

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA

October 4, 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 10:02 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
	Chris McGlothlin/ IAIG (A)	VTC
	Ron Ramsey/ CIG (A)	VTC
	Donald Horal / IAIG (P)	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Orchel Krier / CIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	VTC
Madera	Brittany Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Amy Lopes / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Julie Connel / EIG (P)	VTC
	Jose Delgadillo / CIG (A)	VTC
San Joaquin	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
	Ben Cantu / CIG (P)	VTC
	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Jami Aggers / EIG (P)	VTC
	Christopher Smith / CIG (A)	VTC
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Fernando Rios / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Dennis Mederos (P)	VTC

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 – Mr. Manuel Cunha, Chair, asked for member comments on the minutes for the previous CAC meeting. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha welcomed the new members and mentioned two items that will be discussed at the next CAC meeting: 1) the purpose and importance of the CAC Board 2) a review of the SIP and an opportunity to ask questions regarding changes to the SIP.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided the CAC members with an update on the following items:

- The District received a national award under the San Joaquin Valley Residential Wood Burning Wood Smoke Reduction Strategy by the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA).
- The Governing Board's approval of the enhancements to the Burn Cleaner Program.
- The Governing Board Study Session, inviting the CAC members to attend the Study Session on November 9th & 10th and gave a brief summary of the items that will be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Williams made a comment regarding incentive funds for natural gas products and his concern of total electrification of the State and impracticality of the plan, therefore, asked the CAC members could discuss and provide a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Cunha congratulated the District for the AAPCA award and the hard work of the staff and Board.

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.

Mr. Leiba wanted confirmation that the PM 2.5 standards seemed to be met in many parts of the valley. Mr. Gill responded and confirmed that many parts of the valley do in fact meet all of the national PM 2.5 standards and will continue to addressing the remaining parts of the valley that are not yet in attainment.

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.

Public Comment: None

9. CARB UPDATE ON ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II REGULATION – Lisa Chiladakis, CARB Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division Air Pollution Specialist and Anna Wong provided an update on the state’s Advanced Clean Cars II regulation which requires that 100% of new light-duty vehicle sales in California be zero emission or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by 2035.

Mr. Leiba asked what the mitigation cost per metric ton was for this process. Ms. Chiladakis responded that while she did not have the specific number, all processes were assessed and alternatives weighed. There was a more stringent alternative and a less stringent alternative that was produced and each cost/benefits compared against each other.

Mr. Delgadillo asked how long it takes for a car to be fully charged. Ms. Chiladakis responded with the variables such as car size battery and voltage and the associated charging times. Mr. Delgadillo also asked if the unused batteries affect the climate and Ms. Chiladakis shared that CARB is working with recycling centers to address that concern.

Mr. Williams voiced his concern regarding GHG on a state and global level.

Ms. Deming requested a list of the abbreviations and acronyms in the presentation and requested a brief history of the rule and any pertaining legislation.

Mr. Sanders asked if fossil fuels are banned in the actual production of the vehicles, CARB clarified that there is not a ban or a limit on fossil fuels in the production of vehicles.

Mr. Maderos asked if there would be a phase-out of gas stations and how this may affect interstate commerce. CARB reassured Mr. Maderos that gasoline should be around for a long time as this rule does not apply to current vehicles.

Mr. Cunha thanked the CARB presenters and reminded them of the requested correspondence.

Public comment: None

10. CARB UPDATE ON CURRENT RESEARCH AND PRIORITIES – Elizabeth Scheehle, CARB Research Division Chief, and Dr. Sonya Collier, CARB Research Division Air Resources Engineer, provided CAC members with an overview of CARB’s FY 2023-24 research projects. CARB’s FY 2023-24 research projects continue to implement the strategical guidance contained in their Triennial Strategic Research Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2024.

Mr. Maderos voiced concern regarding the impacts of the drought and the lack of water and development.

Mr. Leiba praised the commitment he saw in their studying of asthma.

Mr. Cunha echoed the concern of the drought in California and thanked CARB for their research and presentation.

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) which are South Central Fresno, Shafter, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont to design and implement the community-driven AB 617 process.

The recently adopted Arvin/Lamont CERP will head to CARB’s board on October 13. The District and CSC co-leads have been working together since District Board adoption to highlight CSC priorities and launch subcommittees to move implementation forward. Last Tuesday, the District held a very successful first pesticides subcommittee, which was co-lead by the community leads, DPR, CARB, OEHHA, and the Kern County Ag Commissioner, which highlighted the CERP commitments from each of these agencies.

The South Central Fresno, Shafter, and Stockton committees have continued to meet monthly to work together to implement the many emissions and exposure reductions measures included in the community CERP.

Upcoming CSC meetings will be focused on discussing CERP implementation progress over the past year. Draft annual reports, published in both English and Spanish, were posted and sent to the CSCs last week for community input. Staff will be taking feedback and publishing the final annual reports ahead of the District’s November Governing Board Study Session, for discussion with the Board prior to sending to CARB, per the AB 617 implementation guidance.

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

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 Healthy Air Living Schools program and on the wildfire season. She mentioned the next two Tune-In, Tune-Up events as well as upcoming lawnmower exchange program events. Winter wood-burning season is around the corner when we will encourage public to refrain from burning and have our woodstove and fireplace change-out program. Ms. Holt also mentioned the increased funding that was recently approved by the Board in regards to the woodstove/fireplace change-out program.

Public comment: None

- 13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Manuel Cunha would like to discuss the purpose and provide guidance to the CAC members and receive an update on the SIP at the next meeting.

Mr. Delgadillo thanked staff and presenters for the very informative meeting.

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 11:59 a.m.