

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, 2019**  
**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 Deputy Clerk of the Boards, Michelle Franco, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton / EIG (P)***	Central
Kern	Carolyn Temple / EIG (P)**	South
	Wayne Clausen / CIG (P)	South
Kings	Dustin Ference / IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Don Horal / IAIG (P)	Central
Merced	Kevin Abernathy / EIG (P)	North
	Jack Lemen / CIG (P)*	Central
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	North
	Valeria Sanabia / EIG (A)	North
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	North
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	Central
	Greg Gomez / CIG (P)	Central

*(P) = Primary, (A) = Alternate, IAIG = Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG = Environmental Interest Group, CIG = City Interest Group*

*\*Arrived at 10:18 a.m.*

*\*\*Arrived at 10:19 a.m.*

*\*\*\*Arrived at 10:29 a.m.*

Ms. Franco announced that Chair Lemen was running late to the meeting. In the interest of time, Mr. Williams suggested members appoint Mr. Cunha to Chair the meeting until Chair Lemen arrived. Mr. Cunha agreed to Chair the meeting until Chair Lemen arrived.

Ayes: Cunha, Ference, Horal, Hoffdahl, Williams, Abernathy, Sanabia, Clausen, O'Brien

Nays: None

***CAC members voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cunha as acting Chair for the August 6, 2019, CAC meeting until Chair Lemen's arrival***

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2019 – Mr. Cunha asked for member comments or corrections to the Minutes for June 4, 2019. Hearing no member comments, Mr. Cunha deemed the Minutes approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, provided CAC members with a summary of the following items:

- The District was recently awarded \$6,961,054 from federal EPA in response to proposals submitted under the highly competitive Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) fiscal year 2019 National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. These funds will be used to replace yard trucks, agricultural tractors, and switcher locomotives with cleaner units.
- The District was recently awarded \$10 million from the federal EPA in response to proposals submitted under the highly competitive Targeted Air Shed Grant Program. These funds will be used to replace yard trucks and agricultural tractors with cleaner units.
- At the upcoming August Governing Board meeting, the Board will consider implementing a new incentive program focused on clean vehicle fueling infrastructure projects. The \$15 million program would support deployment of new clean fuel infrastructure projects such as battery charging and alternative fueling stations throughout the Valley.
- The 2019 ozone season has been very good to date, and the Valley is on track to experience a record low number of days exceeding the federal ozone standards.
- The District's annual Governing Board Study Session is scheduled for October 16-17, 2019, in Bass Lake, CA, and CAC members are encouraged to attend.

Public Comment: None

*Chairman Lemen arrived at 10:18 a.m.*  
*Carolyn Temple arrived at 10:19 a.m.*

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 –

- a. Laura Carr, CARB representative, provided a summary of select items that were considered by the California Air Resources Board at their meetings held in June and July, 2019
- b. David Mallory, CARB Enforcement Division Manager, provided an update on CARB's review of the District's Emission Reductions Credit (ERC) program. He reminded CAC members that the CARB Board directed staff to conduct the review of the District's program with the goal of the review being to describe how the District's ERC program works, determine whether the program is meeting state and federal requirements, and identify if any potential opportunities for improvement exist. Mr. Mallory advised the members that CARB plans to hold a public workshop to provide a status update on the review in early September and then provide an update to their Board on September 19, 2019.

Mr. Cunha asked that CAC members be notified of the date of the next public workshop on the ERC review. Mr. Mallory responded affirmatively. Mr. Cunha requested an in-person presentation from CARB representatives on the ERC Review at the next CAC meeting on September 3, 2019. Mr. Mallory responded affirmatively and committed to providing an in-person presentation at the next CAC meeting.

*Mr. Hamilton arrived at 10:29 a.m.*

Public Comment – None

9. REVIEW RECENT CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL WOOD-BURNING STRATEGY – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on the Governing Board's recent actions to enhance the District's comprehensive residential wood-burning strategy. Consistent with commitments in the 2018 PM2.5 Plan, in June 2019, the Governing Board adopted amendments to Rule 4901 to lower the mandatory wood-burning curtailment levels in the hot-spot counties of Fresno, Madera and Kern; to enhance the disclosure requirements on the sale/transfer of residential real property; to add provisions addressing significant remodels of fireplaces/chimney; to enhance

restrictions on the installation new wood burning devices; and to enhance visible smoke emission requirements. In addition, the Board adopted enhancements to the District's Burn Cleaner incentive program to increase incentive levels in hot-spot areas with access to natural gas service and to limit the types of replacement devices to natural gas inserts or electric heat pumps in those areas. The program amendments also now allow the funding on electric heat pumps in the other Valley counties as well.

Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Holt for the great presentation. He suggested there would be pushback from realtors for any fees attached to reporting requirements. Ms. Holt said there are no fees charged by the District for required disclosures.

Mr. Hamilton complimented staff for adding electric heat pumps to the program.

Public Comment: None

#### 10. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. 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. Consistent with the requirements of AB 617, the District has appointed steering committees for the two selected communities, and the committees have been meeting over the past several months. 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. More information is available at [www.valleyair.org/community](http://www.valleyair.org/community).

Mr. Hamilton said he was very impressed with how the District has approached the AB 617 process. He said he has heard from many community members that the District has been very responsive to the concerns that they have. He thanked staff for their quick actions when addressing concerns or misunderstandings.

- b. Vernon Hughes, CARB Office of Community Air Protection Branch Manager, provided an update on efforts underway by ARB to implement AB 617. Consistent with AB 617, the CARB board must consider new communities each year for implementation of Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs). Based on the amount of work necessary to develop and implement the program in the 10 communities selected in Year 1 and the budgetary constraints associated with funding the program, Mr. Hughes reported that it is likely that only up to 3 new communities may be selected statewide in Year 2 of the program. Mr. Hughes said their Board will consider final recommendations on

the Year 2 communities at their December meeting following several months of public process. Mr. Hughes also reported that their Board will consider the CERPs for the Year 1 communities between December 2019 and March 2020. The Board will be meeting in the respective communities to consider the CERPs after they are adopted by the local air district boards.

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

11. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Heather Heinks, Public Education Administrator, said the Outreach team has been busy working on AB 617-related activities. In addition, she said it was back to school time in the Valley and staff was out in the community, reminding residents to pay attention to unnecessary idling at school sites. She said staff has also been preparing for wildfire season. She reminded members that the District’s wildfire resource web page is accessible at [www.valleyair.org/wildfires](http://www.valleyair.org/wildfires).

Public Comment - None

12. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Williams requested that EJAG meeting attendance records to be included in future CAC packets.
13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the report at the June 20, 2019 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Next Meeting – The next CAC meeting is scheduled on September 3, 2019. 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.