

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 21, 2015**  
**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, 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield and teleconference in the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto. The CAC Meeting was webcast.*

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Lee Smith, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold a meeting.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
	Sarah Sharpe/EIG (P)	Central
Kern	Les Clark/IAIG (P)	South
	Jenifer Pitcher/IAIG (A)	South
	Carolyn Temple/EIG (P)	South
	Brent Green/CIG (P)	South
Kings	Kelly Deming (A)	Central
Madera	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen/CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (P)	North
	Katelyn Roedner/EIG (P)	North
	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	North
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (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; Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Dave Warner, Deputy APCO; Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Mehri Barati, Director of Administrative Services; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist;

Brandon Swedblom, Network Systems Analyst; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards; Cristina Padilla, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

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 FOR MARCH 3, 2015 – The Chair asked if there were any member or public comments regarding the CAC Minutes for March 3, 2015. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the Minutes approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Seyed Sadredin, Executive APCO, discussed the actions taken at the April 16, 2015 Governing Board Meeting regarding the 1997 PM 2.5 Plan. He recounted frustration expressed by District staff, the Board and members of the public that have engaged in this process for having to create a plan that has placed the District in a difficult position. The District was on the verge of attaining the 1997 PM2.5 Standard in 2012, but the extreme drought conditions along with 3 months of high PM2.5 concentrations resulted in the scenario that even if the Valley saw negative or zero emissions we would not be able to reach attainment. The District is preparing a number of plans, as required by EPA that contain many measures to help reduce emissions, and have applied the best available control measures (BACM) and most stringent measures (MSM). Mr. Sadredin advised the committee that if EPA does not approve the plan by the end of the year, there would be dire consequences in the form of sanctions and an impossible requirement to reduce emissions by 5% each year from every source category. He said the Governing Board directed staff to report back to the Board in August 2015 with an in depth report with options and the consequences for turning over the responsibility for regulating PM2.5 to the EPA if this plan is not approved by December 31, 2015.

Mr. Sadredin encouraged the CAC members to attend the upcoming Governing Board Study Session scheduled on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Bass Lake. He gave an overview of items that would be considered by the Board, highlighting the public engagement initiative for the development of the 2015 Ozone Plan, the EJAG reporting structure, and the action plan for securing San Joaquin Valley's fair share of the State's CAP and Trade funds.

Public Comments: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist, reported that the 2015 plan for the 1997 PM2.5 Standard was adopted on April 16, 2015. Regarding the 2006 PM2.5 Standard, EPA has proposed to approve the District's 2012 PM2.5 Plan as a Moderate nonattainment area under Subpart 4 and has also proposed to reclassify the Valley as a Serious Nonattainment area. For the 2012 PM2.5 Standard, the Valley has been designated as a Moderate nonattainment area effective April 15, 2015. The District has until October 2016 to submit an attainment plan to EPA to address this standard. Lastly, the District is committed to amend Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroilers) in 2016 and the District will also consider the development of a new incentive program to demonstrate the emission reduction technology necessary for this rule. The goal of this rule project is to further reduce emissions of direct PM 2.5 by expanding the applicability of the rule to include under-fired units.

Public Comment: None

8. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OZONE PLAN- Mr. Sadredin discussed the guiding principles which will be utilized to get input from all affected stakeholders and subject matter experts in the design of the 2015 Ozone Plan. The District will provide opportunities for public engagement before each major plan preparation milestone, routine updates to the public at large about the plan as it is developed, ensure efficiency and effectiveness by using the existing CAC and EJAG infrastructure for public engagement and ensure processes does not impede the District's ability to meet legally mandated deadlines. Mr. Sadredin will ask for authority from the Board to form a workgroup with representatives from regulated entities, community advocates, Federal EPA and State ARB. If approved, Mr. Sadredin will appoint 3 members from each CAC interest group and 3 EJAG members. Outside subject matter experts will also be invited to participate on as needed basis. District staff will chair the workgroup to insure progress on a timely fashion. The District will also provide regular updates at Governing Board, CAC, and EJAG meetings. The District encourages CAC and EJAG members to reach out to their constituencies to aid in the process of engaging the public in this planning process. In addition, the District will have free and paid media to inform the public, enlist participation and to help build more public understanding.

Public Comment: *The following persons commented on this item:*

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ.

A motion was made by Manuel Cunha to approve the District recommendation of the public engagement initiative for the development of the Ozone Plan.

*Moved:* Cunha  
*Seconded:* Deming  
*Ayes:* Cunha, Clark, Pitcher, Hoffdahl, Williams, Sharpe, Temple, Deming, Smith, Roedner, Brown, Lemen, Broughton  
*Nays:* Green

***Although the motion did not pass for lack of one vote from the City Interest Group, the consensus of the group was to support the motion.***

9. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) REPORTING STRUCTURE – Mr. Sadredin provided an overview of the proposal for EJAG to report directly to the Governing Board. Mr. Sadredin expressed that EJAG has done a good job over the years and has earned the opportunity to report directly to the Board. He said under the proposed new reporting structure, EJAG would continue to provide reports to CAC, but will no longer require CAC approval for recommendations they wish to take to the Board. He is proposing a one-year pilot period. He articulated there is a need and hope that EJAG will help secure Cap and Trade funding for the Valley's disadvantaged communities. Their scope of authority and responsibilities will remain the unchanged and their annual goals and objectives will continue to be approved by the Air Pollution Control Officer; however, the goal of this reporting structure is to expand their platform and provide a more meaningful role within the District.

Public Comment: *The following persons commented on this item:*

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Michelle Garcia, EJAG Representative Madera County and Public Health Advocate

Mr. Williams reported that EJAG has accomplished a lot over the years and has formed a good relationship with CAC. Notwithstanding, Mr. Williams expressed his concerns with the proposed change in EJAG reporting structure.

A motion was made by Manuel Cunha to not support the change in Environmental Justice Advisory Group Reporting (EJAG) structure.

*Moved:* Cunha  
*Seconded:* Horal

Ayes: Cunha, Pitcher, Horal, Hoffdahl, Williams, Temple,  
Smith, Brown, Green, Lemen  
Abstain: Deming  
Nays: Sharpe, Roedner, Broughton

***Motion to not support the proposed EJAG reporting structure did not pass.***

10. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, thanked the members that attended the recent Transboundary Ozone Conference at the Tenaya Lodge. She mentioned the District would be involved in many upcoming Earth Day Events across the Valley. Ms. Holt reported that the District is continuing to work to enhance the Healthy Air Living Schools Program by developing a method for communicating hourly RAAN information through electronic school billboards or other visual outdoor means. The District will begin advertising for the Clean Green Yard Machine grant program, where members of the public may receive a rebate up to \$250 dollars for recycling their gas lawn mower and purchasing an electric lawn mower.
11. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS; CAC MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MAY 21, 2015 – Mr. Cunha thanked Kelly Taylor, SJVAPCD Employees Association President for her thoughtful comments at the recent Board meeting. Mr. Williams thanked Michelle Garcia for attending the CAC Meeting and for her support to the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG).
12. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Smith volunteer to present the CAC Report at the May 21, 2015 Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled on June 2, 2015. 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.