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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, February 1, 2005 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).

<u>Call to Order</u> – The Chair, Les Clark, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Chair announced that Daphne Garcia would Clerk today's CAC meeting.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present. (P) designates Primary Member and (A) designates Alternate Member

<u>County</u>	Member Name/Interest Group	Regional <u>Office</u>
<u>Fresno</u> "	(*) Kevin Hamilton, Environmental (P) Don Ikemiya, City (P)	Central Central
<u>Kern</u> "	Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P), Chair Dana Karcher, Environmental (P) Harry James Love, Environmental (A)	Southern Southern Southern
<u>Kings</u> "	Kelly Deming, Environmental (P) Dennis Tristao, City (P)	Central Central
Madera	Donald Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
Merced	Mary-Michal Rawling, Environmental (P)	Central
<u>San Joaquin</u> "	Edward Gable, Industry/Agriculture (P) (*) Roger Hoffdahl, Industry/Agriculture (A) Wade Broughton, City (P)	Northern Northern Northern
<u>Stanislaus</u>	L. D. Hoeh, Environmental (P)	Northern
<u>Tulare</u> "	Christine Foster, Environmental (P) Marvin Demmers, Environmental (A)	Central Central

(*) Arrived after Roll Call

The Chair introduced and welcomed Harry James Love, Environmental, Alternate CAC Member.

Mr. Love stated he has been a teacher for thirty-seven years in Bakersfield and retired as of last week. Mr. Love stated that he has been a Sierra Club Member for thirty-five years.

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Dave Jones, Director of Planning, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Ken Pretzer, Information Services Manager, Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst, Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, Stephanie McLaughlin, Air Quality Education Rep., Debbie Johnson, Chrystal Meier, and Jessica Hafer, Air Quality Specialists, Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Dave Mitchell, Planning Manager, George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Scott Nester, Planning Manager, Fred Bates, Controller, Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board, and Daphne Garcia, Senior Office Assistant.

<u>Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)</u> – Douglas Ito, ARB Representative, and District Liaison, Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant, and Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst.

<u>Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)</u> – Steve Enns, Air Quality Inspector, and Cheryl Ripley, Office Assistant.

- 3. <u>Approve Minutes of Tuesday, January 4, 2005</u> The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of Tuesday, January 4, 2005 approved as submitted.
- 4. **<u>Chair Comments</u>** No Chair Comments.
- 5. <u>APCO Comments</u> David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, briefed the CAC on the Governing Board's January 20, 2005 actions, and the tentative agenda for the Board's February 17, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Crow announced the District formed, in September, a Dairy Industry Advisory Group (DPAG). Mr. Crow stated that DPAG will be making recommendations to the APCO by April 15, 2005 regarding emission factors for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Mr. Crow stated that DPAG will also consider what constitutes a modification to dairy sources which is important as the District looks at new and modified sources and how the District would address those. Mr. Crow noted that DPAG will also make recommendations regarding Best Available Technologies that new dairies will be required to put into place to minimize air pollution. Mr. Crow announced that Dave Jones the Director of Planning, has agreed to lead the Kern County Air Pollution Control District. Mr. Crow noted that we are going to miss him.

Mr. Jones stated that it has been a pleasure working for the District, and he has always enjoyed working with the CAC.

The CAC thanked Mr. Jones for all of his assistance.

Dennis Tristao suggested the CAC prepare a resolution thanking Mr. Jones for his service to the Valley Air District and the CAC.

The Chair requested that Mr. Tristao prepare a resolution on behalf of the CAC.

6. **<u>Status Report: Biogenic Emissions/Urban Forestry</u> – Presentation made by Dana Karcher. Ms. Karcher provided the CAC with two handouts titled:**

Urban Forest Research, Center for Urban Forest Research, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service, January 2005 (8 pages),

Memorandum by Dana Karcher, Subject: *Air Quality and Urban Forestry*, February 1, 2005 (3 pages)

Ms. Karcher suggested the CAC recommend to the Governing Board that staff provide direction to develop a voluntary implementation strategy for up to 6% of the required emission reduction from an urban forestry initiative.

