems Analyst; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Jessica Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist ; Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Director; Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Dave Warner, Permit Services Director; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

Staff Present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Karen Morris, Office Services Manager

Staff Present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) –Nannette Diaz, Senior Office Assistant

3. Approve Minutes of December 6, 2011– Due to a quorum not present; approval of CAC minutes was tabled until a quorum could be met.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Chair Comments – Mr. Dhaliwal requested a small biography of each CAC primary members be included on the District's website. He said Michelle Franco, Clerk of the Boards will contact each member for information during the next few months.
6. Executive Director/APCO Comments – Mr. Sadredin reported on the District's press release titled, *Exceptional Climate Conditions Lead to Historic Poor Air Quality Throughout the State*, which explained the weather pattern being experienced is called *La Nina* which has a negative impact on air quality including a very dry winter and the formation of low inversion layer throughout the Valley. He said he wanted to bring this to the attention of CAC members so they can communicate the information to their respective communities due to the number of unhealthy days already experienced.

Mr. Sadredin reported he attended a multi-air district meeting where it was agreed to work together legislatively to extend Carl Moyer Program funding, form a joint committee that will meet on a quarterly basis to support joint projects including research, and other items that he will update the committee on as they come to fruition. He requested that any other ideas for discussion at multi-district meetings be forwarded to him.

Mr. Sadredin reported the Governing Board approved 12 projects for the Technology Advancement Program totalling approximately \$3 million. These projects are aimed at advancing clean air.

Mr. Sadredin reported there are five new Governing Board members recently appointed with four of those taking office in January. He explained the Board member appointed by Governor Brown, Dr. Alexander Sherriffs began his term in November. He stated the other new Governing Board members are: Mr. Harold Hanson, City of Bakersfield; Mr. Skip Barwick, City of Tulare; Mr. Oliver Baines, City of Fresno; and, Ms. Sally Bompreszi, City of Madera.

Mr. Sadredin reported the ARB approved a new Truck Re-Use Program that will allow newer trucks that are replaced with public funding to be reused to replaced even older truck in the Valley. He stated the program should make available trucks that are 2003 and newer to replace trucks that may be 20 - 30 years old and not subject to ARB regulations. The trucks will already have particulate filters. He explained there will be local funds available to eliminate pocket expenses to the recipients of the trucks.

Mr. Cunha thanked Mr. Sadredin and District staff for the Truck Re-Use Program. Mr. Hamilton congratulated Mr. Sadredin and his District staff for their undertaking necessary for the Truck Re-Use Program. He asked about the new colors for the RAAN website. Mr. Sadredin explained the RAAN program previously utilized colors to identify hourly air quality levels. He explained there were several issues that arose including confusion with the daily air quality forecast.

7. Rules Under Development – Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, reported the Governing Board adopted the four rules in December: Rule 4402 (Crude Oil Production Sumps), Rule 4625 (Wastewater Separators), Rule 4352 (Solid Fuel Fired boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters, and Rule 4682 (Polystyrene Foam, Polyethylene, and Polypropylene Manufacturing). He explained other projects for 2012 include amendments to Rule 1020 (Definitions) that would add dimethyl carbonate and propylene carbonate to the list of exempt compounds because EPA has designated these materials as compounds with very low ozone-forming potential. Mr. Villegas reported District staff is working on the 2012 PM2.5 Plan which will demonstrate how the Valley will expeditiously attain the federal PM2.5 standard adopted in 2006. He explained the challenging standard is expected to require additional regulatory control measure commitments as well as creative use of incentive funding and policy initiatives to achieve more emissions reductions. He stated both sound science and the District's Risk-based Strategy will be integrated with every state of analysis for this plan. Mr. Villegas explained the 2012 PM2.5 Plan must be submitted through ARB to EPA by December 14, 2012.

Mr. Smith requested the status of the PSD rule. Mr. Sadredin stated a response from EPA is expected anytime.

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

- Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Co.

