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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, June 7, 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).

1. **Call to Order** – The Chair, Les Clark, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.**

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Regional Office</u>
<u>Fresno</u>	(* Don Ikemiya, City (P)	Central
<u>Kern</u>	Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P) Chair	Southern
"	Suzanne Noble, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Southern
"	Harry Love, Environmental (A)	Southern
"	(* Brent Green, City (P)	Southern
"	Cliff Thompson, City (A)	Southern
<u>Kings</u>	Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Dennis Tristao, City (P)	Central
<u>Madera</u>	Donald Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental (P)	Northern
"	John Wells, City (P)	Central
<u>Merced</u>	Terry Howard, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Northern
"	Mary-Michal Rawling, Environmental (P)	Central
"	Dean Wilson, City (P)	Central
<u>San Joaquin</u>	Perfecto Munoz, Environmental (A)	Northern
<u>Stanislaus</u>	(* Chris Savage, Industry/Ag., Vice Chair	Northern
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<u>Tulare</u>	Christine Foster, Environmental (P)	Central

(* Arrived after Roll Call

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Seyed Sadredin, Deputy APCO, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, Scott Nester, Director of Planning, Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst, George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Jan Ennenga, MCCV, and Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant.

Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Mike Kelly, Vector Environmental, Jerry Frost, Kern Oil and Emily Gonzalez-Demont, Administrative Analyst.

3. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, May 3, 2005**- The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of May 3, 2005 approved as submitted.
4. **Chair Comments** – The Chair introduced Cliff Thompson, Mayor, City of Taft and announced that Mayor Thompson was recently appointed as a CAC City Primary Member representing Kern County.

Mayor Thompson stated he looked forward to serving on the CAC, and helping to improve air quality in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Chair stated the District's Northern, Southern and Central Region Hearing Boards currently have member vacancies. The Chair indicated a CAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee for each region will be formed for all three regions during the August 2, 2005 CAC meeting. The Chair requested an action item pertaining to the formation of a CAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees for each region be placed on the August 2, 2005 agenda.

5. **APCO Comments** – Seyed Sadredin, Deputy APCO, announced that Mr. Crow was unavailable for today's CAC meeting. Mr. Sadredin reported the District's Governing Board remains opposed to SB 999. Mr. Sadredin reported SB 999 passed the Senate on a party line vote and moved to the Assembly side. Mr. Sadredin reported SB 999 has not received a committee assignment.

Mr. Sadredin reported state law required the state Air Resources Board (ARB) to compile a list of control measures by January 1, 2005 and mandated California air districts to adopt by July 31, 2005 schedules for implementing the PM control measures. Mr. Sadredin stated he was happy to announce the Valley Air District will serve as a model for other California air districts as they attempt to comply with the state law. Mr. Sadredin reported as part of comprehensive PM and ozone attainment strategies, the Governing Board has previously adopted or scheduled for implementation by July 31, 2007 all except one of ARB's 103 PM

measures applicable to the District. Mr. Sadredin reported the remaining control measure is scheduled for implementation in the third quarter 2007. State law requires the Governing Board adopt a separate implementation schedule for that one measure, and the Board will consider the adoption of that measure during their June 16, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Sadredin noted the Board, during their May 19, 2005 meeting, adopted a District policy on preparing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents for air quality permits issued to dairies.

Mr. Sadredin listed some items that will appear on the June 16, 2005 Governing Board agenda including the District's 2005-06 Recommended Budget. Mr. Sadredin noted the District's Budget does not include any increase to existing fees and includes seven new staff.

Mr. Sadredin noted that during the May 19, 2005 Governing Board meeting the Board received a report from the consulting firm that prepared the Management Audit.

The Chair suggested the CAC receive a copy of the Management Audit.

The CAC asked if they would be receiving progress reports over the various stages of the District's implementation of the Management Audit recommendations.

Mr. Sadredin indicated some of the consultant's recommendations may require Board action through a public process and that progress reports and stakeholder's input for implementing certain recommendations can be expected.

