

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

**June 2, 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 10:01 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
Kern	Les Clark/IAIG (P)	South
	Jenifer Pitcher/IAIG (A)	South
	Kelly Deming/EIG (A)	Central
Kings	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Waseem Ahmed/CIG (P)	Central
	Jack Lemen/CIG (P)	Central
Merced		
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (P)	North
	Katelyn Roedner/EIG (P)	North
	Wade Broughton/CIG (P)	North
Stanislaus	Chris Savage/IAIG (P)*	North
Tulare	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	Central

\*arrived at 10:05 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) –Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Dave Warner, Deputy APCO; Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Cathy Blevins, Network Systems Analyst II;

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 APRIL 21, 2015 – The Chair asked if there were any member or public comments regarding the CAC Minutes for April 21, 2015. Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards, stated the CAC Minutes for April 21, 2015 would be corrected to reflect Mr. Horal's attendance at the April meeting. Hearing no other comments, the Chair declared the Minutes approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS –Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, reported that the Governing Board Study Session on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Bass Lake was well attended and proved to be a very educational and informational event. He acknowledged the CAC members who attended and provided comments on the items discussed at the meeting. He reported staff presented the proposal to change the reporting structure of EJAG to allow them to report directly to the Board with safeguards in place. Many members of EJAG and CAC attended as well as members of the public and commented on this item to show support for the proposal. Mr. Lambert acknowledged Mr. Williams on behalf of Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, for his support on this proposal, saying his support helped achieve unanimous approval of this item. The Board directed EJAG to report to the Governing Board on a bi-monthly, as necessary, basis and to continue to provide reports to CAC. The Board also directed EJAG and CAC to continue working together and reiterated that it was imperative for CAC and EJAG to continue their collaborative relationship and keep the lines of communication open. The Board approved this item as a pilot program for a one-year period, and directed Mr. Sadredin to report to them with an evaluation at the end of this period. The Board directed that there be no changes to the current EJAG bylaws and that they continue to adhere to their annual Goals and Objectives approved by the APCO. Mr. Sadredin will continue to consult with CAC and the Board to approve the EJAG Goals and Objectives on an annual basis.

Lastly, Mr. Lambert reminded the CAC members that there will not be a CAC nor Governing Board meeting held during the month of July.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist, reported on the development of the plan for the 2008 8-hr Ozone Standard. The District has already demonstrated that all reasonably available control technologies (RACT) and even technologies beyond RACT are in place in the Valley. Staff is continuing to research and identify potential opportunities for further emission reductions by building on the extensive analysis conducted for previously adopted plans. The District anticipates taking a proposed plan to the Governing Board for consideration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016.

The District adopted the 2012 PM2.5 Plan to address the 2006 PM2.5 Standard. EPA has proposed approval of the 2012 PM2.5 Plan as a moderate plan and has proposed to reclassify the Valley as Serious nonattainment area. The District expects to adopt a new Serious nonattainment plan for the 2006 PM2.5 Standard in late 2016, possibly early 2017. Workshops will be scheduled for a later date.

The 2012 PM2.5 Standard is the most recent National Air Ambient Quality Standard (NAAQS). The District is currently classified as a Moderate area. A plan is due to EPA no later than October 2016. Workshops will begin soon.

Regarding Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling), the District is looking to expand rule applicability to include under-fired units. The rule that is currently in place is for chain-driven charbroilers. Potential measures would address large grills at restaurants such as steak houses and barbecue restaurants. Rule amendments would achieve emissions reduction of directly emitted PM2.5 emissions, result in localized health benefits, and assist with attaining federal PM2.5 standards. Project is currently in the research and development stage for evaluating potential controls for under-fired units. The current effort will make funding available for demonstrating control technologies at local Valley restaurants with the goal to better understand the feasibility, effectiveness and cost of installing, maintaining and operating these units at local Valley restaurants. The District expects to host public workshops and propose amendments to the rule later in 2016.

Public Comment: None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB)-

- a. *ARB Board Meeting Summary-* Ms. Patricia Velasco, ARB Representative, reported the California Air Resources Board met on April 23, 2015 and May 21, 2015. On April 23, 2015, staff presented to the Board a report on the enhancements to the ARB Ombudsman's Office that have occurred during the last five years and provided a look at the focus areas going forward.

The Board approved the Amendments to Certification Procedures for Vapor Recovery Systems at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities: Above ground Storage Tanks and Enhanced Conventional Nozzles.

Staff presented to the Board an update on the development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy, including potential integration with other state freight planning efforts. This update focused on a discussion document released before the meeting that describes actions staff is considering to reduce emissions from California's freight system and move toward zero or near-zero emissions.

At the May 21, 2015 meeting, she reported the Board approved 5 research proposals that were developed in response to the FY 2015-2016 Annual Research Plan and an augmentation to a research proposal contract that resulted from the FY 2011-2012 Annual Research Plan. Staff presented to the Board a revised regulatory proposal regarding intermediate volume manufacturer compliance obligations under the Zero Emission Vehicle regulation.

The Board accepted the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) determination that its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. Staff presented its technical evaluation of SJCOG's greenhouse gas determination for the 2014 SCS, which was adopted by SJCOG on June 26, 2014.

The Board also approved revisions to the District's 1997 PM 2.5 State Implementation Plan. The revisions provide an updated attainment determination for the annual average standard of 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and the 24-hour standard of 65  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

9. PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO FOR THE PROCESS RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF THREE CAC MEMBERS FROM EACH INTEREST GROUP TO SERVE ON THE 2016 OZONE PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO, informed CAC members that the new Public Engagement Initiative for the 2016 Ozone Plan was approved by the District's Governing Board at the May 6-7, 2015 Study Session. With this approval, the next step will be the formation of a new workgroup by the APCO, which will include 3 members from each CAC interest group. Mr. Sheikh requested that the CAC provide feedback for APCO consideration regarding the formation of this new workgroup, including whether both primary and alternate CAC members should be allowed to participate as workgroup members. Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives also provided a recap of the timeline for development of the 2016 Ozone Plan.

Ms. Roedner, Mr. Tristao and Mr. Williams voiced support having CAC alternate members participate in this workgroup. Mr. Williams recommended including an Ethnic Small Business Owner member from EJAG to participate in this workgroup. Mr. Cunha recommended EPA involvement from the very beginning. He also suggested simplifying the application process for members who would like to

participate on this workgroup by allowing members to email the Deputy Clerk of the Boards to express their interest.

A motion was made by Mr. Cunha to allow for a process of soliciting interest from CAC Members to express interest in being a part of this workgroup and to open it to alternate CAC Members.

Public Comments: None

*Moved:* Cunha  
*Seconded:* Tristao  
*Ayes:* Cunha, Clark, Horal, Hoffdahl, Savage, Williams, Deming, Smith, Roedner, Tristao, Ahmed, Lemen, Broughton  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to recommend to the APCO that the workgroup be open to participation by both primary and alternate CAC members, and that the District create a streamlined process to allow CAC members to express interest in serving on the workgroup.***

10. REVIEW AND APPROVE ACTION PLAN FOR SECURING SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY'S FAIR SHARE OF THE STATE'S CAP AND TRADE FUNDS – On May 7, 2015, the District's Governing Board adopted an action plan for securing the San Joaquin Valley's fair share of the State's Cap and Trade funds. Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided a summary of the action plan, which is designed to educate state policy makers about the Valley's tremendous needs, build a San Joaquin Valley Cap and Trade Coalition to advocate on behalf of the Valley, utilize the District's expertise and infrastructure to administer Cap and Trade funded grant programs, and pursue a block grant approach to establish dedicated Cap and Trade funding for the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Jordan invited feedback regarding the new coalition and advocacy approach, and encouraged CAC members to share information regarding available Cap and Trade funding and available District support with their constituencies.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Williams encouraged all CAC members to advocate for the Cap and Trade funding and to bring those dollars to the Valley and its disadvantaged communities.

*This item was taken out of order*

12. CONSIDER SUPPORT POSITION ON DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE FEDERAL DERA GRANT FUNDING – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, presented this item on the District's planned submission of an application for grant funding under a currently open competitive request for proposal under the DERA program. This grant would provide \$2.1 million in total

funding for the replacement of older diesel agricultural tractors with new certified tractors in the San Joaquin Valley.

Public Comments: None

A motion was made by Mr. Cunha to support the District's application for competitive federal DERA grant funding.

*Moved:* Cunha  
*Seconded:* Deming  
*Ayes:* Cunha, Clark, Horal, Hoffdahl, Williams, Deming, Smith, Roedner, Ahmed, Lemen, Broughton  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to support the District's application for competitive federal DERA grant funding.***

11. REVIEW POTENTIAL AIR QUALITY IMPACTS AND ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIONS THAT THE DISTRICT MAY PURSUE REGARDING THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided an overview of the air quality impacts and additional emergency relief actions that the District may pursue in light of the current drought emergency. On May 7, 2015, the District's Governing Board reviewed the District's drought relief actions to date, the air quality impacts of the drought, and evaluated if additional actions by the District were necessary and feasible. Recognizing that reasonable actions by the District to accommodate drought relief efforts in the Valley are imperative, the District's Governing Board directed the Executive Director/APCO to exercise enforcement discretion regarding the water-dependent dust control requirements during the drought emergency where such action will not create an immediate nuisance or health risk to nearby sensitive individuals, and where atmospheric conditions are taken into account to ensure that the resulting increased particulate matter emissions would not significantly contribute to an exceedance of an ambient air quality standard. CAC members expressed appreciation for District drought relief efforts to date and support for additional drought relief actions.

Public Comments: None

13. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) BUSINESS
- a. Verbal Report on the EJAG Activities for April - Mr. Williams provided the highlights from the EJAG meeting held on April 25, 2015. EJAG members received an update on AB 32 Cap and Trade, District's Rule 9410 Employee Based Trip Reduction, Overview of District Grants Providing Bicycle Infrastructure-Remove II and Submitting Outreach Grants to the District. The next EJAG

meeting is scheduled on June 25, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District office.

Public Comments: None

14. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT- Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, said the District held a successful eTrip Program workshop recently. She also mentioned that they are working with HAL Partners to improve the program. She reported the District spent the month of May supporting local communities with their Bike-to-Work month activities, prepared for the summer Healthy Air Living and Air Alert campaigns, prepared for the relaunch of the Rule 4901 residential wood burning device registration process and hosted the annual Governing Board Study Session. She also mentioned local news items, including the smoke impacts from a large biomass fire in Tracy and the ongoing state drought and its effects on air quality.
15. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS; CAC MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2015 - Mr. Williams reported the EJAG has moved forward with the nomination of a member to fill the at large seat for Stanislaus county.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING- Mr. Cunha volunteered to present at the June 18, 2015 Governing Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled on August 4, 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.