

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

May 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Cen7tral 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 10:05 a.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
Kern	Christine Zimmerman / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Orchel Krier / CIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
Madera	Brittney Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Amy Lopes / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Julie Connel / EIG (P)	VTC
	Paul Ward / CIG (P)	VTC
San Joaquin	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
	Angelyna Nguyen / CIG (A)	VTC
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Dennis Mederos /CIG (P)	VTC

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2022 – Mr. Cunha asked for member comments on the minutes for the CAC meeting on March 1, 2022. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comments - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha thanked members and staff involved in recruitment efforts to fill vacant CAC positions, including Mr. Leiba who has reached out with great ideas and efforts.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided the CAC members with an update on the following items:
 - The upcoming Special Public Hearing for review of the District's 2022-23 Recommended Budget, scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
 - At the April 21, 2022 meeting, the Governing Board took action to launch a new solicitation under the Zero Emission School Bus Incentive Program. He said this relaunched program will provide funding for school bus replacement and associated charging infrastructure for the buses to be used throughout the Valley.

Mr. Cunha confirmed that the program would pay up to 100% of the costs for the zero emission school buses. Mr. Lambert responded affirmatively.

Mr. Leiba said that the buses will mitigate NOx emissions at a cost of \$276,000 per metric ton over a year, and asked if that was the cost effectiveness cap in the program.

Mr. DeYoung responded that would be the maximum the District would be allowed to pay under the state guidelines. He added that reducing pollution in school buses not only reduces diesel particulate matter, it also reduces children's exposure. He said one of the keys in a school bus replacement program is reducing that direct exposure of children and people within those communities to these harmful pollutants.

Mr. Leiba clarified that the mitigated NOx was over ten years and not one. Mr. DeYoung confirmed. Mr. Leiba said that seems like a very costly measure.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES 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 – Earl Withycombe, CARB representative, gave a brief update on recent and upcoming actions by CARB.

Mr. Cunha expressed concern about the lack of available trucks from manufacturers and the crisis this will cause for independent truckers and goods movement.

Public Comment: None

9. UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided an update on the current budget situation and bills that are of interest to the District.

Ms. Brown asked if Assemblymember Arambula reached out to District staff for additional information or input as his bill started moving along. Mr. Jordan said the Assemblymember's office did not reach out to District staff before introducing the bill. Ms. Brown said she was very disappointed that they have gone that route.

Mr. Cunha thanked staff and all of the groups that have worked on getting AB 617 funding for improvements in the communities. He said Carl Moyer is one of the best programs for incentive-based discussions and a lot of time has been spent on the qualifications for the program. He said the agricultural community has received the funding but has never received 100% funding. Regarding the FARMER program, he said the District has done a great job replacing tractors and electrification of pumps. He highlighted all of the District's programs, and said the District has also been focused on keeping jobs in the Valley. He commented that he was very disappointed in Assemblymember Arambula for not communicating with District staff before introducing the bill.

Public Comment: None

10. DISTRICT'S ANNUAL AIR TOXICS REPORT FOR 2021 – Mark Montelongo, Program Manager, presented the District's 2021 Annual Air Toxics Report.

Public Comment: None

11. ENHANCEMENTS TO DISTRICT'S AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, provided an update on enhancements to the District's Agricultural Equipment Replacement Programs. Mr. Cunha voiced support for the increased percentage of funding provided for this program. He also voiced appreciation for the continuing relationship working with USDA, and potential increase of funding in the Farm Bill.

Public comment: None

12. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM – Mr. Lambert provided an update on recent activities regarding the District's Emission Reduction Credit Program.

Public comment: None

13. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Jessica Olsen, 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.
- b. Brian Moore, CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617.

Public comment: None

13. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Manager, provided updates on recent outreach activities including participating in the recent AB 617 community meeting in Arvin/Lamont, EPA Air Quality Awareness Week, and the upcoming Lawnmower Trade In Event for residents in the South Central Fresno area.

14. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – None

15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the report at the Governing Board meeting on May 19, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on June 7, 2022. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).