

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

**September 1, 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 10:05 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	Chris McGlothlin/IAIG (A)	Central
	Amarpreet Dhaliwal/CIG(P)***	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (A)*	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/EIG (A)**	Central
	Dennis Tristao/CIG (P)	Central
Madera	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
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
	Greg Gomez/CIG (A)	Central

\*arrived at 10:15 a.m.  
\*\*arrived at 10:09 a.m.  
\*\*\*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; Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Dave Warner, Deputy APCO; Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Todd DeYoung, Program Manager; Errol Villegas, Program Manager; Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Brandon Swedblom, Network Systems Analyst II; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Boards

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 AUGUST 4, 2015 – The Chair asked for member comments regarding the CAC Minutes for August 4, 2015. Hearing none, he deemed the Minutes approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, provided detailed updates to CAC members on the upcoming State audit on the adequacy of the District's fees, the implementation of the District's residential wood burning strategy this coming winter season, the District's legislative efforts to modernize the Clean Air Act, the Public Advisory Workgroup and air quality-related bills currently under consideration in the California Legislature.

Ms. Pitcher asked the approximate timeframe for introduction of the Clean Air Act modernization proposals in the Legislature. Mr. Sadredin said introduction of the legislation is likely once Congress returns to work in September. Mr. Williams asked if it would be lucrative for an individual to focus solely on providing service as a Registered Wood Burning Hearth Professional. Mr. Sadredin responded it would be more cost-effective as a side business, given the registration cycle and potential number of customers Valley-wide. Mr. Williams suggested it might be an appropriate side business for a real estate appraiser or home inspector. Mr. Dhaliwal asked how the District is able to have the lowest permit fees in the state. Mr. Sadredin responded the District engages in a zero-based budgeting exercise every year to look at ways to increase efficiency and incorporate new mandates into old ones. Using this approach over the years, the District has been able to adopt many new mandates without increasing fees.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Anna Myers, Senior Air Quality Specialist, gave updates on air quality attainment plans and rule projects. Regarding the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard, she reported the District held the first meeting of the Public Advisory Workgroup on August 25, 2015 and public workshops and subsequent workgroup meetings would be scheduled at a later date. For the 2006 PM2.5 Standard, Ms. Myers said the District will need to adopt a new plan demonstrating attainment of this standard as a Serious nonattainment area within 18 months of EPA finalizing the proposed reclassification to Serious under Subpart 4. In addition, she reported public workshops would be scheduled at a later date for the 2012 PM2.5 Standard. In rule development news, Ms. Myers reported staff will schedule a public workshop on Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) at a later date to propose modifications to the existing rule to create uniform applicability throughout the Valley. For Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule), she reported a public workshop would be scheduled to propose modifications of this rule to lower the PM2.5 major stationary source threshold to 70 tons per year due to EPA's finalized reclassification of the Valley as a Serious nonattainment area for the 1997 PM2.5 standard. The Board recently approved \$750,000 to fund the Restaurant Charbroiler Technology Partnership (RCTP) to connect under-fired charbroiler control system manufacturers with restaurants who are interested in installing these control systems and the results will be used to assess feasibility of these technologies and potential requirements during upcoming amendments to Rule 4692 (Charbroiling).

Regarding Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Mr. Smith asked about proposed changes to the applicability requirements. Mr. Sadredin responded that the need for uniform, District-wide application of the rule was highlighted in litigation within the City of Visalia. As a result, the Board directed Mr. Sadredin and staff to ensure the rule applies uniformly throughout the Valley. Currently the rule only applies to discretionary projects under CEQA.

Public Comment: None

*This item was taken out of order*

9. PRESENTATION FROM PG&E ON CENTRAL VALLEY POWER CONNECT PROJECT – Mr. Sadredin said this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Dhaliwal, Fresno County City Primary member, who asked if the CAC would be willing to take a position of support on this project. He advised members in order for them to be able to take a position, air quality significance, both directly and indirectly, must be considered.

