

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 2, 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 Vice Chair, Kelly Deming, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. She 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. She quickly summarized that the meeting was being held via video teleconference and webcast with no physical location for public attendance. However, she 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. She 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 |
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| Fresno | Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P) | VTC |
| | Rey Leon / CIG (A) | VTC |
| | Kevin Hamilton / EIG (P)* | VTC |
| Kern | Les Clark / IAIG (P) | VTC |
| | Wayne Clausen / CIG (P) | VTC |
| | Carolyn Temple / EIG (P) | VTC |
| Kings | Kelly Deming / EIG (P) | Central |
| | Dustin Ference/IAIG (P) | VTC |
| Madera | Brittany Dyer / EIG (P) | VTC |
| Merced | Jack Lemen / CIG (P) | VTC |
| San Joaquin | Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P) | VTC |
| | Ned Leiba / EIG (P) | VTC |
| | Eleassia Davis / CIG (A) | VTC |

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| Stanislaus | Chris Savage / IAIG (P)** Shivaugn Alves / EIG (P) | VTC VTC |
| Tulare | Derek Williams / IAIG (P) | VTC |

*Arrived at 10:15 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 FEBRUARY 4, 2020 AND MARCH 3, 2020 AND MAY 5, 2020 – The Vice Chair asked for member comments or questions regarding the Minutes from February 4, 2020; March 3, 2020; and May 5, 2020. Hearing none, the Vice Chair 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, reported that in May the Governing Board held a special public hearing to provide comment and receive public input on the District's Draft Fiscal Year 2020-21 Recommended Budget. Mr. Sheikh reported that the Recommended Budget is balanced with underlying fiscally conservative assumptions in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic and current economic uncertainties. The Board will formally consider the Budget for adoption at the June public hearing.

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

- Consideration of the 2020 RACT SIP
- Update on the 2018 PM2.5 Plan and implementation of the associated measures contained within the Plan
- Acceptance of federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act incentive funding to replace heavy-duty trucks and agricultural equipment throughout the Valley

Lastly, Mr. Sheikh provided an update on the Tune-in Tune-up repair component of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin incentive program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has had to retool the program and move away from the large event based model and to an online portal. With the change, the District is still able to

effectively serve Valley residents and allow participation in the program under these difficult circumstances.

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.

Public Comment - None

9. REQUEST FOR INPUT ON FUTURE RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR CARB – Sarah Pittiglio, Air Quality and Climate Change Research Coordinator, CARB Research Division, provide the committee with an update of CARB’s research planning process and new efforts that have been initiated since their last report to the CAC in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These new initiatives include the following:

- EPA 105 Grant to Develop Salton Sea Working Groups – The objective of this project is to unite state and local stakeholders and researchers to address Salton Sea air quality and health concerns.
- Air Pollution and COVID-19 Disease Severity or Death in Southern California – The objective of this project is to assess whether air pollution exposures such as PM2.5, NO2, and Ozone lead to worse outcomes in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Southern California.
- Impact of Air Pollution on COVID-19 Case and Death Risk in California – The objective of this project is to investigate the relationship of long-term and short-term air pollution exposures (PM2.5, PM10, NO2 and ozone) with COVID-19 case/death rates in California.

Mr. Leiba commented that the COVID-19 pandemic was an interesting development with a lot of unknowns. He commented that he was surprised that he did not see much information regarding studies about childhood asthma, and asked how to most efficiently get a childhood asthma study within the Stockton AB 617 area.

Ms. Pittiglio responded ideas for future studies can be submitted through CARB's research concept process. She said the COVID-19 analysis came out of a recent Harvard study that looked at the link between air pollution and COVID-19 cases and mortality, specifically relating to California. She added that childhood asthma is a research priority and CARB has current projects that are looking at it.

Mr. Leon asked if the COVID-19 research project would occur in the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Pittiglio responded it was a statewide study and would include the Valley.

Mr. Hamilton said his organization has submitted a project based in the San Joaquin Valley to CARB, which is on the research list. He added they recently modified the project to include sensitivity to COVID-19 and have not yet sent that update to CARB. He said it was very specific to the Valley, involved asthma and the impact of reducing air pollution in homes and providing clean air inside homes and schools and the effect it has on the health of children and adults.

Ms. Alves asked about the process for reaching out to community members and how CARB identified those who would be engaged in the program. Ms. Pittiglio responded CARB is already engaged with a few community members and sent staff down to the Salton Sea area in December. She said they were reaching out to their current contacts in the area to find additional contacts. Mr. Hamilton added that CARB began the process of working with his team at Central California Asthma Collaborative prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said they have not been able to get it reorganized but that they would be working on it in the near future. Ms. Alves suggested that virtual meetings would make it easier for Stanislaus County organizations to be involved and asked Mr. Hamilton to reach out to her regarding future meetings.

Public Comment: None

10. VERBAL REPORT ON STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, gave an update on budget efforts at the state and federal level and the current status of the state budget process.

Public Comment – None

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Ryan Hayashi, Director of the District's Compliance Department, 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. Beginning May 6th, the District began holding community steering committees utilizing online meeting tools to continue moving forward with the process during the pandemic.

- b. Vernon Hughes, 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).

- 12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on outreach efforts in the Valley, including: additional tools and resources on the District’s AB 617 web pages; social media outreach; preparations for wildfire season; and promotion of the District’s grants programs, including Burn Cleaner and Clean Green Yard Machines.

Public Comment: None

- 13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – None

- 14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Ms. Deming recommended that Chairman Abernathy present the report to the Governing Board. Mr. Hamilton volunteered to serve as back up.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting – NO MEETING IN JULY. The next CAC meeting is scheduled on August 4, 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.