

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

September 6, 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, asked the Vice-Chair, Chris Savage, to chair this meeting. Chris Savage called the meeting to order at 10:06 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)**	Phone
	Chris McGlothlin/ IAIG (A)	VTC
	Mary Fast/ CIG (P)	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Orchel Krier / CIG (P)	VTC
	John Sanders / EIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	VTC
	Patricia Matthews / CIG (A)	VTC
Madera	Brittney Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
	Donald Horal / IAIG (P)	Fresno
Merced	Amy Lopes / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Julie Connel / EIG (P)	
	Denise Skidmore / EIG (A)	VTC
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
	Chris Savage / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Christopher Smith / CIG (A)	
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Fernando Rios / IAIG (A)	VTC

***Mr. Manuel Cunha phoned in at 10:20 a.m.*

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2022 – Mr. Chris Savage, Vice-Chair, asked for member comments on the minutes for the CAC meeting on August 2, 2022. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha thanked Mr. Savage for chairing this meeting due to his technical difficulties.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, reminded the committee of the upcoming Governing Board Study Session scheduled for November 9th & 10th at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA.

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.

Mr. Savage, Mr. Ned Lieba, and Ms. Suzanne Bauer asked Laura Carr about an update she provided on the electrification of vehicles by 2035. Mr. Savage, Mr. Lieba, and Ms. Bauer requested a more detailed update on this matter. Ms. Carr said that she would see if CARB program staff would be available present at the next CAC meeting.

Public Comment: None

9. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL BURN PHASE-OUT – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the implementation of the Valley’s final agricultural burn phase-out strategy, which will phase-out remaining burning by the end of 2024. The District is currently implementing the strategy through a significant multi-faceted effort including outreach, regulatory enforcement, and expanded incentive programs. Additionally, the District is working to leverage complementary state and

federal programs to assist in incentive funding efforts, which is increasingly important in the face of severe drought, changing climate conditions, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation.

In regards to the impact of drought and what that means in terms of acreage being fallowed, Mr. Savage asked that the CAC be kept apprised of the amount of fallowed acreage resulting from the drought and the impact this has on the available alternatives to agricultural burning.

Mr. Savage also asked how much additional monies have been brought to the District by USDA-NRCS EQIP, CDFA Healthy Soils program and other complementary state and federal programs. Mr. Gill said he would follow up and provide this information to the Committee.

Mr. Cunha said that it is estimated that 800,000 acres will be removed in 2022-23 due to SGMA. We are currently advocating at the state-level for additional funds in years 2023-24 for the purchase of equipment to remove trees and vineyards. Additionally, we are working to increase EQIP funding for growers by \$25 million under the new Farm Bill.

Mr. Leiba requested that in future presentations on this topic, the PM2.5 from agricultural burning be compared to that from wildfires, and the cost-effectiveness of the agricultural burn phase-out strategy.

Public Comment: None

10. ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS WITH ZERO AND NEAR-ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGY – Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, reported that the District Governing Board recently accepted \$12.9 million in revenue from the California Air Resources Board for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero and near zero-emission trucks in the San Joaquin Valley. Reducing emissions from mobile sources, particularly heavy-duty trucks, is a critical component of the District's overall strategy to attain health-based federal air quality standards. Since 1998, the District's truck incentive programs have replaced, repowered, or retrofitted more than 7,300 heavy-duty trucks with cleaner alternatives. To support this transition to cleaner technology, the 2021 state budget included a \$45 million allocation specifically designated for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero and near-zero emission technology in severe or extreme nonattainment areas within the state. Of that amount, \$12.9 million was allocated to the District. This funding will be utilized in the District's existing Truck Replacement Program.

In regards to the state's 2035 electrification goals for the sale of new cars and light trucks, Mr. Savage stated that he was concerned that these goals would result in

funding being moved away from the meaningful reductions from programs focused on heavy-duty trucks to support the light-duty efforts.

Public Comment: None

11. UPDATE ON DISTRICT NSR AND ERC BANKING RULE AMENDMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's efforts to amend District Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review) and Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking) to satisfy federal offset equivalency remedies contained within Rule 2201 and to enhance the rules to ensure that federal requirements can continue to be met. The District is planning to public workshops will be held throughout 2022 and rule adoption is scheduled for late 2022 or early 2023.

Public Comment: None

12. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES:

- a. District Update on Implementation of Assembly Bill 617 – 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. CARB held an outreach workshop during the Arvin/Lamont CSC meeting last month to solicit feedback on the CERP development process in preparation for their update to the Board. In the meantime, the District and CSC co-leads are working together to launch subcommittees and move implementation forward.

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 CERPs. In all three of those communities, urban greening and vegetative barriers projects have been moving forward. Request for proposals (RFP) seeking contractor(s) to run programs now open for Shafter, South Central Fresno, and Stockton. There are also several upcoming discussions in all three implementation communities to refine a residential air filtration measure before taking proposal to CARB and the Board.

Last month, the District's Governing Board approved two different projects to provide sidewalk and bike lane infrastructure in the City of Shafter and in Kern County, both of which were recommended and supported by the CSC. The District Board also approved funding a car Share Program in partnership with the local housing

authority in the Stockton AB 617 project boundary. These recently-approved projects are set to launch by the end of the year.

- b. CARB Update on Implementation of Assembly Bill 617 – Phippen Mader, CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617.

Les Clarke expressed his concerns surrounding the Governor’s goal of phasing out oil extraction across the state by no later than 2045.

Public comment: None

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS:

Manuel Cunha expressed concerns regarding the aggressive timelines associated with state’s zero-emission goals, and the impacts these may have on rural communities and businesses.

Ms. Bauer expressed concern with the same issue particularly the electrification of school busses.

Public comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on October 4, 2022. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).