

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

December 4, 2018
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, Jack Lemen, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting and to take action.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)*	Central
Kern	Carolyn Temple/EIG (P)	South
	Wayne Clausen/CIG (P)	South
Kings	Tim Parcel/IAIG (A)	Central
	Kelly Deming/EIG (P)	Central
	Alvaro Preciado/CIG (A)	Central
Madera	Don Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Johnnie Siliznoff/IAIG (A)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
Merced	Kevin Abernathy/EIG (P)	North
	Jack Lemen/CIG (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (P)	North
	Ned Leiba/EIG (P)	North
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien/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

**Arrived at 10:07 a.m.*

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 – Chairman Lemen asked for comments or corrections on the draft Minutes for November 6, 2018. Hearing none, he declared the Minutes approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Chairman Lemen said the next CAC meeting was scheduled on January 1st, which is a Holiday. He recommended the meeting be cancelled or moved to a different date. He noted that CAC members met in November, which is normally a dark month for them. Mr. Williams asked if staff had any specific reasons for CAC members to meet in January. Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, said he did not foresee any urgent matters that would necessitate the need for a January meeting. He noted that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has scheduled their hearing on the District's 2018 PM2.5 Plan for January 24th in Fresno. He said CAC members previously took action to support the Plan, which was subsequently adopted by the District's Governing Board in November. Hearing no suggestion to reschedule the meeting to another date, Chairman Lemen cancelled the January 2019 meeting.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sheikh provided CAC members with a recap of the key items from the November 15, 2018 Governing Board meeting, including:
- The District Governing Board unanimously adopted the 2018 Plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM2.5 Standards and directed staff to forward the Plan to the California Air Resources Board for approval and submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, the Board directed the Executive Director/APCO to begin development of the enhanced residential wood burning strategy included in the Plan.
 - The District Governing Board approved \$1,000,000 in funding for the implementation of a new pilot incentive program to deploy and evaluate low-dust nut harvesting equipment in the San Joaquin Valley.
 - The District Governing Board approved \$1,000,000 in funding for the implementation of a new pilot incentive program to support on-field alternatives to the open burning of agricultural waste materials.
 - The District Governing Board approved \$500,000 in funding for a new incentive program to support the deployment of zero-emission commercial landscape maintenance equipment.
 - The District's annual Check Before You Burn season for residential wood burning kicked off November 1st.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Chay Thao, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's planning and rule development efforts.

Public Comment - None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD - Laura Carr, CARB representative, provided a summary of select items before the California Air Resources Board at their meeting held on November 15-16, 2018.

In regards to the Volkswagen Settlement Agreement, Mr. Cunha asked if all of the funds were directed solely towards electric vehicles, or if they could also be used for cleaner natural gas and diesel, for areas where electric vehicles would not be practical. Ms. Carr said she would look into matter and send a follow up response to the members.

Public Comment - None

9. RENEWED ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS AND PILOT PROJECT TO DEPLOY REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC AIR QUALITY DISPLAYS (READ) – Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Manager, provided an update on the District's renewed engagement with Valley schools through the Healthy Air Living Schools Program, which is a multifaceted program that encourages schools to adopt RAAN, modify outdoor activities in accordance with air quality conditions, communicate air quality challenges and progress, and adopt no-idling initiatives. Over the past year, 97% of Valley schools have been contacted and now 737 (50%) of schools in Valley are actively using RAAN and 199 schools have no-idling signs posted. Ms. Heinks also updated the membership on the launch of the pilot program to deploy new READs in Valley schools. Twenty READ units have been successfully deployed and 15 additional schools were provided with custom READ interface to be used on existing monitors at school sites. Overwhelmingly positive feedback has been received from schools equipped with READ. Ms. Heinks reported that building on the first year success, the District will be working over the next year to increase engagement and participation of Valley schools, developing a tool kit for middle and high school students to complement the existing K-6 kit, leveraging program success to advance District messaging, and working with schools to continue deploying READ.