8. Verbal Report from California Air Resources Board (ARB) – Patricia Velasco, Air Resources Board (ARB) representative, reported the Board adopted proposed amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulation including improving how the regulation accounts for the carbon intensity of crude oil. She reported the Board approved \$100 million funding for the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program which includes the Truck Re-use program.

Public Comment: None

9. Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) –
- a. **Verbal Report on EJAG Activities:** Melissa Kelly-Ortega, EJAG Chair reported a special presentation by Jonathon London of U.C. Davis on Valley environmental justice issues will be scheduled for members of both CAC and EJAG. She stated the EJAG Grants Subcommittee is working to develop recommendations regarding the use of incentive funding to reduce emissions in environmental justice areas. Ms. Kelly-Ortega reported the EJAG committee reviewed and provided comments on the District's Check Before You Burn brochure to ensure that the literature is reader-friendly. She reported future EJAG meetings will now be held on the fourth Thursday of the month.
 - b. **Appointment to the CAC-Industry/Ag Interest Group EJAG seat:** This item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Public Comment: None

10. District's Technology Advancement Program – Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Director, explained that despite major reductions in emissions and improvement in air quality, the Valley continues to face difficult challenges in meeting federal air quality standards. He explained the District's Technology Advancement Program (TAP) was developed in 2010 to advance technology and accelerate deployment of innovative clean-air technologies. Mr. Sheikh stated the Board approved \$2,947,694 in funding new projects for the TAP. He explained the approved projects will

demonstrate innovative new emissions control techniques for trucks, locomotives, agricultural equipment, and industrial boilers. Mr. Sheikh noted the Board also authorized an additional \$3 million for technology advancement funding in 2012.

Public Comment: None

11. Consider Position on Proposed Rule Amendment to Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking) – Dave Warner, Director of Permit Services presented this item which proposed amendments that would expand the District's current emission reduction banking rule to provide an administrative mechanism for verifying and banking credits from voluntary greenhouse gas reductions that occur within District boundaries. He explained the greenhouse banking program would encourage local reductions in emissions and provide added health benefits since most projects would also reduce criteria and toxic pollutants here in the Valley. Mr. Warner reviewed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Mr. Warner noted this rule does not mandate anything, this rule provides an opportunity for businesses and municipalities to receive recognition for their own voluntary efforts of reducing greenhouse gasses.

Mr. Cunha recommended this rule be moved forward to the Governing Board with the consensus of the CAC members but with questions the staff will continually work and keep CAC informed of updates.

Public Comment: None

No formal action was taken on this matter due to lack of quorum with the City Interest Group. There was a consensus among CAC members present from all three interest groups to support the adoption of Proposed Rule Amendment to Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking) by the Governing Board.

12. Consider Recommendations by CAC Subcommittee for Hearing Board Appointments – Mr. Cunha reported there was unanimous support to recommend the Hearing Board Appointments: Dr. Dean Haddock for the Southern Region primary medical position, Elizabeth Jonasson as an alternate to the Central Region public position, and Andrew Robertson as an alternate to the Central Region professional engineer position.

No formal action was taken on this matter due to lack of quorum with the City Interest Group. There were no oppositions and there was a consensus to support the recommendations by CAC Subcommittee for Hearing Board Appointments to the Governing Board.

Public Comment: None

13. Outreach and Communications Report – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer reported the RAAN website has been updated and the Healthy Air Living Kids calendars are available.

Mr. Hamilton asked if Hmong calendars are available. Ms. Holt stated the Hmong calendars were not being distributed so there was not an impact on outreach to the community.

Public Comment: None

14. CAC Member Comments and Suggestions to be Included in the Presentation of the CAC Report During the Governing Board Meeting on January 19, 2012 – Mr. Cunha recommended a RAAN program presentation be included in the February CAC meeting.
15. Volunteer to Present Report During Governing Board Meeting – Mr. Dhaliwal volunteered to present the report during the Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled on February 7, 2012. 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.