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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 7, 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.

1. **Call to Order** – The Chair, Dennis Tristao, 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>	(*) Kevin Hamilton, Environmental (P)	Central	
	(*) Don Ikemiya, City (P), Vice Chair	Central	
<u>Kern</u>	Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Southern	
	(**) Suzanne Noble, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Southern	
	Harry Love, Environmental (A)	Southern	
"	Brent Green, City (P)	Southern	
<u>Kings</u>	Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central	
	"	Kelly Deming, Environmental (P)	Central
	"	Dennis Tristao, City (P), Chair	Central
<u>Madera</u>	Don Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central	
	"	Lee Smith, Environmental (P)	Northern
	"	John Wells, City (P)	Central
<u>Merced</u>	Chris Dodson, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central	
	"	Jack Mobley, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Northern
	"	(*) Mary-Michal Rawling, Environmental (P)	Northern
<u>San Joaquin</u>	Perfecto Munoz, Environmental (A)	Northern	
<u>Stanislaus</u>	No Attendees		

2. **Roll Call, continued**

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Regional Office</u>
<u>Tulare</u>	Christine Foster, Environmental (P)	Central

(*) Arrived during Item #5

(**) Arrived after Roll Call

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Alex Krivobok, Communication Systems Analyst, Kelly Hogan Morphy, Senior Air Quality Rep., George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Jessica Hafer, Air Quality Specialist, Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner, Scott Nester, Director of Planning, Sheri Bohigian, Air Quality Education Rep., Carolina Simunovic, Fresno Metro Ministry, Sarah Sharpe, Coalition for Clean Air and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Nicky Langley, OEHI and Sharon Martinez, Senior Office Assistant.

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

3. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2006** – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of January 3, 2006. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the Minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2006 were approved as submitted.
4. **Chair Comments** – The Chair thanked the CAC for attending today's meeting. The Chair requested the CAC disseminate information received during today's meeting to industry, environmental and city interest groups in their respective areas.
5. **APCO Comments** – Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, announced that Dave Crow will be retiring on February 24, 2006. Mr. Sadredin stated that a retirement dinner for Mr. Crow will be held on February 24, 2006, and if anyone is interested in attending they may contact him at the District's offices.

Mr. Sadredin announced that Steve Johnson, EPA Administrator, Washington, D.C. will visit the District's Central Region Office tomorrow (February 8, 2006). Mr. Sadredin noted that Mr. Johnson will be meeting with a few Governing Board Members, stakeholders and District staff to discuss issues pertaining to the

PM10 Attainment status, SIP credits, and the District's concerns regarding EPA's proposed new dust rules.

Mr. Sadredin noted that the President's budget was released yesterday for the federal fiscal year which begins October 1, 2005. Included in that budget is a proposal to cut assistance to local and state air quality programs by approximately 16%, and they are adding approximately \$60 million dollars for diesel reduction programs.

Mr. Sadredin updated the CAC on:

- The January 19, 2006 Governing Board Meeting
- The February 16, 2006 upcoming Governing Board Meeting

Mr. Sadredin announced that an Ozone Study Symposium will be held on May 17, 2006. The location site has not been selected, but it will be in the downtown Fresno area, and it will be an all day event. Mr. Sadredin announced that ARB is taking the lead in putting the symposium together, and we are looking forward to a lot of participation from everyone. Mr. Sadredin stated that hopefully, the CAC will attend the symposium.

6. **Action Item: CAC Hearing Board Subcommittee Recommendations will be forwarded to the District's Governing Board for action.** Kelly Deming, Chair of the Hearing Board Subcommittee, announced that the Northern Region Hearing Board Subcommittee members (Mary-Michal Rawling and Dean Wilson) recommended the CAC approve the Subcommittee's Hearing Board recommendation and forward the following name to the Governing Board for appointment:

Northern Region Hearing Board

Jay Indelicato, Public Alternate Member

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION – *John Wells made the motion to approve the Northern Region Hearing Board Subcommittee's recommendation, Jay Indelicato, Public Alternate Member, and requested staff forward the recommendation to the Governing Board for appointment to the Northern Region Hearing Board. Seconded by Kevin Hamilton and carried with the following roll call vote:*

Ayes: *Kevin Hamilton, Donald Ikemiya, Les Clark, Brent Green, Riley Jones, Kelly Deming, Dennis Tristao, Don Horal, Lee Smith, John Wells, Chris Dodson, Mary-Michal Rawling, Perfecto Munoz and Christine Foster.*

Absent: *Dana Karcher, Dean Wilson, Ed Gable, Wade Broughton, Chris Savage, Denny Hoeh, David Harrald and Mike Smith.*

Action: The CAC approved the Northern Region Hearing Board Subcommittee's recommendation of Jay Indelicato, Public Alternate Member, and requested staff forward the recommendation to the Governing Board for appointment to the Northern Region Hearing Board.

7. **Action Items – Natural Events Action Plan and the 2006 PM10 Plan**

Presentation by Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Scott Nester, Director of Planning and Jessica Hafer, Air Quality Specialist.

Ms. Hafer's 2006 PM 10 Plan briefing included the following points:

- Reason for Development
- PM10 Plan Background
- Updated Information
- Latest Technical Information
- Control Strategy
- Plan Development Process
- Related Topics – PM Standards Revision and Redesignation

The Chair recapped some of the comments made by the CAC after Ms. Hafer's PM10 Plan presentation:

- One of the issues was about the contingency measures raised by EPA
- Comments made as to the issue of the California Regional Particulate Air Quality Study (CRPAQS) and the development of this Plan
- Comments made by staff and presented to the Governing Board that the PM2.5 and the Ozone Plan will also be developed and the focus will be on the criteria pollutants at this time

Ms. Hafer's Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP) included the following points:

- NEAP Background
- Data Flagging Background
- Why do a NEAP for San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)
- Required Elements
- Forecasting NEAP Episodes
- Public Notification
- Dust Control
- Plan Development Process
- Related Topic – EPA Revisions

General comments regarding the Natural Events Action Plan.

