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Action Summary Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Central Region Office, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Governing Board Room, Fresno, CA.

Tuesday, September 7, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC) including the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield).

The Chair stated that the Industry/Agriculture Interest Group held their meeting to elect the chair of their Interest Group before the start of today's CAC meeting. The chair noted that during the Industry/Agriculture Interest Group meeting held on August 3, 2004, Chris Savage was nominated as chair, and due to a lack of quorum that election was continued to September 7, 2004.

The Chair announced that Riley Jones made the motion to elect Chris Savage as chair, seconded by Edward Gable and carried unanimously.

Therefore, the Official Record indicates that Chris Savage, Industry/Agriculture, Primary, Stanislaus County, was elected Chair of the Industry/Agriculture Interest Group.

- <u>Call Meeting to Order</u> The Chair, Les Clark, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

(P) designates Primary Member and (A) designates Alternate Member

| County             | Member Name/Interest Group   | Regional<br>Office            |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <u>Fresno</u><br>" | Kevin Hamilton, Environmental (P)<br>Don Ikemiya, City (P)   | Central<br>Central            |
| <u>Kern</u><br>"   | Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P) <b>Chair</b> Dana Karcher, Environmental (P)                           | Southern<br>Southern          |
| Kings<br>"         | Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture (P)<br>Kelly Deming, Environmental (P)<br>Theo DeHaan, Environmental (A) | Central<br>Central<br>Central |

## 2. Roll Call continued

| County                | Member Name/Interest Group   | Regional<br>Office                           |
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| <u>Madera</u>         | Lee Smith, Environmental (P)   | Northern                                     |
| Merced                | No Attendees from Merced County  |  |
| San Joaquin<br>"<br>" | Edward Gable, Industry/Agriculture (P) Roger Hoffdahl, Industry/Agriculture (A) (*) Perfecto Munoz, Environmental (A) Wade Broughton, City (P) | Northern<br>Northern<br>Northern<br>Northern |
| <u>Stanislaus</u>     | Chris Savage, Industry/Ag (P) Vice Chair   | Northern                                     |
| <u>Tulare</u>         | (*) David Harrald, Industry/Agriculture (P)<br>Christine Foster, Environmental (P)   | Central<br>Central                           |

### (\*) Arrived after Roll Call

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Dave Jones, Director of Planning, Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, Alex Krivobok, Communication Systems Analyst, Ken Pretzer, Information Systems Manager, Evan Shipp, Supervising Air Quality Planner, Tom Jordan, Planning Manager, Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, James Sweet, Air Quality Project Planner and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

<u>Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)</u> – Ravi Ramalingam, ARB representative, Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant and Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst.

<u>Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)</u> – Linda Phillips, Administrative Analyst.

- 3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, August 3, 2004 The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of Tuesday, August 3, 2004 were approved as submitted.
- 4. <u>Chair Comments</u> The Chair apologized to the CAC members for not attending the August CAC Meeting, and noted he had personal issues that prohibited him from attending. The Chair expressed his appreciation to the CAC members for attending today's meeting.
- 5. <u>APCO Comments</u> David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, briefed the CAC on the Governing Board's August 19, 2004 meeting. Mr. Crow highlighted items that will appear on the Board's September 16, 2004 agenda. Mr. Crow announced the Board will hold a Special Governing Board Meeting on October 8, 2004.

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- Mr. Crow announced that the District will be hosting an Air Quality Symposium on September 29 and 30, 2004.
- Mr. Crow reported that SB 999 has been withdrawn by the author.
- 6. **Public Comments** No Public Comments.
- 7. ARB Report Report made by Ravi Ramalingam, California Air Resources Board (ARB) representative and ARB Liaison for the Valley Air District. Mr. Ramalingam reported that on August 12, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointments of ARB Board Members. Mr. Ramalingam noted the appointments consisted of: Alan Lloyd as Chairman and Sandra Berg, Dorene D'Adamo, Mark DeSaulnier, Henry Gong, Lydia Kennard, Ron Loveridge, Barbara Patrick, Patricia Pineda and Barbara Riordan.

Kevin Hamilton stated ARB recently held the final workshop on the 8 HR./1 HR. Ozone Requirements. Mr. Hamilton stated he thinks that might be something the CAC would be interested in and requested a report on that meeting.

The Chair stated that perhaps Mr. Ramalingam could make that report at the next CAC meeting scheduled on October 5, 2004.

7a. Update Report: California Regional PM10/PM2.5 Air Quality Study

(CRPAQS) Study – Presentation made by Ravi Ramalingam with additional comments provided by David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Evan Shipp, Supervising Air Quality Planner, Dave Jones, Director of Planning, James Sweet, Air Quality Project Planner.

The CAC asked several questions of Mr. Ramalingam and District staff pertaining to the CRPAQS Study's initial and future findings. The CAC also received, at the request of the Chair, a briefing from James Sweet in respect to the history of the various air quality studies conducted in the San Joaquin Valley. The CAC expressed their appreciation to Mr. Ramalingam, as well as District staff for a very informative presentation.

