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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, October 3, 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 10:00 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>
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, Environmental (P)	Central
"	Sarah Sharpe, Environmental (A)	Central
"	Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City (P)	Central
Kern	(* Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Southern
"	Dana Karcher, Environmental (P)	Southern
"	Brent Green, City (P)	Southern
Kings	Kelly Deming, Environmental (P)	Central
"	Dennis Tristao, City (P) (Chair)	Central
Madera	Don Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental (P)	Central
"	John Wells, City (P)	Central
Merced	Chris Dodson, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Northern
"	Mary-Michal Rawling, Environmental (P)	Central
San Joaquin	Ron McManis, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Northern
"	Roger Hoffdahl, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Northern
"	Perfecto Munoz, Environmental (P)	Northern
"	Wade Broughton, City (P)	Northern
Stanislaus	Chris Savage, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Northern
"	Steven Murov, Environmental (A)	Northern

2. **Roll Call, continued**

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Regional Office</u>
<u>Tulare</u>	David Harrald, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Gary Rohman, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Central

(* Arrived during Item 6

Technical difficulties were detected during Roll Call.

Break at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

After the CAC reconvened the Chair requested the Clerk re-call the roll for the Southern and Northern Regional Offices. The results are included in the above Roll Call.

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Ken Pretzer, Information Systems Manager, Rich Burt and Alex Krivobok, Communication Systems Analysts, James Sweet, Air Quality Project Planner, Samir Sheikh, Permit Services Manager, Brian Clements, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Jaime Holt, Public Education Administrator, Scott Nester, Director of Planning, George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company, Gabriella Kirkland and Sheri Stevenson, CGTFL, Liza Bolanos, CVAQ and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Rosemary Sanchez, Accounting Assistant and Nicky Langley, OEHI.

Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Bob Nguyen, Ravi Ramalingam, Jeff Lindberg and John Kato representatives of ARB, Dottie Shoffner, Senior Office Assistant and Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst.

3. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2006** – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2006 were approved as submitted.
4. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments.
5. **Chair Comments** – The Chair announced the Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan has been posted on the District's website and is currently up for review. The Chair urged the CAC to review the document.
6. **Executive Director/APCO Comments** – Rick McVaigh, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), indicated he would be substituting for Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO.

Mr. McVaigh announced the first Draft of the 8-hour Ozone Plan was posted yesterday (October 2, 2006) on the District's website. Mr. McVaigh encouraged everyone to review the Plan, and noted a good starting place is the fifteen page Executive Summary, which gives a summary of the entire Plan.

Mr. McVaigh provided an update on the Draft Environmental Justice Strategy, and noted the group that worked on the policy addressed the comments received from members of the CAC. The District hopes to have a new draft out later this week. Mr. McVaigh reported the first workshop on the Draft Environmental Justice Strategy is scheduled for October 23, 2006, the District is looking forward to receiving public input.

Mr. McVaigh made comments regarding PM2.5 by explaining there are actually two parts to the PM2.5 standard. One part is a 24-hour standard, or a limit on the amount of PM2.5 you can have based on a 24-hour average, and the Annual Standard which is based on an Annual Average of the PM2.5 concentration.

Mr. McVaigh noted we have good news, the District's data shows we are in attainment for the 24-hour standard. The District prepared a press release to that effect in September, based on 2003 to 2005 data. The attainment of the 24-hour standard is due to emission reductions from a variety of sectors including businesses, agriculture and construction. However, the other part to that standard indicates the District is not in attainment of the Annual Average. District data shows we are about twenty-seven percent above that Annual Average right now, so we still have a lot of work to do. Mr. McVaigh noted the District is required to put together a PM2.5 attainment plan by April 2008 and that plan will address achieving compliance with the Annual Average.

Mr. McVaigh noted EPA is dropping the 24-hour portion of the standard from 65 micrograms per cubic meter down to 35 micrograms per cubic meter, which puts the District out of compliance with the 24-hour standard. So, sometime in the future we will have to put together a plan to address EPA's change in the standard. Mr. McVaigh stated since this is a recent change the District will be given more time to address the new lower portion of the PM2.5 standard. Mr. McVaigh stated that EPA announced they will not adopt a coarse particulate standard at this time, EPA has decided they will retain the current PM10 Standard. Mr. McVaigh noted at some time in the future the District will need a maintenance plan for PM10.

Mr. McVaigh noted that during the September 21, 2006 Governing Board Meeting Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets) was adopted. Mr. McVaigh thanked everyone who participated, and provided comments on Rule 9310.

Mr. McVaigh stated the District's Emission Reduction Incentive Program (ERIP) staff are currently working on funding issues for the replacement of school bus

fleets. The District's ERIP program has provided 100% replacement cost for one hundred and one school buses to date. Mr. McVaigh indicated the District will continue with replacement of school buses, starting with the oldest school buses first, as staff indicated during their recommendation to Governing Board at the September 21, 2006 Meeting. Mr. McVaigh noted the District is aware there is a lot of interest in the replacement of older school buses, and the District is also aware of the importance of replacing older school buses as expeditiously as possible. Mr. McVaigh indicated he will be providing updates to the CAC, possibly every six months, as to where the District stands regarding funding school bus replacements.

7. **Public Education Report** – Jamie Holt, Public Education Administrator, reported on the following:

- Spare the Air Season closing soon
- Revised Draft on Environmental Justice Strategy available end of this week
- Governing Board approved the continuance of the American Lung Association School Flag Program
- Governing Board approved the middle school curriculum
- Governing Board approved MOU with Fresno State University to provide a course for a Certificate Award in Air Quality Management, and staff thanked the Valley Clean Air Now (CAN) for providing scholarships for this course
- 2007 Clean Air Kids Club Calendar contest closed on September 28, 2006
- District will partnership with Operation Clean Air (OCA) for a wood stove change-out program
- Press Conference October 3, 2006 re: the District's Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan
- District will partner with the Fresno Madera Medical Society and ARB to present a Health Symposium "*The Body and the Air We Breathe*", Wednesday, October 18, 2006, with two sessions: afternoon and evening
- District Air Quality Symposium "*Mission Possible*", December 6, 2006, Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield, CA.

The Chair requested comments for Item #8 be held until after the CAC Meeting due to technical difficulties.

8. **Trends** – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO and James Sweet, Air Quality Project Planner, made the following presentation to the CAC:

- Ozone Air Quality Trend
 - Ozone Improvement 1-Hour NAAQS
 - Ozone 8-Hour Spatial Extent Reduced

Paused for technical difficulties at 10:40 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with Northern and Southern Regional Offices participating via telephone

Mr. Sweet continued with the presentation:

- Particulate Matter Air Quality Trend
 - PM2.5 Spatial Extent Reduced
 - Attainment of 24-hr PM2.5 Standard
- Emission Reduction and Trends
 - Emissions Inventory
 - Vegetative Burning Controls
- Research Results
 - Products for Planning
 - CCOS Planning Results
 - CRPAQS Planning Results
- Ozone Episode Duration
- Anthropogenic Emissions
- Biogenic Emissions (ROG)
- Extra Slides
 - Ammonium Nitrate
 - Ammonium Nitrate PM10
 - Reductions in NOx Much More Effective than Ammonia
 - Ammonium Nitrate is Formed in the Atmosphere
 - Reducing *More* Abundant Precursor *Less* Effective in Reducing Nitrate
 - Reducing *Less* Abundant Precursor *More* Effective in Reducing Nitrate

The Chair requested comments for Item #9 be held until after the CAC Meeting due to technical difficulties.

9. **Status Report: Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan** – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO, announced the first draft of the 2007 8-hour Ozone Plan was posted on the District's website yesterday (October 2, 2006). Mr. McVaigh noted a workshop for the Draft Ozone Plan will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., utilizing the video teleconferencing system. Mr. McVaigh indicated the Draft Plan is a very comprehensive, and far reaching plan. Mr. McVaigh encouraged the CAC to read the Executive Summary which provides a good summary of the Draft Ozone Plan.