This initiative should include the following:

- Supporting urban forestry in communities through a grant process for education in proper urban forestry practices to increase current shade canopy
- APCD monitoring of parking lot shade ordinance development and enforcement
- Collaborative projects with the Center for Urban Forest Research, California Urban Forests Council and local stakeholders to model the current urban forest in the valley. This will allow for better strategies to include trees in SIP's in the future.

The Chair asked for Mr. Crow's thoughts pertaining to Ms. Karcher's recommendations through the CAC to the Governing Board.

Mr. Crow stated that he thinks it would be totally appropriate for the CAC to ask the Governing Board to direct staff to work with the urban forestry folks to more completely understand the benefits that trees provide and the role that they may play. Mr. Crow stated that the District should also explore the possibilities of looking at legal opportunities that may exist at the municipal level in terms of their permitting authority, and ordinance capabilities which could lead to enforcement on a close to home basis. Mr. Crow noted that staff should also look at what the District's prerogatives might be along the lines of what is outlined in Ms. Karcher's memorandum.

The Chair noted that the things discussed today regarding jurisdictions, the legal ramifications, education, and the voluntary part of the educational process is key, and very important. The Chair stated he wanted to made sure whoever is giving the report to the Governing Board on February 17, 2005 makes them well aware of some of the CAC's concerns as well as some of the discussions that took place today. The Chair indicated that those are going to be some of the questions asked by the Governing Board.

Mr. Crow added that having the Board authorize staff to look into this would work best, if staff worked back through the CAC. Mr. Crow noted that the CAC has a subcommittee on Urban Forestry and there will be a lot of development work that the District and municipalities would do. Mr. Crow stated that it would probably be most effective if the District were to report back to the CAC, and bring our progress, and our need for cooperation with other agencies back to the CAC. Mr. Crow noted that he wouldn't preclude this issue from being reported to the Board from time to time, but in terms of direction, and outreach the CAC would perhaps be most instrumental.

The Chair suggested that Ms. Karcher make the Urban Forestry report to the Board on February 17, 2005.

Ms. Karcher agreed to make the report.

7. **Informational Report** – Presentation made by Ken Pretzer, Information Services Officer, regarding webcasting in respect to cost, and available systems.

The CAC suggested the District investigate the possibility of utilizing the television media, video media in general, to broadcast meetings out on a channel similar to Fresno's Channel 14.

Mr. Pretzer indicated that he could research that possibility.

Mr. Crow stated that the District would need the assistance of the CAC with that concept. Mr. Crow urged the CAC to speak up for the District. If the CAC knows of someone that is involved in the business of video media, please contact them for the District.

The Chair stated that the Board also needs to be engaged in this process. The Chair suggested that this item be added to next months CAC agenda.

8. **Public Comments** – Douglas Ito, ARB representative and District Liaison, reported on the January 2005 ARB Board Meeting.

The CAC requested a report next month pertaining to the ARB's reporting requirements for solid waste vehicles.

- 9. **Public Education Report** Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, reported on the following Public Education activities:
 - Wrapping up the Wood Burning Curtailment Program
 - Establishing a formalized District Speakers Bureau
 - Preparation of a District Status Report with a release date by early Summer
 - Developing the Clean Green Yard Machine Lawn Mower Exchange Program with three planned events at Home Depot in Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield
 - First training for the Clean Air Challenge Curriculum for high school students with over twenty teachers participating was held last month
 - Currently working on revising the elementary school curriculum
- 9a. <u>Joint SJVAPCD/American Lung Association AQI Flag Program Update</u> -Presentation made by Susie Rico, American Lung Association and Stephanie McLaughlin, Public Education staff. Ms. Rico and Ms. McLaughlin briefed the CAC on the Air Quality Index Flag Program.

The CAC discussed the Flag Program relative to the cost for school districts to operate the Flag Program. It was stated the school districts expend absolutely nothing, it is covered by all the partners funding the program.

The CAC noted that a significant part of the Flag Program was funded through the Air Pollution Control District's Board Meeting decision, and was part of the Budget. The CAC determined they would like to recommend to the Board that the funding for the Flag Program be continued and expanded.

<u>MOTION TO RECOMMEND</u> – Kevin Hamilton made the motion to recommend to the Governing Board that they revisit the funding stream for the Air Quality Index Flag Program at a much earlier date, preferably on the Board's agenda during this Spring, and to take action to assure that continued funding brings security for this very valuable program.