8. Public Education Report – Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, reported on the activities of the Public Education Division. Ms. Holt noted that presently Public Education is focusing on the upcoming Air Quality Symposium to be held on September 29 and 20, 2004 in Bakersfield. Ms. Holt briefed the CAC on two items on the September 16, 2005 Governing Board Agenda (1) extending the agreement with Fangs Communication, the vendor who provides the Hmong outreach program and (2) an agreement for a partnership with the American Lung Association for our School Flag Program. Ms. Holt noted this will be a

program where each of the schools have flags that indicate what the AQI is for a particular day.

Ms. Holt reported Public Education is beginning to prepare for the upcoming Wood Burning Season.

Ms. Holt announced the Spare the Air Program is winding down with one more month to go.

Christine Foster noted that the Tulare County Schools have recently started utilizing the Air Quality Flags and they are getting really good coverage from the media and responses from the families of school kids.

Kevin Hamilton complimented the commercials for the Spare the Air Program.

Kevin Hamilton stated he had a concern regarding the Air Quality Symposium and noted he did not realize there would be as a fee for attending.

Ms. Holt stated that there is a fee, but there are also scholarships available and explained the process for obtaining a scholarship to attend the Air Quality Symposium.

- 9. Public Education Status Report on District Community Activities as it relates to children and public awareness Ms. Holt presented the CAC with an overview of the current Air District activities for children.

  List of Activities:
  - Clean Air Kids Club
  - Kids Club Calendar Contest
  - Blue Sky, Brown Sky, an air quality educational curriculum for Middle and High School Students

Ms. Holt advised the CAC that Public Education is currently in the process of evaluating a number of the current activities to make sure we are getting the outreach impact that we want from them. Ms. Holt announced that Public Education staff are also in the process of reviewing some potential new activities for children.

- 10. <u>Rules Under Development</u> Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, provided the status of Rules Under Development.
- 11. <u>Rule Update</u> Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets), Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Rule 3180 (Indirect Source Review Fee).

No staff update for Rule 9310.

Riley Jones reported that the Tracy School District has completely modified and retrofitted all of their school buses with low emission reduction retrofits. Mr. Jones stated that this was through a joint effort between the Tracy School District and GWF Power Systems. Mr. Jones reported the School Districts in Tracy also recently welcomed two new school buses fueled by compressed natural gas, and a natural gas fueling station housed at Jefferson School. Mr. Jones stated they are probably the cleanest fleet of school buses in the State or at least they are right up there because they're completely retrofitted now. Mr. Jones stated that it costs approximately \$7,000 to retrofit a bus.

Tom Jordan briefed the CAC on Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review (ISR). Mr. Jordan reported that Rule 9510 is very complex. Mr. Jordan explained that given the complexity of the rule staff has decided to break the rule into three pieces. Each rule will deal with a specific land use category, one rule will deal with residential, one will deal with commercial, and one will deal with industrial distribution center type sources.

Mr. Jordan stated staff discovered through the workshop process that there is going to be a lot of groundwork that needs to be done with cities, counties, and local jurisdictions that deal with land use issues on how the two processes would link together. Mr. Jordan stated staff has decided to setup a technical committee comprised of staff from cities, counties and the District to deal with just those administrative issues. Mr. Jordan indicated staff will be meeting with that committee for the first time in the coming week to talk about how their approval process and this program would interrelate and interact.

The CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee Rule Liaisons for the ISR Rule requested the opportunity to attend the upcoming technical committee meetings mentioned by Mr. Jordan.

12. Report from CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee – Report made by Chris Savage. Mr. Savage collaborated with the subcommittees members to incorporate their comments on the Status Sheet. Mr. Savage indicated he will add today's comments on the Status Sheet and will be providing the Status Sheet to the Governing Board incorporating comments received.

Christine Foster requested additional information regarding how funding was obtained for the Tracy School District to retrofit their school buses.

Mr. Crow indicated the funding source was a mitigation fee from the power plant construction in proximity to Tracy. Mr. Crow stated he will ask staff to identify other existing and future potential sources of funding.

Mr. Crow stated that we might have some of the school districts that have stepped up and made their commitments to retrofit school buses attend a future CAC meeting to talk about how they accomplished that. Mr. Crow stated he thinks they have some pretty good examples and it might be that others can benefit from how they collaborated together to get some of these things accomplished. Mr. Crow stated he would be happy to have this be a forum for a subsequent workshop on the subject which might include the school districts, the District, the State, and the Feds.

The Chair requested an item addressing the funding source issue for School Districts in relations to the fiscal implications of the State Budget be added to next month's agenda.

Chris Savage stated he would like for the Governing Board to receive the CAC Technical Rules Subcommittee Status Sheet at their next meeting.

13. **CAC Member Comments** – No CAC Member Comments.

# 14. <u>CAC Member Comments and Suggestions for CAC Report at Governing Board Meeting</u>

- (1) Report regarding CAC Technical Rules Subcommittee, Status Sheet
- (2) Update report received regarding the California Regional PM10/PM2.5 Air Quality Study
- (3) Public Education Report, recent activities
- (4) Public Education Report, activities in relation to children
- (5) Expressing appreciation to Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board for preparation of CAC minutes
- (6) CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee with Status Sheet Rule Update Discussion re: Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets) Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review)
- 15. Volunteer to present CAC Report, Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 9:00

  a.m., Governing Board Meeting Kevin Hamilton, Environmental, Primary

  Member, Fresno County, volunteered to present the CAC Report to the Board.
- 16. Next Meeting Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC), and includes the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield).
- 17. **Adjourn** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.