Ms. Babeeta Nagra, PG&E Representative, gave a presentation regarding the proposed Central Valley Power Connect project, a new 230-kilovolt electrical transmission line crossing Madera, Fresno, and Kings Counties. She said PG&E, BHE U.S. Transmission and Citizens Energy Corporation were selected by the California Independent System Operator (ISO) to finance, build, own, operate and maintain the line following a competitive bid process completed in late 2013. She said the ISO approved Power Connect in its 2012-13 Transmission Plan, although additional approvals will be needed from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in order to construct the project.

Mr. Dhaliwal commented that there is a need for this project to support the hydroelectric lines and growing needs of the Valley. Mr. Tristao asked how this project would help the state and District overall meet its air quality attainment objectives through its renewable portfolio requirement. Ms. Nagra responded they are currently evaluating impacts on air quality from this project to different communities that use their electricity. She inferred it would allow those who choose to change their energy usage from whatever means to electric to minimize their air quality impacts, and offered to send the report to members after filing with CPUC. She also offered to have their environmental specialists speak to members at a future meeting. Mr. Tristao said his understanding was this project would assist with the delivery of solar power from the southern part of the state to the north. Ms. Ann Kloose, PG&E Government Relations Representative, responded affirmatively, saying the extra transmission capability is needed to meet the mandate of cleaner power. Mr. Tristao commented there is a gridlock of capacity in this area and this line will enhance the Valley's ability to utilize cleaner power sources.

Mr. Sadredin stated that in the District's role of reviewing potential air quality impacts from the project during the CEQA process, the District may request that the cleanest equipment and vehicles be used for the construction of the transmission line, and that a voluntary emission reduction agreement with the District be considered to mitigate project air quality impacts. He suggested it would be premature for members to take a position of support on this project until more information on air quality impacts was available. Ms. Kloose committed to presenting additional information to the CAC in the future when additional analysis has been performed regarding potential air quality impacts.

Mr. Dhaliwal made a motion to support the conceptual part of this project. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Public Comments: None

8. REVIEW AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – With a number of new CAC members and the growing maturity and complexity of the District's air quality management programs, Mr. Sadredin discussed the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee and expectations of its members. He said historically, consistent with guidance from the District Governing Board and in accordance with the CAC by-laws, the following tasks and expectations have been assigned to CAC:

- Serve in an advisory role to the District Governing Board and the Executive Director/APCO.
- Provide input in the updating and monitoring of the District's Rule Development Procedures.
- Provide proactive review and input on current and new rules. Question the effectiveness of the rules and whether or not they are working.
- Generate ideas and develop those ideas into possible approaches to improve air quality and recommend these approaches to the District.
- Study special subjects at the request of the Governing Board and/or the Executive Director/APCO and provide recommendations or input on the subjects.
- Support and encourage optimal public input at all public workshops held by the District.
- Facilitate public education of the District's decisions/actions and approaches to clean air.
- Encourage the sharing of information uniformly among the CAC, the Executive Director/APCO, the Governing Board and others interested in reducing air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Take responsibility for working with interested parties in their area and coordinating with District staff on all aspects of informing the public regarding the District's actions.

Mr. Sadredin asked for input from members to identify any gaps, changes, or additional responsibilities they would like to take on to help the District. Mr. Clark said he has been involved with the CAC since its inception and said the Committee has been very successful in its role at the District. He expressed concern that perhaps members do not completely fulfill their obligations to report to their interest groups on relevant air quality issues so that they in turn can provide feedback to the District. He said he has been approached by industry members several times to share information and to help them understand the District's decisions and actions.

As a newer member, Ms. Pitcher thanked Mr. Sadredin for sharing this helpful information. Mr. Savage also thanked Mr. Sadredin, saying the CAC provides a

valuable service as long as it is utilized by the members and constituents that it represents. According to the by-laws, the Chair at his discretion has an option to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee from time to time. He said it might be useful to re-engage that option so the CAC has more helpful direction moving forward and can be more proactive instead of reactive. Mr. Tristao asked to add "provide input on attainment plans" to CAC member's responsibilities. He also suggested having a new CAC member orientation that is similar to the one provided for new Governing Board members. Ms. Deming and Mr. Hamilton agreed. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively. He also reminded members of the District's hierarchy, noting that ultimately the Governing Board is the legislative body that makes final actions.

Mr. Williams reiterated the need for the Chair to convene the Executive Committee to meet at least once a year. Mr. Dhaliwal suggested that information on the science behind air pollution and the effects of air pollution should also be included in the new CAC member orientation.

10. VERBAL UPDATE: AWARD-WINNING TUNE IN TUNE UP PROGRAM – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, provided an update on the implementation of the District's Tune In Tune Up program. To date, the District's award-winning program has provided over \$12 million in funding for over 12,000 vehicle repairs, primarily for low-income Valley residents. The District recently accepted \$2.4 million from the California Air Resources Board to integrate a vehicle replacement component into the District's highly successful Tune In Tune Up Program for Valley residents. This additional funding will be used to implement a vehicle replacement program based on a successful pilot program implemented in 2014. During the pilot program, the District replaced 108 vehicles utilizing \$600,000 in locally-generated funding. The success of the District's pilot program was used to shape the development of the state's Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP) and resulted in the District receiving 50% (\$1.4 million) of the statewide allocation of EFMP funding. In addition to EFMP funding, the District is receiving \$1 million in EFMP Plus Up funding, which offers additional incentives to low-income residents for replacing existing high polluting vehicles with cleaner hybrid, battery electric and other advanced technology vehicles. The District has weekend events planned through 2015 that will include options for both vehicle repair and replacement.

Ms. Roedner gave kudos to the District and Valley CAN, saying she has attended this event in Stockton and it was extremely well-organized and run beautifully. She said a whole story on the recent Stockton event was published on UpLiftCA.org, a project of several statewide environmental justice organizations, to highlight climate investments in California and their benefits to low income populations. She said it was great press for this program. Mr. Williams thanked the District and staff for a really well-administrated program. He asked Mr.

DeYoung to share input received from EJAG members. Mr. DeYoung responded EJAG members do a great job helping to get the word out to low income communities, and have partnered with staff on outreach materials, attending events, and generating enthusiasm and interest in the program. The addition of the scrap only option is something that was suggested by EJAG. Mr. Smith asked if the emission reductions from this program are reflected in the Emissions Inventory. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively and said the District also receives credit through Rule 9610 (State Implementation Plan Credit for Emission Reductions Generated through Incentive Programs). Mr. Hamilton thanked staff for doing such a great job with this program and making it into something very useful for Valley communities. He said dropping the registration requirement really helped low income residents overcome a huge barrier.

11. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, gave an update on current District outreach efforts including a very successful back to school press event held a couple of weeks ago to discuss the very clean summer season enjoyed by the Valley, to share the message of “Turn the Key, Be Idle Free” when picking up and dropping off kids at school sites, to remind residents that the District’s Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) is available for information on current air quality and to announce the availability of the Web-based Archived Air Quality (WAAQ) System. She said the event was very well received. The District is ready to call an Air Alert, which is a multi-day, episodic, call to action if needed when staff anticipates air quality is poised to trigger an exceedance of the 1 or 8-Hour Ozone Standards. The District has also been very involved with wildfire and smoke impact communications and has been keeping in contact with the inter-agency task force that includes the U.S. Forest Service, CAL Fire, and several county agencies. The District also created a website with links to information about current fire and air quality conditions so residents can make informed decisions about what to do if they are being impacted by smoke.

In addition, she reported the District is still accepting entries for its Kid’s Calendar through October 1<sup>st</sup> and more information is available on the District’s website. Finally, staff is working on updates to Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Heaters) and the Burn Cleaner program is currently open and accepting applications for both the low-income and regular components.

12. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS; CAC MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE CAC REPORT DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 - None

13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Smith said he would present the report if he were able to.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled on October 6, 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.