

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

April 2, 2013
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 Vice Chair, Dennis Tristao, called the meeting to order at 10:01 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	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (A)**	Central
	Ryan Jacobsen/IAIG (A)	Central
Kern	Carolyn Temple/EIG (P)	South
	Nicholas Ortiz/IAIG (A)*	South
	Brent Green/CIG (P)	South
Kings	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
	Riley E. Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	North
	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
Merced	Tim Durham/IAIG (P)	Central
	Mary-Michal Rawling/EIG (P)	North
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	North
	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (P)	North
Stanislaus	Chris Vierra/CIG (P)	North
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central

*Mr. Ortiz arrived at 10:23 a.m.

**Mr. Hamilton arrived at 10:34 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 Officer/APCO; Alex Krivobok, Network Systems Analyst; Michelle Franco; Deputy Clerk of the Boards; Samir Sheikh, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Jaime Holt, Chief Communication Officer, Morgan Lambert, Director of Compliance, Heather Heinks, Supervising Education Representative, Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist,

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

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

3. Approve Minutes of February 5, 2013 and March 5, 2013 –Mr. Tristao requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Williams
Seconded: Jacobsen
Ayes: Jacobsen, Jones, Horal, Durham, Hoffdahl, Williams, Temple, Smith, Rawling, Green, Tristao, Broughton, Vierra
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve minutes of February 5, 2013 and March 5, 2013 with minor edits to ARB comments.

4. Public Comments – None
5. Chair Comments – None
6. Executive Director/APCO Comments – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO updated the items discussed at the previous Governing Board meeting and briefly reviewed the items to be presented to the Governing Board at their next meeting on April 18, 2013. He reported Catherine Redmond, District Counsel, is resigning to move out of the area and a recruitment will open soon. Mr. Sadredin added a public hearing will take place April 2nd in Taft on a proposed hydrogen power plant. Mr. Sadredin also detailed the agenda items for the Governing Board Study Session on May 2 and May 3, 2013 at Bass Lake.

Mr. Tristao asked if a notice was distributed to CAC members regarding the Study Session. Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards, responded notices are forthcoming. Mr. Tristao encouraged CAC members to attend.

Mr. Jones commented on an article in the Wall Street Journal regarding fracking. Mr. Sadredin noted there will be a detailed presentation at the Study Session.

Public Comments: None

7. Rule Updates – Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, reviewed the upcoming projects including new Rule 9610 (SIP – Creditability of Incentives) for which there will be a workshop tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2013. She also reviewed Proposed Amendments for Rules 4621 and 4622 (Gasoline Dispensing Facilities), Rule 4308 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters 0.075 to <2 MMBtu/hr) and Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fire Places and Wood Burning Heaters). Mr. Fierro briefly discussed Rule 4692 (Charbroiling) and noted the 2013 1-hour Ozone Plan has a tentative workshop on April 16, 2013.

Ms. Rawling requested the time for the workshop on Rule 9610 (SIP – Creditability of Incentives). Ms. Fierro responded the workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Williams requested clarification on the amendments to Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fire Places and Wood Burning Heaters). Ms. Fierro explained the proposed amendments would include lowering the threshold level for calling wood-burning curtailments, analyzing the best options for allowing the use of the cleanest certified wood burning devices at specified curtailment levels and consider other issues and improvements related to this rule.

Public Comment: None

8. Verbal Report from California Air Resources Board (ARB)
 - a. ARB Board Meeting Summary – Karen Magliano, Air Resources Board representative, discussed an improved mechanism for providing the CAC with information on ongoing ARB activities. She explained the Update document that was provided to CAC members includes a summary of the previous ARB meeting and upcoming workshops and trainings that may be of interest. She encouraged CAC members to request information on topics of interest.

Mr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Magliano for her efforts in assisting to obtain information from ARB. Mr. Sadredin commented James Goldstein, Former Executive Officer for ARB, has been appointed to another post by the Governor. He added Richard Corey has been named the interim Executive Officer.

Patricia Velasco, ARB representative, added the Update document provided includes web links for further information and staff presentations on the topics discussed therein. She stated the names and contact information of the lead staff person for the respective topics. Ms. Velasco briefly reviewed the topics discussed in the ARB Update. She stated she is able to forward workshops and trainings announcements not listed on the Update as they become available.

Mr. Hamilton asked if information regarding the ARB's Truck Loan Assistance Program was available at District offices. Ms. Velasco recommended the webpage for information. Mr. Sadredin stated the District offices do have information available but the persons do need to apply for the program through ARB. Mr. Hamilton suggested ARB application processes be coordinated with District staff.

Mr. Williams requested an update on the Cleair filters issue. Ms. Magliano explained there is information available on the ARB website and will forward to CAC members.

Mr. Tristao asked if there was an update on the scoping plan development for AB32. Ms. Velasco explained staff is currently developing the plan. She added the ARB Environmental Justice Advisory Group will provide comments on the development plan. Mr. Sadredin explained there will be workshops coordinated for comments. He added District staff has been involved to assist with the structure.

Public Comment: None

9. Reducing Vehicle Idling at Schools – Ms. Fierro gave the presentation for this item. She explained vehicle idling at Valley schools is a significant problem contributing to 1-hour ozone violations in the peak ozone season at the beginning and end of school years and exposing Valley children to high levels of air pollution from vehicle exhaust throughout the school year. She added that since October of last year, the District has recruited 267 Valley schools to participate in a voluntary school outreach program. Ms. Fierro reviewed the current anti-idling outreach program, possible non-regulatory and regulatory approaches for reducing idling at schools.

Mr. Sadredin requested CAC input on the topic.

Mr. Vierra commented the city of Ceres is having similar issues with vehicle idling at schools from the perspective of unsafe conditions with entrances and exits at schools. He recommended the timeframe for regulations should not be for a specific period of time, it should be year-round basis. He added

strict enforcement of regulations, however unpopular, will be required for results.

Mr. Broughton stated a key component of reducing idling will be educating the drivers of the vehicles.

Mr. Durham commented information should be forwarded to parents regarding the primary funding for ozone exceedences are obtained through DMV fees.

Mr. Jones echoed Mr. Broughton's comment regarding education of the parents is the key to the issue. He added regulation towards parents would not provide successful results. He suggested regulating diesel school busses that idle while waiting for school children.

Mr. Williams suggested developing incentive programs for schools who address the issue. He gave the examples of schools providing more shade in parking areas and change in design of pick up and drop off areas for future schools. He expressed opposition to regulations towards parents.

Mr. Hamilton asked if there were specific monitors that noted violations. Mr. Sadredin explained ozone is a regional pollutant so while the exceedences may be noted at a particular monitor location the ozone pollutant is not necessarily excessively high in that location. He added monitors in Fresno have been noted as having violations. Mr. Hamilton suggested a button encouraging not idling be worn by school employees monitoring the parking areas. He also suggested providing informational materials to persons in idling vehicles at schools.

Mr. Tristao stated he supports incentive based outreach for possible safer routes to schools. He noted information regarding the interrelationship between the exceedences and the rest of the Valley.

Mr. Sadredin summarized the CAC consensus as support for evaluating and pursuing options for reducing idling, including working with school districts and planning agencies to reduce traffic, incentive programs promoting safe routes to schools, surveys to identify best current practices and new outreach campaigns for students and parents.

Mr. Tristao expressed concern with regulatory obligations imposed on school districts.

Mr. Smith asked what authority the District possesses to regulate idling vehicles. Mr. Sadredin explained the District has the authority to regulate the use of vehicles.

Mr. Hamilton commented the primary message to persons idling their vehicle in school areas is there is a health issue with idling. Mr. Sadredin noted the process of how the District arrives to the final approach to the issue of idling vehicles. He added any regulations that are proposed need to go through a public comment period and should involve school districts.

Mr. Horal asked if there was data available on emissions emitted from school districts compared to fast food restaurants and gas stations. Mr. Sadredin stated information will be forwarded to CAC members.

Mr. Williams suggested possible solutions as the summer vacation for schools be extended or the school year be shifted. Mr. Sadredin commented District staff has approached these ideas and discovered school schedules will be difficult due to regulations and funding the schools obtain.

Mr. Geer asked if there is data on the information schools distribute to parents regarding vehicle idling. Mr. Sadredin stated a survey to determine this information has not been performed but it is a good suggestion.

Mr. Durham asked if class utilization rates at colleges have been researched. He gave the example college students typically are in class earlier in the day and as such their idling vehicle emissions may have gone unmonitored due an earlier departure time.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Jones left at 11:13 a.m.

Ms. Rawling left at 11:13 a.m.

Mr. Ortiz left at 11:26 a.m.

10. Final Presentation of the District's Annual Report to the Community – Mr. Sadredin reported the Annual Report to the Community has been approved by the Governing Board. He encouraged the CAC to obtain and distribute to constituents. Mr. Sadredin explained the Report describes the District's recent efforts, progress and remaining challenges in a clear and illustrative manner for the general public.

Ms. Temple expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts in creating the report.

Public Comments: None

11. Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Business –

- a. *Verbal Report on EJAG Activities for February* – Derek Williams, Tulare County At-Large Representative briefly reviewed the highlights of the EJAG meeting. He reported there was a strong attendance at the last meeting and there are vacancies to fill. Mr. Williams stated there were presentations on the Rule Updates by Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, ARBs Adaptive Management by Dave Warner, Director of Permit Services. He added there was a review of bylaws for EJAG specifically regarding the attendance of members. Mr. Williams stated there was discussion regarding a future CAC/EJAG collaboration meeting.

Mr. Hamilton suggested Mr. Williams resign from the At-Large position and serve as the CAC/Industry Agriculture Interest Group representative. He thanked Mr. Jones for his service on EJAG.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Hoffdahl left at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Vierra left at 12:05 p.m.

12. Outreach and Communications Report – Heather Heinks, Supervising Education Representative, reported staff has events for Earth Day. She added there will be a Bike to Work day in the month of May. Ms. Heinks stated in addition to potentially exploring new avenues with social media staff is also infuse the regular District messaging.

Public Comment: None

13. CAC Member Comments; CAC Member Suggestions To Be Included In The Presentation Of The CAC Report During The Governing Board Meeting on April 18, 2013 – Mr. Green commented a CDC report showed a 850% increase in Valley Fever over the last decade. He noted as a public health agency there may practices that may contribute to the issue and perhaps there should be a study performed. Mr. Sadredin explained this topic was an agenda item on the Governing Board's Study Session in 2012. He recommended placing the item as an agenda topic for the next CAC meeting.
14. Volunteer to Present Report During Governing Board Meeting – Mr. Tristao volunteered to present the report during the Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled on May 7, 2013. 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.