

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 4, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with the California Department of Public Health's recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, no physical location was provided for public attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kevin Abernathy, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He announced the District was responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by holding this meeting in a manner consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 and California Department of Public Health's recommendations for social distancing. He quickly summarized that the meeting was being held via video teleconference and webcast with no physical location for public attendance. However, he said members of the public who wished to address the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members would be provided the opportunity to do so during the appropriate commenting periods. He thanked the CAC members and the public for their patience as we implement this new meeting format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **ROLL CALL** – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting but not to take action.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Gary Yep / CIG (P)*	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Wayne Clausen / CIG (P)	VTC
	Carolyn Temple / EIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Tim Parcel / IAIG (A)	VTC
Madera	Brittany Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Kevin Abernathy / IAIG (P)	VTC
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
	Eleassia Davis / CIG (A)**	VTC
Stanislaus	Shivaugn Alves / EIG (P)	VTC

	Richard O'Brien / EIG (P)	VTC
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P) Greg Gomez / CIG (P)	VTC VTC

*Arrived at 10:08 a.m.

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2020 – The Chair asked for member comments or questions regarding the Minutes from June 2, 2020. Hearing none, the Chair deemed the Minutes approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

- f. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, advised members that wildfire season has begun and we are seeing fires across the state. To date, the Valley has not seen significant air quality impacts from these wildfires. Mr. Sheikh directed members to the District's Wildfire Information webpage as a good resource to receive up-to-date information on wildfires that may be impacting air quality in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Sheikh provided the CAC members with a preview of a few key items scheduled to be before the Governing Board in August including the following:

- Update on District's ongoing response to the CARB review of the District emission reduction credit (ERC) program
- District's preliminary selection for funding of two grant programs under the highly-competitive federal Targeted Airshed Grant Program (\$20 million for agricultural tractors and \$10 million for low-dust harvesting equipment)

Mr. Cunha asked if the Targeted Airshed Grant Program funds would be available for the next fiscal year, or the current one. Mr. Sheikh responded the funds are current federal budget year funds.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessica Coria, Program Manager Air Quality Science and Planning, 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 brief summary of the Board meeting held on May 28, 2020.

In regards to CARB’s truck program, Mr. Abernathy commented that the program is still in disarray as he has worked to fix things for individuals and companies, only to find out during the next reporting period that the truck program staff had never updated any of the data that they had received.

Mr. Cunha suggested that District staff coordinate with CARB truck program staff to have them provide a presentation at a future CAC meeting. He asked Ms. Carr to coordinate a presentation by CARB staff at a future CAC meeting to provide a report on implementation of AB 434, State Web Accessibility.

Public Comment: None

9. UPDATE ON DISTRICT’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the proactive measures the District has taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which include measures aimed at ensuring safety and well-being of our staff, Valley stakeholders, and our community at large while continuing the essential air quality public service the District provided to residents, businesses, and others served by the District. Mr. Gill also provided an overview of the influence of the pandemic on air quality and economic impacts being seen across the state and in the Valley. Moving forward the District will continue to prioritize progress toward attainment of health-based air quality standards and public engagement in the regulatory processes while continuing to evaluate the economic impacts associated with the pandemic as new measures are developed.

Mr. Cunha asked when staff anticipates opening the Governing Board meetings again to the public. Mr. Sheikh responded staff does not have a specific target date. He said they have been working on continuing to evolve the format to one that accommodates the needs of all stakeholders. He added that staff has come up with a process that accommodates in person participation for any member of the public who, for whatever reason, has difficulty accessing the meeting via virtual tools. He added that staff has done a very good job at making sure members of the public stay involved in the public meeting process and he has not received any concerns from the public. In fact some members have commented that virtual meetings make it easier for them to participate.

Chairman Abernathy voiced appreciation for the information included on the impact of the shutdown on the Valley's air quality from a statistical standpoint.