6. **ARB Report** – No ARB Report.
7. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments.
8. **Public Education Report** – Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, announced that Public Education has a community group meeting that meets the first Monday of the month with the exception of July. Ms. Holt noted this is a great forum for individuals that are interested in learning about what the District does. Ms. Holt indicated anyone is welcome to attend. Call or email her if you or anyone you know might be interested in attending.

Ms. Holt updated the CAC on recent activities of the Public Education Division.

Mr. Sadredin added that a Fact Sheet document articulating the accomplishments of the Valley Air District over the past years is now available.

The CAC had several questions regarding the Flag Program, such as the purpose of the program, cost to schools to start the program, is there any room in the program for businesses, other governmental agencies or hospitals to start a flag program, do physical education departments at participating schools know to modify student activities based on air quality indicators.

Ms. Holt explained San Joaquin Valley schools are participating in a community sponsored, school-based education and notification program to protect children from air pollution. The school receives four different flags with colors that correspond to the Air Quality Index. Ms. Holt noted the American Lung Association of Central California, Valley Air District, Fresno Regional Foundation and Bank of the Sierra are collaborating on this program. Ms. Holt noted the cost to a School District is approximately \$550. Ms. Holt indicated the District would ideally like to get this program in as many places as possible, and we are attempting to find out exactly how we could work that out. Ms. Holt announced the District is currently working on a formal document on student activities in respect to a bad air quality episode. Ms. Holt did note however, this document can't be mandated, but can be utilized as a guide for schools.

The Chair requested the Clerk provide a copy of the Management Audit and a Fact Sheet to the CAC members or provide a link on the District's website in the CAC minutes.

Subsequent to the June 7, 2005 CAC meeting staff indicated that due to technical difficulties the Management Audit will not be available on the District's website. Anyone who would like to receive a copy of the Management Audit can email Tom Jordan at: tom.jordan@valleyair.org

To obtain a copy of the Fact Sheet go to the District's homepage at www.valleyair.org and click on paragraph located under the Spare the Air box to read the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Accomplishments Fact Sheet.

Dennis Tristao thanked Jaime Holt for her presentation and noted that Corcoran Bret Harte school started a flag program. Mr. Tristao reported Bret Harte school made the front page of the local paper in respect to their flag program.

9. **Rules Under Development** – George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided the summary on Rules Under Development.
10. **Rule Update** – **Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets), Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Rule 3180 (Indirect Source Review Fee)** –George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided Rule Updates for:

Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets): The District is working on other projects at the present time therefore no activity is planned for Rule 9310 at this time. The District will possibly schedule another workshop for Rule 9310 sometime in the fall.

Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) and Rule 3180 (Indirect Source Review Fee): The Draft Rules 9510 and 3180 will be released by the end of this week or by the first part of next week at the latest. A workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 30, 2005. Staff anticipates taking Draft Rules 9510 and 3180 to the Board by the end of 2005.

Mr. Heinen announced the District has established a list server. Public users can logon to the District's website www.valleyair.org review and subscribe to the list server if they are interested in getting an email notification of specific rule workshops, scoping meetings, etc. Mr. Heinen noted the subscriber would then get an email in addition to hard copies.

11. **Report from CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee** – Chris Savage highlighted changes to the CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee's Status Sheet. Mr. Savage indicated there was no requested CAC action this month on any of the specific rules. Mr. Savage announced that what we have today are principally updates to a couple of rules and we've added a number of new rules to the Status Sheet that we need to have CAC Liaison's assigned to.

Mr. Savage requested volunteers to liaison the following rules:

Rule 4308 (Industrial Water Heaters), no volunteers.

Rule 4309 (Commercial Dryers, Dehydrators, and Ovens), Dennis Tristao and Lee Smith volunteered.

Rule 4570 (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) Lee Smith and Mary-Michal Rawling volunteered.

Rule 4602 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations), no volunteers.

Rule 4905 (Residential Space Heaters), no volunteers.

Mr. Savage stated due to a lack of feedback regarding the Biogenic Urban Forestry Subcommittee item he asked the liaisons if they wanted to continue to leave this issue on the Status Sheet or remove it.

Mr. Tristao reported a Biogenic Urban Forestry presentation will be made in August, along with the Urban Forest Guidelines. Mr. Tristao indicated he will make the necessary arrangements for a presentation regarding the research work and the Urban Forest Guidelines at the August 2, 2005 CAC meeting.

Mr. Savage noted Dana Karcher sent him an informational item regarding forestry facts.

The Chair requested the Clerk send Dana Karcher's informational report to the CAC.

Subsequent to the June 7, 2005 CAC meeting the Clerk contacted Chris Savage and requested he forward Dana Karcher's report for disbursement in the August 2, 2005 CAC meeting packet.

The Chair stated he received an email from Mr. Savage indicating his desire to setup a Technical Committee meeting utilizing the District's VTC System.

Mr. Savage deferred to the Clerk. The Clerk provided eligible dates and it was determined Mr. Savage would work offline with the Clerk to establish a Technical Rule Review Subcommittee meeting date.

Dean Wilson stated he would like to participate in the subcommittee meetings whenever possible.

Ms. Rawling requested a report be provided to new CAC members outlining what the CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee is all about. Mr. Rawling noted that new members might want to participate but they may not know what the Subcommittee is all about.

Mr. Savage stated that was a good suggestion and noted he would construct an email with the assistance of the Clerk on what the background and function of the Subcommittee is and send it to the whole CAC. Mr. Savage stated any CAC Member that wants to participate in the Subcommittee can.

Public Comments - Jerry Frost, Kern Oil, requested a copy of the CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee Report be made available on the District's website. Mr. Frost stated maybe it could be posted with the upcoming CAC meeting agenda so the public has access to it.

Mr. Savage noted timing might be an issue. Mr. Savage noted that if it's not posted along with the agenda then it will hopefully be posted a day or two before the actual meeting takes place, and it will certainly accompany the minutes.

12. **CAC Member Comments** – Dean Wilson commented there is a level of frustration among some Valley citizens that he talks with regarding the fact that a large portion of our air pollution is due to traffic that is traveling through our Valley such as truck, car and rail traffic that we have no control over. Mr. Wilson stated a suggestion was made that on bad air days in the Valley signs be installed to advise motorists that today would be a good day to avoid Highway 99 and Interstate 5 and travel Highway 101.

The Chair indicated that would be an issue for the state to deal with.

Mr. Sadredin noted Mr. Wilson makes a good point. This is something the Board is sensitive to and the fact that the state and federal government may not be doing their fair share to address it. The District has imposed regulations on industry and cut emissions on businesses by fifty percent, but we have not seen the same rate of progress on mobile sources that are the responsibility of the state and federal governments. The District will try to address a portion of mobile source emissions in the upcoming ISR Rule.

Mary-Michal Rawling stated she does not think you have to be on the Technical Rule Review Subcommittee member to follow a rule. Ms. Rawling encouraged the CAC Members to get involved in the Subcommittee because it is really the meat of why we are here and the CAC members need to be involved in the District rule making process.

Brent Green raised the CAC's attention to SB 1010 (Florez) which will be working it's way through the legislature. Mr. Green noted SB 1010 deals with air quality. This bill would authorize the City of Shafter to use certain locomotive units owned by or in the possession of the state, to operate unit intermodal railroad service between the City of Shafter and the Port of Oakland. Mr. Green noted we will watch SB 1010 and keep the CAC updated as it proceeds through the legislature.

13. **CAC Member Suggestions for CAC Report at Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2005** – The Chair noted the Clerk gets the minutes prepared fairly quickly and the CAC can make their report to the Board utilizing the Clerk's minutes. The Chair stated the reason this item is on the agenda is to make sure we don't deviate to much from the CAC meeting minutes.
14. **Volunteer to present CAC Report during Governing Board Meetings, Thursday, June 16, 2005** – Dennis Tristao volunteered to make the CAC Report to the Governing Board.
15. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, August 2, 2005, 10:00 a.m., the meeting will be held via video conferencing (VTC) with the Central Region Office (Fresno),

Northern Region Office (Modesto), and Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.

16. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD