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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, December 5, 2006  
10:00 a.m.**

The Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was held via video teleconference (VTC): Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, the Southern Region Office, 2700 M Street, VTC Room, Bakersfield and the Northern Region Office, 4800 Enterprise Way, VTC Room, Modesto. The CAC Meeting was webcast.

1. **Call to Order** – The Chair, Dennis Tristao, called the meeting to order at 10:01 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>	Manuel Cunha, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	(* Sarah Sharpe, Environmental (A)	Central
"	Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City (P)	Central
<u>Kern</u>	(* Dana Karcher, Environmental (P)	Southern
<u>Kings</u>	Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Kelly Deming, Environmental (P)	Central
"	Dennis Tristao, City (P) <b>(Chair)</b>	Central
<u>Madera</u>	Don Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental (P)	Northern
<u>Merced</u>	Jack Mobley, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Northern
"	Mary-Michael Rawling, Environmental (P)	Northern
"	Dean Wilson, City (P)	Central
<u>San Joaquin</u>	Wade Broughton, City (P)	Northern
<u>Stanislaus</u>	Denny Hoeh, Environmental (P)	Northern
<u>Tulare</u>	David Harrald, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Gary Rohman, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Central
"	Christine Foster, Environmental (P)	Central

(\* Arrived after Roll Call

**Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno)** – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, Tom Jordan, Special Projects Administrator, George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst, Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner, Rey Leon, Latino Issues Forum and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

**Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)** – Jerry Frost, Kern Oil & Refinery, Nannette Manzo, Senior Office Assistant and Emily Gonzalez-Demont, Administrative Analyst.

**Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)** – Jeff Lindberg, ARB Planning Liaison for the District, Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant and Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst.

3. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2006** – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of Tuesday, October 3, 2006 were approved as submitted.
4. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments.
5. **Chair Comments** – The Chair announced that the CAC received an invitation from the Madera County Board of Supervisors, inviting the CAC to attend the Dedication Ceremony of Madera County's new Government Center on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

The Chair stated he was pleased that a recent Fresno Bee editorial supports the District's efforts to establish an air quality empowerment zone for the San Joaquin Valley.

The Chair announced the CAC City Interest Group's appointments end on December 31, 2006, and he encouraged the City Members interested in remaining on the CAC to contact their respective City Selection Committee regarding re-appointment.

6. **Executive Director/APCO Comments** – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, reported that the Governing Board during their October 2006 meeting adopted the District's proposed Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values. Mr. Sadredin indicated this action is the first phase in establishing a new strategic plan for the District. When completed, the strategic plan will layout the path for accomplishing our mission and advancing our vision in a way that reflects our core values. The new documents are available in the "about the District" section of our web site.

Mr. Sadredin noted that on October 17, 2006 the District held the first public workshop of the draft 2007 Ozone Plan. The draft plan is far reaching and comprehensive and will be presented to the Governing Board in Spring 2007 for its approval following public review and discussion.

Mr. Sadredin spoke about the District's efforts to obtain additional funding to assist the Valley in achieving emission reductions required to achieve attainment. He reported the District has had very successful meetings with our legislatures at the federal level. Mr. Sadredin noted that he and a number of stakeholders met with Senator Feinstein, members of the Valley congressional delegation, and Senator Boxer's staff regarding funding and the possibility of developing an air quality empowerment zone. He also briefed the CAC in respect to the Fresno Bee's editorial in today's paper regarding the potential for an empowerment zone.

Mr. Sadredin announced the District's symposium "Mission Possible: Charting the Forecast to Success" will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bakersfield.

Mr. Sadredin requested the CAC consider adding an agenda item regarding the District's draft Environmental Justice (EJ) Strategy to their January 2, 2007 CAC Meeting. He noted this item has been through an extensive public process with the District receiving some good comments and recommendations. District staff would like to bring this item back to the CAC for their final review, recommendation, and suggestions, and will ultimately present a proposed policy to the Governing Board for their consideration.

Mr. Sadredin requested the CAC come to their January 2, 2007 meeting prepared to discuss and offer suggestions regarding the makeup of the EJ Advisory Group. He also requested the Clerk send a copy of the comments and suggestions received during the draft EJ Strategy workshop to the CAC prior to the January meeting, so that members could familiarize themselves with these issues.

7. **Public Education Report** – Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, announced the 2007 Kids Club Calendar will be available tomorrow at the District's symposium in Bakersfield.

Ms. Holt provided the CAC with a synopsis of the Check Before You Burn program. Ms. Holt indicated the message on how the program works is conveyed to the public via billboards, radio and television ads. She indicated the Check Before You Burn Program is a very successful program for the District with more people participating each year.

8. **Action Item: Support Recommendation of the Air Quality Work Group of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and Other Efforts to Secure**

**Federal Funding of Incentive Programs in the San Joaquin Valley** – Presented by Tom Jordan, Special Projects Administrator. Mr. Jordan's presentation consisted of the following:

- California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- Partnership Recommendations
- Incentive-Based Programs

Manuel Cunha commented it's important that the efforts be coordinated between the Partnership and the Air District's attainment plan. He also indicated efforts at the county level should also be supporting the valley wide air quality request of the Partnership and the Air District.

Mr. Cunha shared some good news about additional funding being added to the Farm Bill in the amount of \$300 million per year for air quality projects, and pursuant to the guidelines for that funding, the Valley will be eligible for a portion of that money to assist us in obtaining our air quality goals.

**MOTION TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION IN CONCEPT** – *On motion by Dean Wilson to support the recommendation of the Air Quality Work Group of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in concept and other efforts to secure federal funding of incentive programs in the San Joaquin Valley. Seconded by Manuel Cunha and carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:*

**Ayes:** *Manuel Cunha, Riley Jones, Don Horal, Jack Mobley, David Harrauld, Sarah Sharpe, Kelly Deming, Lee Smith, Mary-Michal Rawling, Denny Hoeh, Christine Foster, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Dennis Tristao, Dean Wilson and Wade Broughton.*

**Absent:** *Les Clark, Ron McManis, Chris Savage, Dana Karcher, Perfecto Munoz, Brent Green and John Wells.*

**Due to technical difficulties the CAC took a break at 10:51 a.m.**

**The CAC reconvened at 11:00 a.m.**

9. **Status Report: Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan** – Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner. Mr. Hunsaker's presentation consisted of the following:

- What is Needed for SJV to Attain the Federal Standards
- The District's 4-Faceted Control Strategy
- District Control Measures to Date
- Control Measure Reductions so far
- Emission Reductions, SJV Carrying Capacity
- 2012 Attainment Gap
- Bridging the Gap

- Incentive-Based Programs
- Good News
- Extensive Public Process

9a. **Status Report: October 17, 2006 Workshop for Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan**  
Presented by Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner. Mr. Hunsaker's presentation consisted of the following:

- Workshop & Comment Summary
  - About 45 participants in October 17, 2006 workshop
  - About 130 written comments, 25 verbal
  - Top Five comments addressed:
    - Control Measures
    - Attainment date
    - Control measure priority
    - Alternative compliance
    - Incentives
- Upcoming Steps
  - District Governing Board consideration: Spring 2007
  - ARB Board consideration: Spring 2007
  - EPA completeness finding: December 2007
  - EPA decision on revising ozone NAAQS: February 2008
  - EPA action on plan: December 2008
- Continuing SIP work
  - Emissions inventory improvements ongoing
    - Stationary/area sources (District)
    - Mobile sources (ARB)
  - Other control measures being explored for further development
  - Working with EPA to obtain SIP credit for incentive-based emissions reductions
  - Working to secure future incentive funding

Jerry Frost, Kern Oil & Refinery, made comments in respect to the small amount of control measure reductions from state and federal mobile source emissions reductions compared to the District's reductions from new District rules and programs.

Mary-Michal Rawling made comments regarding the fact that the EPA is currently working on emission reductions that have not been quantified. Mr. Hunsaker noted that EPA was focusing on SIP requirements, and just recently EPA has started focusing on the 8-hour ozone standard.

Mary-Michal Rawling stated that if the model will have to be re-done with new data, does that mean we have more or less emissions than we thought. Mr.

Hunsaker noted the District is working with ARB to determine exactly what the model tells us.

Mr. Sadredin noted that the District's preliminary discussions with ARB indicate the numbers relating to the District's carry capacity will not change very much. One key answer the model will give the District in respect to NOx and VOC reductions will help guide us on where staff should concentrate.

The Chair urged CAC Members to provide the information the CAC received pertaining to the 8-hour ozone plan to their respective constituents.

Sarah Sharpe made comments in respect to the Valley's carrying capacity numbers and noted she heard that the numbers are in-correct. Mr. Hunsaker stated there was a glitch in the data, not a mistake in the model, and ARB will have to re-run that model with the correct data. This will take approximately one month and we should have new numbers about mid-January.

Christine Foster made comments in respect to the downward trends on all of the Valley reductions. Ms. Foster asked how does growth in the Valley play into this. Mr. Hunsaker responded that the District used the growth estimates from the Valley's Council of Governments for each of our counties and the COG's numbers are reflected in our plan. Christine Foster also stated it would be a good idea for communities in the Valley to put solar panels on their roofs to assist with the amount of utilities usage.

10. **Rules Under Development** – George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided the Rule Development Report to the CAC.
11. **CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee** – No Report.
12. **ARB Comments** – Jeff Lindberg, ARB Planning Liaison for the District, indicated the ARB Board will meet on December 7, 2006 in Bakersfield.
13. **CAC Member Comments and CAC Suggestions to be included in the presentation of the CAC Report during the Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2006**

Report on the CAC recommendations pertaining to the Partnership  
CAC City terms expiring January 31, 2007

David Harrald commented on the November 2006 election results and noted that discussions have been ongoing in the sand and gravel industry about the impacts this industry will see regarding upcoming transportation construction projects in the Valley. He noted that members of the sand and gravel industry have been conferring with Caltrans, and Caltrans is projecting huge increases in contracting

in the Valley with a projection of approximately eight hundred and fifty million dollars that will be spent on Highway 99 for road building materials. Mr. Harrald noted the District will probably see an acceleration of applications for new resources and an acceleration of plant modifications to meet these new projected production needs.

Mr. Harrald noted there has been an ongoing effort between the District and stakeholders regarding District permit streamlining, which has included efforts aimed at expediting permits for the sand and gravel industry in the Valley. He requested the CAC receive a status report from staff during the January 2007 CAC meeting regarding the permit streamlining effort for sand and gravel operations.

The Chair noted that Mr. Sadredin made a request for the draft Environmental Justice Strategy policy be added to the January 2, 2007 CAC Agenda.

*(Subsequent to the December 5, 2006 CAC Meeting, Mr. Sadredin requested this item be added to the February 6, 2007 CAC Agenda).*

The Chair requested a brief status report on the Regional Blueprint effort on the CAC agenda. Mr. Sadredin indicated a Status Report on the Regional Blueprint effort might be a good item for the February or March CAC agenda as the District will be meeting with the coordinators of this effort.

14. **Volunteer to present CAC Report during Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** – The Chair, Dennis Tristao, volunteered to present the CAC Report to the Governing Board on December 14, 2006.
15. **Next Meeting** – The next CAC Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.

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Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board  
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)  
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