Public Comment: None

10. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF 2018 PLAN FOR THE 1997, 2006, AND 2012 PM2.5 STANDARDS – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update the implementation of the 2018 PM2.5 Plan. Following action by the District's Governing Board and the California Air Resources Board, on June 30, 2020, the federal EPA finalized approval on the most time-sensitive portions of the plan pertaining 2006 PM2.5 standard. EPA is expected to act on the remaining portions in the plan at a later date. The District is well underway on implementing the emission reduction commitments in the plan including, but not limited to, the adoption of the enhancements to the District's residential wood burning rules and the Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-out incentive program. The District is also well underway on the rule development process for critical rules pertaining to flares, and boilers, process heaters and steam generators. In light of COVID-19, the District has shifted the public regulatory process to a virtual online format and is working to give stakeholders ample time to fully participate and respond to the development of the new measures. The District is also working with a socioeconomic consultant to support the analysis required to evaluate potential rule amendments. Mr. Klassen said the District will continue to provide regular updates to the CAC as rules are developed, and CAC members are encouraged to participate in the regulatory processes.

Mr. Sheikh added that the Plan was adopted pre-COVID, and are a number of local and state commitments that will need to be addressed. He said the real challenge is how the District can continue to move forward in meeting these commitments in the current environment. Specifically, he acknowledged the difficulty surrounding the underfired charbroiler commitment given that restaurants are very heavily impacted by the pandemic shutdowns. He asked CAC members to continue to provide input as staff works through these plan commitments.

Mr. Clark said the presentation was well done but also points out the many challenges and hurdles facing industry. He said the District is just one of many agencies that regulate industry. He said there are a lot of other issues out there and voiced appreciation for Mr. Sheikh's approach to ensure measures are cost-effective and feasible. Mr. Clark said he appreciates the ease of communication amongst District staff but shared his prior difficulties when attempting to reach staff from other agencies.

Mr. Cunha thanked Mr. Klassen for the great information. He suggested adding information on the impacts that COVID-19 may have on these rules regarding employment and businesses having to be shut down. He said he was greatly concerned about the Valley's air quality but added it was imperative to not destroy the Valley's businesses.

Mr. Sheikh thanked Mr. Cunha for his comment and the economic impacts were a very big part of the conversation at the workshop held last week and said staff definitely wants to make sure that COVID-19 recovery, including short term and long term impacts, are all part of the conversation around any of these measures.

Public Comment: None

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Ryan Hayashi, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has been working with the Community Steering Committees to re-envision the process and community engagement in light of stay-at-home orders and social distancing recommendations. The Community Steering Committees are continuing to have meetings utilizing online meeting tools. The South Central Fresno and Shafter communities are continuing to work on implementing the Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) approved earlier this year. The Stockton community is working to develop a Community Air Monitoring Plan and CERP for consideration by the District and CARB later this year. Mr. Hayashi also provided the members with an update on the status of the Best Available Retrofit Control Technology reviews that are proceeding in accordance with the Governing Board adopted schedule required under AB 617.
- b. Karen Buckley, CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617 in light of the current situation surrounding COVID-19. Moving forward CARB will be partnering with the districts on CERP implementation, working on updates to the AB 617 Blueprint based on lessons learned during Year 1, compiling and sharing resources on strategies, and continuing the development of tools to support the program (AQ View Data Portal, Emissions Inventory, and Technology Clearinghouse).

Mr. O'Brien said Riverbank is doing air quality monitoring right now in some of their industrial areas as well as throughout the city. He said this was not tied to AB 617, but he asked for technical assistance from District staff. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively.

Mr. Leiba commented that he was part of the Stockton AB 617 Community Steering Committee and said he appreciated the District's efforts. He said there were a couple of ad hoc meetings held and one of the proposals was a request to have Kevin Hamilton be invited to make presentation regarding asthma studies. He voiced appreciation for the proposal to have enhanced monitoring at the Washington School, which has a surrounding community affected by air pollution and socioeconomic issues.

Public Comment: None

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on outreach efforts in the Valley, including the District's annual summer outreach campaign, which will be geared toward some of the programs the District has than can help support residents affected by COVID-19, and the distribution of the English version of the District's Annual Report to the Community, which is in process of being translated to Spanish versions as well. Ms. Holt also mentioned staff is getting the message out about the impact of wildfires. She said the best response for residents is to get inside an environment with air conditioning and filtered air.

Public Comment: None

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. O'Brien commented on the requirements of SB 743. Mr. Sheikh responded that District staff are engaged with the Valley MPOs on that topic.
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Abernathy volunteered to present the report during the August 20, 2020 Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on September 2, 2020. 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.