Mr. McVaigh noted that in the development of the Draft 2007 8-hour Ozone Plan staff reviewed every single emission source category in the District's inventory, including those source categories already reviewed. The District considered comments received during the Town Hall Meetings, and since this is the first draft of the plan the District would appreciate receiving additional comments. Mr. McVaigh noted the Draft Plan also proposes additional rules, or rule

amendments. Mr. McVaigh indicated the District is looking at traditional, as well as non-traditional rules, and we are looking for suggestions in that area. The Draft Plan also lays out the need for additional incentive funding.

Mr. McVaigh stated the District looked at two key guiding principals when putting this plan together:

- Reach attainment as quickly as possible regardless of the deadline, and;
- Recognize that maintaining the economic vitality in the Valley is essential to having the resources necessary to attain our clean air goal

Mr. McVaigh announced the Draft 2007 8-hour Ozone Plan contains no final decision on what the attainment date would be for the District. Mr. McVaigh explained the preliminary numbers indicate it will be very difficult, if not impossible for the Valley to meet that first attainment date of 2013. The gap in numbers right now is three hundred and fifteen tons per day, and although we don't believe we've missed any significant opportunities for reductions, the District is looking for everyone's input and ideas they have for closing that gap.

The Chair noted that due to technical difficulties, he wanted to dispense with questions from either members of the audience, or the CAC. The Chair indicated that if the members of the audience or the CAC have any questions pertaining to Item #8 and Item #9, please forward your questions to staff who will respond to you as soon as possible.

10. **Rules Under Development** – George Heinen, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, provided the Rule Development Report to the CAC.
11. **Action Item: CAC Technical Rule Review Subcommittee and full CAC Review of Rule 2250 (Permit-Exempt Equipment Registration) and Rule 3155 (Permit-Exempt Equipment Registration Fee)** – Comments provided by Chris Savage. Presentation by Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO and Samir Sheikh, Permit Services Manager.

The CAC and staff had a lengthy discussion pertaining to Rules 2250 and 3155.

The Chair asked the CAC members if they had a recommendation pertaining to the Governing Board's consideration to adopt Rules 2250 and 3155. Hearing no response the Chair declared that no recommendation would be provided to the Governing Board regarding their consideration to adopt Rules 2250 and 3155.

Mr. Savage requested the following:

- a copy of Jim Sweet's presentation in color
- The Status Report for the Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan will remain on the agenda for the December 5, 2006 CAC Meeting

- A Status Report to the CAC regarding the 8-hour Ozone Plan Workshop held on October 17, 2006

12. **ARB Comments** – Jeff Lindberg, ARB Planning Liaison, presented the ARB report to the CAC. Mr. Lindberg noted he had no comments pertaining to the recently approved AB 32.

Mr. Lindberg noted during the September 2006 CAC meeting, the CAC requested an ARB representative attend this meeting to provide some insight into the ARB's decision to not fund school bus replacement from the Carl Moyer Funds. Mr. Lindberg introduced John Kato, ARB representative for that informational report.

John Kato provided comments regarding the Carl Moyer Program, and school bus replacement.

The Chair suggested if members of the public or the CAC would like more information regarding Mr. Kato's comments pertaining to the Carl Moyer Program and school bus replacement, contact Jeff Lindberg, ARB.

The Chair requested Items #13 and #14 be combined.

13. **CAC Member Comments**

and;

14. **CAC Member Suggestions to be included in the presentation of the CAC Report during the Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006**

The CAC had no comments pertaining to Item #13 and Item #14.

The Chair stated the following CAC Report would be provided to the Governing Board on October 19, 2006:

- A brief synopsis on the Public Education Report
- Report on the Draft 8-hour Ozone Plan presentation
- Comments on the presentation for the school bus replacement funding issues from ARB

15. **Volunteer to present CAC Report during Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2006** – The Chair volunteered to provide the CAC Report to the Governing Board on October 19, 2006.

16. **Next Meeting** – (The CAC will not meet during the month of November 2006)

The next CAC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 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.

17. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board
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San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD