

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 2, 2022**  
**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 public health recommendations and Assembly Bill 361, no physical location was provided for public attendance.*

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Manuel Cunha, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Chris McGlothlin/ IAIG (A)	VTC
	Mary Fast/ CIG (P)	VTC
	Ron Ramsey/ CIG (A)	VTC
Kern	Christine Zimmerman / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Orchel Krier / CIG (P)	VTC
	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
	John Sanders / EIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	Fresno
	Kalish Morrow / CIG (P)	VTC
	Patricia Matthews / CIG (A)	VTC
Madera	Brittney Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
	Donald Horal / IAIG (P)	Fresno
Merced	Amy Lopes / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Denise Skidmore / EIG (A)	VTC
	Paul Ward / CIG (P)	VTC
	Jose Delgadillo / CIG (A)	VTC
San Joaquin	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
	Angelyna Nguyen / CIG (A)	VTC
	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ben Cantu / CIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
	Chris Savage / IAIG (P)	VTC

Thomas Helme / EIG (A) VTC  
Christopher Smith (A) VTC

Tulare Derek Williams / IAIG (P) VTC  
Fernando Rios / IAIG (A) VTC  
Dennis Maderos (P) VTC

*\*\*Mr. Ben Cantu arrived at 10:36 a.m., Mr. John Sanders arrived at 10:56  
Mr. Thomas Helme left at 11:01, Ms. Brittany Dyer left at 11:03*

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR May 3, 2022 – Mr. Manuel Cunha, Chair, asked for member comments on the minutes for the CAC meeting on May 3, 2022. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment: The following individual commented on this item:

- Lisa Flores, South Central Fresno AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) member

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following individual provided public comment at this meeting:

- Lisa Flores, South Central Fresno AB 617 CSC member

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha thanked members for being in attendance today and expressed the importance of having a quorum at the meetings. Mr. Cunha would like to offer help in any way to help get the vacant seats filled and get people appointed.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, welcomed back the committee after the dark month of July and looks forward to working with everyone for the rest of this year.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessi Fierro, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided an update on the District's planning and rule development efforts.

Public Comment: None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) – Laura Carr, CARB representative, gave a brief update on recent and upcoming actions by CARB.

Manuel Cunha asked Laura Carr for additional information on the upcoming CARB Scoping Plan meeting and Laura agreed that she would return with more information.

Public Comment: None

9. UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided an update on the District’s state budget advocacy efforts and the air quality funding.

Manuel Cunha discussed AB 5 and its impact on independent truckers in rural communities and asked if the District has discussed this issue with CARB. Tom Jordan clarified that there are numerous rules creating supply chain problems for truckers and the District has been working with CARB to address these issues and provide some flexibility to truckers. The District has ongoing efforts to make the public aware of the deadlines associated with these rules.

Laura Brown inquired about FARMER funding and how much funding the District is expecting to receive this year. Tom Jordan clarified that the District has requested that the program be funded at \$240 million dollars, to match the amount from the prior year. However, with the budget surplus, the District is hoping to receive additional funds. The District has identified emission reduction opportunities up to \$500 million dollars, if the funding is made available.

Public Comment: The following individual commented on this item:

- Lisa Flores, South Central Fresno AB 617 CSC member

10. UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY OZONE AND PM2.5 PLANNING – Jessi Fierro, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided an update on the District’s attainment planning and efforts toward Federal Particulate and Ozone Standards.

Ned Lieba congratulated the District on their current success but also encouraged the District to assess health benefits associated with emission reduction strategies.

Public Comment: None

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Jessica Olson, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided an update on the District’s ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. The District has continued to meet regularly with all four Community Steering Committees (CSCs) virtually to design and implement the community-driven AB 617 process.

The newest community of Arvin/Lamont in southern Kern County has been meeting monthly. As has been discussed across the state and throughout the various AB 617 communities in the Valley, the timelines for completing the AB 617 requirements do not allow for the time needed to build capacity and strategically develop the clean air measures as a part of the community emissions reductions programs. As with Stockton last year, the Arvin/Lamont CSC requested in December that the District ask CARB for an extension to adopt the CERP in June 2022 to allow more time for community-driven process. Today it was announced that the CERP received unanimous approval by the District's CSC and was adopted by the District's Governing Board in June. This month, the Arvin/Lamont committee will continue discussions on air quality monitoring.

The South Central Fresno, Shafter, and Stockton committees have continued to meet regularly for CSC and subcommittee meetings and have increased funding for the Stockton residents within the boundary.

Finally, community air monitoring is underway in all three implementation communities, as the CSCs have been working to process proposals for Urban Greening and Vegetative Barriers projects. Real-time information is accessible for community members through the District's dedicated AB 617 websites.

- b. Brian Moore, from CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617. The deadline for the scheduled revision to the AB 617 Statewide Strategy is approaching. Law requires CARB to update the strategy every five years and September 2023 is the deadline. With direction from the AB 617 consultation group, CARB has released a draft outline to encourage public input this fall and winter with the goal of having a draft revisions by the end of 2022.

Ned Leiba complimented the AB 617 committees for their work on Vegetative Barriers and Urban Greening. He also suggested that the District start to focus their measurements on exposure as well as emissions. He highlighted the importance of measuring health impacts to demonstrate the tangible benefits of emission reduction projects.

Public comment: None

- 12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Outreach and Communications Officer, provided an update on District outreach activities, including updates on wildfire season. She mentioned the District's website being available to the public as a resource to monitor the impacts of wildfire smoke in the Valley. Clean Air Centers will also be opened throughout the Valley during major wildfire smoke events to provide a safe space for those without access to clean air. The Clean Air Room program is also available to those in disadvantaged communities to provide a portable

in-home air purifier to approximately 1,000 residents. The District is also offering guidance to the public on how residents can create their own, affordable, home-made air purifiers to protect themselves from wildfire smoke this season.

Public Comment: The following individual commented on this item:

- Lisa Flores, South Central Fresno AB 617 CSC member

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Manuel Cunha asked Laura Carr to return with details about the upcoming CARB Scoping Plan. Laura clarified that the event will be a public listening session where they encourage input from stakeholders and the public.

Public comment: None

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the report at the Governing Board meeting on September 15, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on September 6, 2022. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).