

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

**February 1, 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 10:06 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to take action.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Mary Fast CIG (P)	VTC
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts EIG (P)	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
Madera	Donald Horal / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Brittney Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Paul Ward / CIG (P)	VTC
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Chris Savage / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
	Thomas Helme / EIG (A)	VTC
Tulare	Dennis Mederos/CIG (P)	VTC
	Derek Williams/IAIG (P)	

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2021 – Chairman Cunha asked for member comments and corrections to the minutes from December 7, 2021. Hearing none, he deemed the minutes approved.

Public Comments - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, provided the CAC members with an update on the following items:

- The District Governing Board took action in January to amend the agreement with Valley Clean Air Now for the continued implementation of the District's Tune In Tune Up vehicle repair program for an additional \$4,000,000 in program funding for the remainder of the 2021-22 fiscal year. The Board also directed staff to continue the option for direct participation by Valley residents, in addition to continued implementation of weekend events throughout the Valley.
- The District Governing Board recently took action to approve the Project Plan for implementation of the District's Burn Cleaner Program within the AB 617 community of Stockton consistent with District Board and CARB-approved Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for Stockton. Once the Project Plan is approved by CARB, this action will allow for Community Air Protection funding to be used for the program and will provide increased incentive amounts for individuals residing within the Stockton AB 617 boundary.
- In January, the Governing Board received the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended Jun30, 2021. Once again the District received a clean audit report that validates the District's commitment to fiscal accountability.

Mr. Savage asked for a high level summary of the efforts regarding the District's Emission Reduction Credit (ERC) program. Mr. Sheikh responded the efforts surrounding the ERC program remain a high priority. He said the District submitted the 2020-21 Offset Equivalency Demonstration to EPA in November 2021 as required by District Rule 2201 and took the report to the Board in December. He said there is a lot of interaction taking place with the regulated community and organizations that are interested in this process as well as CARB and EPA. He added staff plans to provide an update to the Board on these issues at their February 17, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Savage requested this to be added as a standing item on the CAC agenda. Mr. Cunha agreed. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jon Klassen, Director of 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, gave a brief update on recent and upcoming actions by CARB.

Public Comment: None

9. AIR QUALITY FUNDING IN PROPOSED STATE BUDGET - Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided an update on the District’s state budget advocacy efforts and the air quality funding contained in the Governor’s January proposed budget.

Mr. Savage commented on the food processor grant and suggested the District continue to advocate for the funding because it will produce a lot of benefit from an air quality standpoint. He added it was important to look into whether any of this funding can be helpful in achieving reductions in areas that can produce more emission reduction credits.

Ms. Elizabeth asked if the funding for the FARMER program was fully exhausted. Mr. Jordan responded the FARMER program has always been hugely popular and oversubscribed and the District would definitely spend all of the funding received for this program. She said she would like to see more focus on the Healthy Soils program and suggested this would be a good approach for fugitive dust issues. She suggested the District should collaborate with California Department of Food and Ag, CARB, and the State Board of Water.

Mr. Leiba agreed with Ms. Elizabeth’s comments and asked if this funding allow the Stockton AB617 community to request funding for the port projects that many on the Steering Committee favored but did not pass. Mr. Sheikh responded it has always been a desire to seek funding for any innovative, cost effective emission reduction projects. He said there would be a lot of opportunities to talk about how to continue to reduce emissions at the Port of Stockton.

Mr. Clark commented that competition is going to be key for AB 617 funding and said the Valley would have to compete very hard to get their share of money.

Mr. Savage made a motion to submit a letter to the Governor outlining the Valley's air quality challenges and state commitments, and supporting increased air quality funding levels necessary to support key District emission reduction programs.

As there was not a quorum present from the Environmental Interest Group at the time of the vote, this action was tabled until later in the meeting.

10. UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND REGULATORY EFFORTS - Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update on the significant progress made in implementing the 2018 PM2.5 Plan, the 2007 Ozone Plan, and the 2016 Ozone Plan. The District has also initiated the development of the 2022 Ozone Plan to address the 2015 federal ozone standard. This plan is scheduled for Board consideration in mid-2022 after completion of the public progress.

Ms. Elizabeth wildfires should not be considered as strictly exceptional events given our climate change regime. She also suggested that District Rule 9410 (Employer Based Trip Reduction) should become a required program to reduce vehicle miles traveled in communities with large employers.

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, or sometimes more frequently, since May 2021. 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 just 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. This month, the Arvin/Lamont committee will continue discussions on air quality monitoring and CERP measure development.

The South Central Fresno, Shafter, and Stockton committees have continued to meet regularly for CSC and subcommittee meetings. Last month, the District took the Stockton residential wood burning change out CERP measure to the District's Governing Board, which will allow residents within the AB 617 community to receive up to \$3,000 for replacing their old wood burning fireplace with natural

gas, or up to \$4,000 for replacement with an electric heat pump. This is equal to the hot-spot county incentives amount in the District's burn cleaner program, and represents dedicated and increased funding for the Stockton residents within the boundary.

Finally, community air monitoring is underway in all three implementation communities, with real-time information accessible for community members through the District's dedicated AB 617 websites. Vernon Hughes, Manager in the CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617.

- b. Vernon Hughes, Manager in the CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617. At the February 2022 CARB hearing, the board will consider add new Year 4 communities to the AB 617 program. CARB staff are recommending two communities: East Oakland and the International Border Community near San Diego. CARB is also continuing to work on updates to the Community Air Protection Program Blueprint with board consideration anticipated in second quarter of 2022.

Mr. Leiba complimented the District and CARB on the health studies conducted in the AB 617 community of Stockton and said he hoped that is something that will be incorporated in all AB 617 communities.

- 14. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Manager, provided an update on District outreach activities, including the availability of the District's free Annual Kids Calendars, containing artwork from kids across the Valley who represent every county. She added her team has been busy promoting all of the District's programs, including the Burn Cleaner fireplace change out program, Ag Tractor, and Alternatives to Open Burning incentive programs.

*This item was revisited*

- 9. AIR QUALITY FUNDING IN PROPOSED STATE BUDGET – Members reconsidered Mr. Savage's motion to submit a letter to the Governor outlining the Valley's air quality challenges and state commitments, and supporting increased air quality funding levels necessary to support key District emission reduction programs.

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Savage  
*Seconded:* Fast  
*Ayes:* Cunha, Clark, Brown, Horal, Hoffdahl, Williams, Dyer, Auston-Tibbetts, Leiba, Fast, Ward, Medeiros  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to submit a letter to the Governor outlining the Valley's air quality challenges and state commitments, and supporting increased air quality funding levels necessary to support key District emission reduction programs.***

15. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Siliznoff announced his resignation from the CAC due to increasing professional responsibilities. Mr. Cunha thanked Mr. Siliznoff for his many years of service on the CAC.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the report during the Governing Board meeting on February 17, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on March 1, 2022. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).