- Public Notification should be provided to area hospitals in the event of a NEAP episode

- Concerns with language such as: Demonstrate clear, causal relationship between the exceedance and a natural event
- Comments regarding monitoring criteria as well as monitoring site locations
- Discussion regarding eligible categories of natural events
- Comments regarding health notifications
- Concerns/questions regarding the September 3, 2004 Corcoran event resulting in a 24-hr PM10 exceedance

The following persons provided Public Comments during the public comment period of this item:

Carolina Simunovic, Fresno Metro Ministry, spoke in support of the 2006 PM10 Plan and the Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP). Ms. Simunovic suggested that the District investigate the possibility of utilizing radio and television to announce NEAP episode advisories.

MOTION: CAC RECOMMENDS GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE PM10 PLAN - Dennis Tristao made the motion that the CAC recommends the Governing Board adopt on February 16, 2006 the 2006 PM10 Plan recommended by staff. Seconded by John Wells. Roll Call resulted in 2 nays and 12 ayes.

Immediately after the Roll Call the Clerk announced that the CAC did not have a quorum.

The CAC suggested that staff call, or email CAC members to obtain a vote.

Philip M. Jay, District Counsel, advised the CAC that obtaining votes by email would be in violation of the Brown Act. Mr. Jay indicated that in order for a member to participate by telephone their address would have to be listed on the agenda and the location would have to be available to the public for public participation.

The Chair noted the CAC report to the Governing Board would consist of the general comments made in respect to the 2006 PM10 Plan and the Natural Events Action Plan.

8. **ARB Comments** - Jeff Lindberg, ARB District Liaison, briefed the CAC on recent ARB activities.
9. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments.
10. **Public Education Report** – Kelly Hogan Morphy, Senior Air Quality Rep., presented the update on recent activities of the Public Education Division:

- Publication Education presented a formal presentation of the Market Research report to the Governing Board during their January 19, 2006 meeting,
- Public Education will present a Summary Report on the Wood Burning Season to the CAC during their March meeting
- Publication Education is working on a formal update of a comprehensive list of all the schools that are enrolled in the Flag Program
- Public Education is reviewing the First Draft of the redesigned elementary school curriculum
- Public Education will hold three reunion workshops scheduled in March for middle school teachers who have now spent one year teaching with the District's Clean Air Challenge curriculum
- Next week is the Tulare Ag Show and the District will have a booth with representatives from the Permits, Planning and the Public Information departments
- The Clean Green Yard Machine program will be held in May and June with approximately 1200 mowers to give away, outreach for that program will be presented in the near future
- Public Education has almost completed the hiring process for the bilingual staff recruitment and will hopefully have that position filled by the end of this month

Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, explained that in the last few years grant funding has dramatically increased in terms of both what we receive from the state, as well as some of the actions that the Governing Board has taken with the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) funds as well as the Indirect Source Review (ISR) Program. Mr. Sadredin pointed out that as the Governing Board was going through this process there was quite a bit of interest from both the general public, as well as from business interests to have a role in how the District will use those funds, and the process the District will use in distributing those funding revenues. Mr. Sadredin noted that as a result of the interest shown we are planning a major public consultation meeting in March 2006. The District is hoping that the CAC can pass on this information in their respective areas advising stakeholders to attend and to provide comment in terms of the areas we should target our resources to, as well as to the process itself. Mr. Sadredin noted it would be especially helpful to hear from stakeholders who have participated in the process and received grants, as well as from stakeholders who participated in the process and did not receive grants. Mr. Sadredin stated that hopefully, as a result of this type of meeting we can improve the process and make it more efficient and streamlined.

Mr. Sadredin noted that the District will be presenting a draft Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy to the CAC for action in the next month or two before we take it to the public workshop process. Mr. Sadredin stated the District has been

working with a group of community representatives for a few months, and have come up with a draft policy that is aimed at providing better opportunities for the average citizen, people of various minorities, or different economic means to be able to participate in our process in a more effective way. We believe that bringing it to the CAC for input and comments before we take it to the general public for workshops would be appropriate. Mr. Sadredin explained that we will also be highlighting a few items that the District has already accomplished along those lines.

Public Education staff provided the CAC with a handout titled *2005 Public Opinion Survey and Market Research Project, Executive Summary, prepared by True North Research*. The CAC asked several questions regarding the findings of the Market Research project. The CAC asked the District to explain how they will be addressing the findings of the research project.

Seyed Sadredin, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, commented it would be a good idea if the CAC received, for review and comment, a full presentation on the Market Research Project at a future meeting.

The Chair requested staff present an informational report in respect to the Market Research Study at the March 7, 2006 CAC Meeting.

The following persons provided Public Comments during the public comment period of this item:

Carolina Simunovic, Fresno Metro Ministry, made comments in respect to the Market Research Project and asked for clarification regarding pollution coming into the District from outside the Valley.

11. **Rules Under Development** – George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided the CAC with a summary of rules under development.
12. **Rule Update – Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets)** – George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided an update for Rule 9310.
13. **Report from CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee** – No Report.
14. **CAC Member Comments** – The issue of a quorum for voting purposes was discussed, and the Chair noted the quorum issue will be addressed in the future.
15. **CAC Member Suggestions for CAC Report at Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2006** – No suggestions.

16. **Volunteer to present CAC Report during Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.** – The Chair, Dennis Tristao, stated he would present the report to the Governing Board.
17. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held via video teleconferencing (VTC) with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating via VTC.
18. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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