Mr. Cunha voiced support for this important program and the tremendous outreach conducted by District staff. He asked about the visibility of the monitors. Ms. Heinks responded that the District invests in good quality equipment for this program with the goal of the best visibility possible. Mr. Cunha suggested AB 617 funds should be used for this program, to provide multiple displays in different locations at local schools.

Mr. Preciado thanked staff for reaching out to schools in rural communities and noted there is one located at an elementary school in Avenal. He asked if the current READ displays must be placed indoors. Ms. Heinks responded affirmatively, and noted staff would love the opportunity to connect the information with the large electronic displays at many schools but that is proving to be challenging. Mr. Preciado noted the displays are rather small and they would be more visible if placed outdoors, near the front of the school.

Public Comment: None

10. BROWN ACT REFRESHER TRAINING – Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel, presented an overview of Brown Act requirements for public bodies. She explained the purpose of the Brown Act is to facilitate public participation in local government decisions and avoid public entities from taking action in secret. In addition, she explained the process for setting CAC meeting agendas, and reviewed the types of communications that were prohibited among members of public entities, such as the CAC. She urged members who were aware of the potential for communications outside of public meetings in violation of the Brown Act to not participate further in that communication and to alert the District Counsel at once.

Mr. Leiba asked for specific information on any Brown Act authority regarding the agenda setting process for the CAC. Annette Ballatore-Williamson, District Counsel, responded that the process for setting CAC meeting agendas is set forth in the Resolution adopted by the Governing Board that established the CAC.

Mr. Abernathy thanked Ms. Fierro for her excellent and energetic presentation.

Mr. Cunha commented that the CAC has done a tremendous job with its communications over the past 20 years, including respecting its members, the District's Governing Board and CAC's members relationship to the Board as an advisory committee. He said it was important not to lose sight of the purpose of the committee, as they were not a constitutional body to argue legal interpretations but they are trying to provide guidance to the Governing Board from the environmental, industry/agriculture, and city government perspectives. He added it was also important that the public received notice of all opportunities to participate in discussions with CAC members in a public forum. He commended District staff for doing an excellent job of complying with Brown Act requirements.

Public Comment - None

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's activities related to AB 617 implementation. In September 2018, CARB finalized their selection of 10 communities statewide, including the communities of South Central Fresno and the City of Shafter in the Valley, for first year implementation of AB 617 community emission reduction and monitoring programs. The District held community kick-off meetings in Shafter and South Central Fresno on October 30th and November 1st, respectively, to discuss AB 617 and the significant new funding and resources now available to address air quality issues in these communities. Consistent with the requirements of AB 617, the District has appointed steering committees for the two selected communities, and the initial steering committee meetings will be held on December 13th and 17th in South Central Fresno and Shafter, respectively. Working with the steering committees, the District must implement

community air monitoring plans by July 1, 2019, and adopt community emission reduction programs by October 1, 2019.

Mr. Williams suggested District staff could use the Environmental Justice Advisory Group's (EJAG) Goals and Objectives as a template for the development of the initial steering committees. Mr. Cunha asked if there was a requirement to spend the AB 617 funding solely in the two selected communities. Mr. Sheikh responded that while staff are actively looking to fund projects in, and affecting, the selected communities, the legislation allows the District to go beyond these communities in funding projects to benefit other disadvantaged communities throughout the Valley. He added there is another round of funding that is similarly prioritized under AB 617, for which the guidelines have not yet been published. He added there will be increased flexibility to utilize this funding for other purposes, perhaps for some of the projects mentioned earlier in the meeting, such as outreach and education for HAL Schools.

Public Comment: None

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer reported that the District is in the midst of the Check Before You Burn season, and her staff is working on Healthy Air Living Schools outreach. She said the Valley is experiencing improved air quality, as smoke impacts from the wildfires lessen. Lastly, she added the District is revamping its annual Kid's Calendars, which will be available after January 1, 2019 and is actively involved in implementation of AB 617.

Public Comment - None

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Leiba said he requested the Chair add an item to the next CAC meeting agenda to learn more about the San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency, including its studies and funding.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the report at the December 20, 2018 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Next Meeting – NO MEETING IN JANUARY. The next CAC meeting is scheduled on February 5, 2018. 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.