Seconded by Dennis Tristao and carried unanimously with the following <u>Roll Call Vote</u>:

Ayes:	Kevin Hamilton, Donald Ikemiya, Les Clark, Dana Karcher, Kelly Deming, Dennis Tristao, Don Horal, Mary-Michal Rawling,	
	Edward Gable, Wade Broughton, L. D. Hoeh and Christine	
	Foster.	
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- Absent: Paul Betancourt, Rafael Melendez, Riley Jones, Lee Smith, John Wells, Terry Priest, Dean Wilson, Perfecto Munoz, Chris Savage, Mike Burns, David Harrald and Mike Smith.
- Verbal Report: re Fuel Maker CNG system including "PHILL" Dennis Tristao noted the item presenter Mr. Bob J. Hill was not in attendance. Mr. Tristao noted that a handout was available for the CAC pertaining to this item.

The Chair requested Mr. Tristao contact Mr. Hill regarding his presentation and noted that this item would be rescheduled to a future meeting.

11. <u>**Rules Under Development**</u> – Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, provided the summary on Rules Under Development.

12. <u>Rule Update – Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets), Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Rule 3180 (Indirect Source Review Fee)</u>

Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets)

The CAC asked if Rule 9310 was being held up because of funding issues.

George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, responded by stating yes, and noted that the District is looking at funding avenues that might be available for school districts.

Mr. Crow urged the CAC to talk to their school boards, superintendents, PTA's, etc., about the importance of having the State develop a program that will increase the number of students transported on school buses, and to also request the State to provide financial resources for those buses, particularly the older ones, to be put out of service, and otherwise improved.

<u>Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Rule 3180 (Indirect Source Review Fee)</u> Dave Mitchell, Planning Manager, reported that Jennifer Barba, Project Lead for Rule 9510 will be returning from leave on February 14, 2005. Mr. Mitchell noted that the extra staff support will help us keep the project going.

13. <u>**Discussion/Action**</u> – CAC position regarding the concept of a registration program in respect to Rule 4307 (Small Boilers), Chris Savage.

The Chair noted that Mr. Savage was not in attendance. The Chair suggested tabling this item until the March CAC meeting. The Chair mentioned that staff touched on Rule 4307 by announcing a workshop to be held on February 28 and March 1, 2005 for proposed new Rule 2250 (Stationary Equipment Registration). The Chair stated that probably the subcommittee would want to attend those workshops to gather more information before the CAC takes a position.

14. <u>Discussion regarding formation of Alternative Compliance Strategies</u> <u>Subcommittee</u> – The CAC formed a subcommittee to work with District staff on alternative compliance strategies for rules that move beyond command and control.

Dennis Tristao recommended Chris Savage serve as Chair of the Alternative Compliance Strategies Subcommittee,

The following CAC volunteered to serve on the subcommittee: Dennis Tristao Kevin Hamilton Dana Karcher

The CAC requested the clerk send an email to seek additional volunteers for this subcommittee. *(Email sent February 9, 2005)*

- 15. **Report from CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee** No report.
- 16. **<u>CAC Member Comments</u>** No CAC Member Comments.

17. CAC Member Suggestions for CAC Report at Governing Board Meeting

Status Report: Biogenic Emission/Urban Forestry Recommendation to Board regarding continued funding for the Flag Program Report on funding issues regarding Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets) Formation of CAC Alternative Compliance Strategies Subcommittee CAC Resolution commending Dave Jones CAC reviewed the possibility of webcasting District meetings Verbal Report: FuelMaker Corporation: Natural Gas Vehicle Home Refueling continued to a future meeting CAC discussion/action regarding the concept of a registration program in respect to Rule 4307 (Small Boilers) continued to next month

The Clerk requested CAC members forward their email addresses to the Clerk.

 Volunteer to present CAC Report during Governing Board Meeting, <u>Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.</u> – Dana Karcher volunteered to present the CAC Report to the District's Governing Board on February 17, 2005.

- 19. <u>Next Meeting</u> Tuesday, March 1, 2005, 10:00 a.m., meeting held via video teleconferencing (VTC), including the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto), and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.
- 20. **Adjourn** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Meeting Clerked by Daphne Garcia, Senior Office Assistant Minutes prepared by Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD