

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 4, 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 10:00 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting and to take action.

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha/IAIG (P)	Central
	Chris McGlothlin/IAIG (A)	Central
	Kevin Hamilton/EIG (P)	Central
Kern	Les Clark/IAIG (P)*	South
	Carolyn Temple/EIG (P)	South
	Wayne Clausen/CIG (P)	South
Kings	Dustin Ference/IAIG (P)	Central
Madera	Don Horal/IAIG (P)	Central
	Johnnie Siliznoff/IAIG (A)	Central
	Lee Smith/EIG (P)	Central
Merced	Kevin Abernathy/EIG (P)	North
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl/IAIG (P)	North
	David Phippen/IAIG (A)**	North
	Valeria Sanabia/EIG (A)	North
Stanislaus	Eleassia Davis/CIG (A)	North
	Suzanne Bauer/IAIG (A)*	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 10:07 a.m.*

*\*\*Arrived at 10:24 a.m.*

Ms. Franco announced that Chair Lemen was not able to attend the meeting. As there is currently not a Vice Chair, she said the Committee would need to appoint an acting Chair for this meeting. Mr. Cunha volunteered to Chair the meeting.

Ayes: Cunha, Ference, Horal, Hoffdahl, Williams, Hamilton, Temple, Smith, Abernathy, Sanabia, Clausen, Davis, Gomez

Nays: None

***CAC members voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cunha as acting Chair for the June 4, 2019, CAC meeting***

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2019 – Mr. Cunha asked for member comments or corrections to the Minutes for May 7, 2019. Hearing no member comments, Mr. Cunha deemed the Minutes approved as written.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO, provided CAC members with a summary of the following items:

- Former CAC member Alvaro Preciado, City of Avenal Councilmember, was recently appointed to the District Governing Board by the Special City Selection Committee as a small city representative.
- The District has provided funding for nine all-electric school buses for Fowler Unified School District. These are the first buses funded by the Valley Air District under Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Protection Program and will serve students attending Malaga Elementary School and other Fowler Unified schools.
- The District recently opened the new commercial and residential lawn and garden incentive programs. The District's residential Clean Green Yard Machine Incentive Program was recently amended to add a rebate option for residents to purchase new electric lawn and garden equipment while not requiring a corresponding destruction of a similar piece of combustion equipment. On the commercial side, these technologies are now becoming available and the program is focused on funding electrical equipment for commercial scale

landscape maintenance operations including public agencies that do commercial scale operations.

- At the upcoming June 2019 meeting, the Governing Board will consider adopting amendments to the District's Residential Wood Burning Strategy to implement the regulatory and incentive-based strategies included in the District's 2018 PM2.5 Plan.

Mr. Smith asked for the type of projects were eligible for the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust funding. Mr. Warner responded there were several different programs into which the funds were distributed. He said the District was operating a Transit School and Shuttle Bus Grant Program for \$130 million spread over a couple of years. He added there was also a program aimed at getting combustion equipment switched over into cleaner combustion operations and an electric car and truck infrastructure programs, which are being administered by different air districts around the state.

Mr. Hamilton said he wanted to make sure those who operate or are associated with local construction companies, especially private contractors or union members working at prevailing wage were aware there is a lot of work going on through this funding and throwing down infrastructure for electric vehicle charging up and down the Interstate. He said part of the plan worked on last year was to put a charging site with 6 chargers, 50 miles apart, up and down Highway 99 and Interstate 5. He said Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ) staff worked closely with business councils and others to create a designation of Fresno County as a green city, making it eligible to receive additional funding. He added there is a lot of money coming into the area and Fresno Council of Governments is a good resource to identify funding.

Mr. Cunha said another good thing about the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust is that private schools, who have many older buses, are now eligible to receive grant funding. He thanked District staff for their work on this program.

Mr. Hamilton asked if the District funds available for charging infrastructure could be used in addition to incentive funds available from PG&E. Mr. Warner responded the District's incentives programs for charging infrastructure do not exclude the recipient from using other funding sources, but they are not coordinated. Mr. Hamilton suggested staff should inform program participants of incentives from other agencies.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jon Klassen, Director of Strategies and Incentives, 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 that were considered by the California Air Resources Board at their meeting held on May 23, 2019.

Mr. Hamilton said he understood that the expanded Community Air Protection eligibility included funding for local air districts through their AB 617 work, to help schools replace older versions of air filters with new ones to improve indoor air quality for students. Ms. Carr responded affirmatively.

Public Comment – None

9. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASING ACCESS TO ENERGY IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY – Sarah Sharpe, Senior Advisor for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), provided the CAC with an update on the state's pilot program to identify and implement solutions for communities lacking access to natural gas and affordable energy options in the San Joaquin Valley. Under the pilot program, \$53 million will be invested in 11 pilot communities across the Valley counties to bring electrification and natural gas energy solutions to 1,891 households. Additionally, the pilot program will leverage other clean energy opportunities provided through the Disadvantaged Community Clean Energy Discount Programs (Green Tariff, Single-family Affordable Solar Homes, and Community Solar), the California Alternative Rates for Energy Program, and the Self-Generation Incentive Program.

Mr. Gomez voiced appreciation for Ms. Sharpe's presentation and said that it helped him build a greater understanding of the intent of the program. He expressed concern at the effects of the transition to electrification for Farmersville residents, and asked about the timeline for the project. Ms. Sharpe said she did not have a specific timeline for the transition and that she believed the initial focus would be on new home construction. She said she believed it would be a long-term transition, and the CPUC is committed to making sure it would be a just transition.

Mr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Sharpe and said it was a great opportunity to learn about this program. He said he was impressed that residents would receive upgraded appliances for their homes and the income threshold was up to 400% of the federal poverty line. He added that the Valley has more PG&E customers with their electricity shut off for financial reasons, than anywhere else in the state of California. He said this was due to the poverty and high costs of electricity in the Valley.

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

- Ed Ward, Valley Pacific Petroleum Services

10. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES – 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. Smith asked if the District commented on the Criteria Pollutant and Toxics Emissions Reporting Regulation. Mr. Warner said staff has been working closely with CARB for a long time to get them to sync up their regulation with the District’s emission inventory processes. He added there are still some questions as to the costs to the District of implementing the regulation given the new expanded scope.

Mr. Hamilton thanked staff for their hard work on AB 617 and said the Monitoring Plan was a critical component of the program, and the information obtained will generate new work for the District. He asked if the monitors that will be used as part of the District’s Monitoring Plan are the same type of monitors that are traditionally used in the air monitoring network. Mr. Warner said the Community Air Monitoring Plans do use high grade equipment.

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

- Sarah Sharpe, CPUC

11. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, gave an update on recent press events including an electric school bus event in Malaga, electric vehicle public charging stations in Central Fresno, the Tune In Tune Up events in Oakdale and Bakersfield.

Public Comment - None

12. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – None

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 11:33 a.m.

Next Meeting – NO MEETING IN JULY. The next CAC meeting is scheduled on August 6, 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.