

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

**August 6 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 Chair, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
	Sarah Sharpe/EIG (A)	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG (P)	Central
Kern	Les Clark/IAIG (P)*	South
Kings	Riley Jones/IAIG (P)	Central
	Alene Taylor/EIG (A)	Central
	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
Madera	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	North
	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen/CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	North
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)**	North
	Chris Vierra/CIG (P)	North
	David Geer/CIG (A)	North
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central

*\*Mr. Clark arrived at 10:20 a.m.*

*\*\*Mr. Savage arrived at 10:20 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; Alex Krivobok, Network Systems Analyst; Michelle Franco; Deputy Clerk of the Boards; Samir Sheikh, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Aaron Tarango, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Chelsea Gonzales, Air Quality Specialist

Staff Present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Ann Marie Collins, Office Services Manager

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

3. Approve Minutes of June 4, 2013 – The Minutes were approved with proposed wording changes, as follows: “ Mr. Hamilton announced that he has joined the Global Warming EJAC (Environmental Justice Advisory Committee). Ms. Velasco mentioned that the EJAC has been reconvened to advise the Board on the Scoping Plan update.

Public Comment: None

4. Public Comments – None
5. Chair Comments – None
6. Executive Director/APCO Comments – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Officer/APCO, reported the Valley is nearing the end of the ozone season and has not had a violation of the 1-Hour Ozone standard which may lead to the Valley reaching attainment. An EPA finding of attainment of this standard could ultimately eliminate the \$30 million per year federal penalty and return local control over DMV fees to the Valley.

Mr. Sadredin reported SB11 and AB8 that would reauthorize Carl Moyer funding and the AB923 funding, which is used to fund clean air emissions reductions throughout the state have passed through their house of origina in the state legislature. If these bills pass the legislature with two-thirds votes by September 13<sup>th</sup>, they will go to the Governor's office for his signature. Mr. Sadredin asked that the grand coalition, made of up representatives from industry, environmental, and governmental areas, continue the good work on these bills and see them to the finish line.

Mr. Sadredin reported on an effort by Cal EPA to form an Environmental Justice Enforcement Working Group that would include members from each

of Cal EPA's constituent agencies. Cal EPA has identified an area of south and Central Fresno as the first enforcement target area of the workgroup, and has invited District staff to participate in the enforcement effort. Mr. Sadredin indicated that he has placed the issue on the August Governing Board agenda and has asked Cal EPA to present the workgroup proposal at that meeting. One reason the District may want to participate is to avoid redundancy (e.g. businesses being repeatedly inspected by different agencies). The District is also concerned with the lack of transparency with this effort so far.

Mr. Sadredin reported EPA is currently developing an implementation rule for the 8-Hour Ozone standard. He noted the District is preparing a comment letter and encouraged CAC members to consider supporting the District's comments. Mr. Sadredin reported he has been meeting with EPA representatives to promote the District's Health Risk Reduction Strategy and proposed ways to streamline implementation of the Clean Air Act. He stated that the District was gratified with EPA actions for the Valley and including a number of District recommendations in the proposed rule.

Mr. Sadredin reported the Governing Board approved an outreach program to engage schools, parents and children to reduce vehicle idling in June.

Mr. Sadredin reported the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is the state agency that establishes the methodology for calculating risk of air pollutants. He added they are in the process of releasing a new methodology that can have a huge impact on how risk is calculated. He stated that an item regarding the potential impact of the new methodology will be presented to the Board in September 2013.

Mr. Dhaliwal commended the District for clean air efforts. Mr. Sadredin noted that the real credit goes to businesses for their great sacrifice and investment and to the members of the public for their participation and support.

Mr. Smith asked if CAC members are able to become involved in the development of changes to the OEHHA assessment methodology. Mr. Sadredin encouraged CAC members to become involved when OEHAA releases their document publicly later this year.

Mr. Cunha expressed concerns about the Cal EPA EJ Working Group and asked who the members of the Working Group are. He requested a presentation be made to the CAC in September by the head of EPA Environmental Justice Enforcement Working Group.

Mr. Dhaliwal asked if there was information regarding the members of the Working Group. Mr. Sadredin explained the Working Group consists of ARB

and other constituent agencies including the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Cal Recycle, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and ARB.

Mr. Williams asked if the District Environmental Justice Advisory Group should request a presentation from Cal EPA. Mr. Sadredin noted a representative from Cal EPA is expected to make a presentation to the Governing Board at the August 15, 2013 meeting. He encouraged members of the CAC and EJAG to attend.

Mr. Cunha expressed concern regarding not having specific information as to the process of Cal EPA's EJ Working Group's focus.

Mr. Sadredin announced two resignations from the CAC; Mary-Michal Rawling, Primary member for Merced County Environmental Interest Group and Christine Foster, Primary member for Tulare County Environmental Interest Group. He added plaques will be presented to them at the next CAC meeting.

Public Comment: None

7. Rule Updates – Jessi Fierro, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, updated the CAC on upcoming rule actions. She reported New Rule 9610 (SIP-Creditability of Incentives) was approved by the Governing Board at the June 20, 2013 meeting. She reviewed the amendments and informed the CAC on upcoming workshops for the Rules listed on the Summary. Ms. Fierro noted Rule 4308 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters 0.075 to <2 MMBtu/hr) will be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Comment: None

8. Verbal Report from California Air Resources Board (ARB)
  - a. ARB Board Meeting Summary – Elizabeth Melgoza, ARB representative, reported the Air Resources Board approved the amendments to certification and test procedures for vapory recovery equipment used on cargo tanks and at gasoline dispensing facilities. She added the Board also approved a proposal for controlling evaporating emissions from off-highway recreational vehicles. Ms. Melgoza reported the Board also approved the proposed air quality improvement program funding plan for fiscal year 2013-2014. She added the Board also approved a list of grant awards for local agency projects based on funds received for the Spring 2013 Prop 1B Bond Sale. She

noted the Valley will receive \$29.5 million to use towards cleaning up the diesel trucks in the Valley.

Mr. Cunha asked Ms. Melgoza to coordinate a presentation in September from EPA staff capable of answering questions regarding the EPA Environmental Justice Enforcement Working Group. Ms. Melgoza recommended the CAC submit a formal written request to EPA directly. Mr. Cunha requested the Chair with assistance from the District to forward a formal written request for a presentation from EPA EJ Working Group. Mr. Sadredin noted the District will draft a letter for the Chair's signature.

Public Comment: None

9. Update on Development of Draft Rule 4308 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – 0.075 MMBtu/hr to Less Than 2.0 MMBtu/hr) – Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist, explained the rule is the District's point of sale rule for boilers, steam generators and process heaters with a rated heat input in the range of 0.075 to less than 2.0 MMBtu per hour. Ms. Myers reported the draft amendments will strengthen the rule by lowering the emissions limits for new instantaneous water heaters to reflect current available technology, and clarify the rule by adding an exemption for hot water pressure washers.

Mr. Clark requested information regarding the cost of the units. Ms. Myers explained staff is in the process of a cost effectiveness analysis.

Public Comment: None

10. Targeted Outreach Campaign for Small Truck Fleet Incentive Funding – Mr. Sadredin announced a new initiative by the District to assist small fleet operators reduce their truck emissions and comply with the ARB truck rule. Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, described the significant issues with small fleets coming into compliance with the statewide truck and bus regulation. He presented the District's proposal of providing up to \$7 million in funding for truck replacements. Mr. DeYoung added a provision for targeted outreach aimed at single truck owner/operators to ensure information of funding availability is reaching them. He noted the initiative will be presented at the August Governing Board meeting.

Ms. Taylor asked if outreach signs could be placed on a diesel pump dispensing units. Mr. Sadredin explained due to overwhelming information placed on the units, additional signage may not be beneficial.

Mr. Tristao expressed concern of owner/operators not having knowledge of the regulation. He suggested coordinating efforts with farm bureaus.

Mr. Williams requested clarification on the number of owner/operators in the District. Mr. DeYoung explained the most recent estimates of single owner/operator trucks are 15,000 within the District. Mr. Williams suggested coordinating efforts with the Department of Motor Vehicles to include information when renewing registration. Mr. Sadredin stated he met with ARB representatives and attention is being brought to the issue.

Mr. Jones requested the definition of a heavy duty truck. Mr. DeYoung explained the gross vehicle weight (GVWR) determines the designation and reviewed the classes of trucks and the GVWR.

Mr. Cunha made the motion to support the Targeted Outreach Campaign for Small Truck Fleet Incentive Funding by the CAC to the Governing Board. He noted the District is the only air district to assist with funding in all areas. Mr. Cunha expressed concern regarding the outreach to the single operators/owners. He suggested coordinating efforts with various commissions for outreach to the small fleet owners. He asked if it possible to increase funding and request ARB to open a 75% loan program for purchasing a new truck. Mr. Sadredin recommended these suggestions be forwarded to ARB representatives.

Mr. Dhaliwal asked the cost of a retrofit. Mr. Sadredin explained the cost is \$20,000 for a retrofit but the grant eligibility requirements state funds cannot be used to assist with complying with the law such as a retrofit. He added grants can be used for the replacement of a truck. Mr. Sadredin noted ARB has made a ruling that Proposition 1B funds cannot be used for single owners/operators. Mr. Dhaliwal asked if multilingual radio stations will be contacted. Mr. DeYoung responded affirmatively.

Mr. Savage requested an update from staff on this initiative in October.

Public Comments: None

*Moved:* Cunha

*Seconded:* Tristao

*Ayes:* Cunha, Clark, Jones, Horal, Savage, Williams, Sharpe,  
Taylor, Smith, Dhaliwal, Tristao, Lemen, Geer, Broughton

*Nays:* None

*Abstentions:* None

**Motion unanimously carried to recommend support of staff's Targeted Outreach Campaign for Small Truck Fleet Incentive Funding to the Governing Board**

Mr. Jones suggested utilizing freeway signs for outreach. Mr. Sadredin explained those signs are not available for District use.

11. Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Business

- a. *Verbal Report on EJAG Activities for May* – Derek Williams, Tulare County At-Large Representative reported the Fireplace and Wood Stove Change-Out Program recommendation was approved. He noted the rescinding of a resignation by Marvin Dean. Mr. Williams explained EJAG will now meet every other month. He added there was a request for staff to coordinate a collaboration meeting between the CAC and EJAG. Mr. Williams reported due to public comments staff reminded EJAG members that specific permitting applications of facilities and compliance and enforcement issues are not within the purview of EJAG.

12. Outreach and Communications Report – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, reported there has been great interagency collaborative outreach for wildfires. She noted there has been an impact from the Aspen fire and fires in Northern California and Oregon. Ms. Holt reported items staff is working on include the Lawn Mower Program, Burn Cleaner Program and update the Grant website. She added Kids Calendar entries are being accepted.

Mr. Williams asked if the Burn Cleaner Program is available year round. Ms. Holt responded affirmatively.

13. CAC Member Comments; CAC Member Suggestions To Be Included In The Presentation Of The CAC Report During The Governing Board Meeting on August 15, 2013 – Mr. Williams suggested informing the Board EJAG's new meeting schedule.

14. Volunteer to Present Report During Governing Board Meeting – Mr. Dhaliwal volunteered to present the report during the Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled on September 3, 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.