

**Action Summary Minutes for the  
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
Tuesday, October 3, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.  
San Joaquin Valley Unified  
Air Pollution Control District  
Central Region Office, Governing Board Room,  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA.**

**Meeting held via video teleconferencing (VTC) in the Central Region Office (Fresno) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) included via VTC.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – The Chair, Tom Stearns, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.**

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Regional Office</u>
Fresno	Roger Isom, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Bill Sparks, Industry/Ag, Alternate	Central
"	Bruce Rudd, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Tom Stearns, City, Primary ( <b>Chair</b> )	Central
Kern	(*) Les Clark, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Suzanne Noble, Industry/Ag, Alternate	Southern
"	(**)Linda Urata, Environmental, Alternate	Southern
Kings	Dennis Tristao, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Jim Gregory, Environmental, Alternate	Central
"	Ron Hoggard, City, Primary	Central
Madera	Ron Flores, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Donald Horal, Environmental, Alternate	Central
"	Glenn Igo, City, Primary	Central
Merced	Linda Falasco, Industry/Ag, Primary	Northern
San Joaquin	Matthew Terra, Environmental, Primary	Northern
"	Wade Broughton, City, Primary ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	Northern
Stanislaus	(***) Chris Reardon, Industry/Ag, Primary	Northern
"	L. D. "Denny" Hoeh, Environmental, Primary	Northern
"	Mike Burns, City, Primary	Northern
Tulare	Mike Wagner, Industry/Ag, Alternate	Central
"	Walt Halen, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Ray Millard, City, Primary	Central

2. **Roll Call cont.**

(\*) Arrived after Item 2.) Roll Call

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**Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno)** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Dave Jones and Rich Milhorn, Planning Managers, Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, Rich Burt, Communication Systems Analyst, Colby Morrow, COG, Betty Halen, Public and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Boards.

**Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)** – Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst.

**Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)** – Linda Phillips, Administrative Analyst.

3. **Chair Comments** – The Chair thanked the CAC who were in attendance and noted that there was a full house in Fresno. The Chair stated that it was really nice to see such a high attendance rate.
4. **APCO Comments** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, presented a recap of the Governing Board meeting held on Thursday, September 21, 2000 meeting. The Board adopted amendments to Rule 4603 (Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products).

The Board received a report from the California Resources Board regarding a significant asthma study involving children that's taking place in the Fresno area over the next several years. The study will be an extensive effort to identify and track the progress of asthmatic children and correlate that to air quality status in the Fresno metropolitan area.

The Board discussed the Stakeholders' Forum that will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., throughout the Valley. The meeting will be held via video teleconferencing in the Central Region Office (Fresno) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) included via VTC.

Mr. Crow stated that was also a couple of comments by Governing Board members at the conclusion of the meeting. One centered around a ARB proposal to address diesel cleanup over the next several years. It was a pretty extensive proposal and involved potentially the retrofit of existing on-road and off-road vehicles with particulate traps and other means to reduce PM diesel exhaust emissions. We have invited ARB staff to come and make a thorough

presentation on the proposal. It looks like the December 14, 2000 Governing Board meeting is a definite date. We are trying to accelerate that so we can get them here earlier to discuss their proposal.

The Board also talked about a Rural Transportation Subcommittee that has recently been created by the Governor. There was a good deal of discussion about the first meeting that was recently held in Tulare. The notion was extended that District staff should be invited to participate in a subcommittee meeting because of the District's Regulation VIII requirements on things like shoulder width and so on.

Mr. Crow stated that the Board also received a report from the District's legislative lobbyist in Sacramento. Mr. Crow indicated that the report was a significant wrap up to the legislative session.

Mr. Crow indicated that the Board also talked about monies made available to the District to enhance our Heavy-Duty Programs on-road and off-road in combinations of about \$40 million dollars of Moyer money, DMV money and a \$25 million dollar allocation from the state to expand those programs. Mr. Crow stated that the District specifically expressed our gratitude of appreciation to Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza up in the Merced area. He was instrumental with his key staff in making sure that the state recognized the problems that we're facing in the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento Valley and the immediacy of dealing with those issues.

Mr. Crow stated that the Board discussed the biomass to energy bill that the Governor proposed at the Economic Summit a number of months ago here in the Valley. Looking at the situation with regards to waste to energy biomass plants and their economics. The Governor proposed a \$30 million dollar three year program of cash grants and credits to make these plants viable over the next several years. We'll be taking a recommendation to the Governing Board next Thursday, October 12 to make application to the State Board of Trade and Commerce to make those grant monies available to the biomass industry.

Mr. Crow noted some of the agenda items for the upcoming Governing Board meeting that will be held on October 12. Mr. Crow announced that the Board will not meet during the month of November 2000 the Board's next meeting will be held on December 14.

The CAC had numerous questions regarding ARB's proposal to address diesel cleanup.

Mr. Crow stated that when ARB staff makes a presentation in respect to their proposal to address diesel cleanup at a Governing Board meeting the District will video tape that portion of the meeting and present it to the CAC.

The following documents were provided to the CAC: *Heavy-Duty Engine Program brochure, as well as guidelines and applications and a Draft Proposed Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles.*

5. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2000** – The Chair asked if there were any corrections, additions or comments regarding the minutes for Tuesday, September 5, 2000. Hearing no corrections, additions or comments the Chair declared that the Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2000 were approved as submitted.
6. **Rules Under Development** – Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, highlighted Rules Under Development from the Summary of Draft Rules in the CAC Packet.
7. **Public Education** – Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, highlighted Public Education activities.

Ms. Merced Bello stated that the District would be hold a News Conference to announce plans for \$25 million recently awarded to the San Joaquin Valley for clean air programs. The funds were allocated in the Governor's transportation budget and apportioned by Assembly Bill 2511 – San Joaquin Valley Emergency Clean Air Attainment Program (Steinberg). The News Conference will be on Thursday, October 12, 2000, 1:30 p.m. at the Fresno Equipment Company, 4288 S. Bagley Avenue, Fresno. Ms. Merced Bello noted that Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, co-author of AB 2511 will be the featured speaker. ***(Subsequent to the CAC meeting Ms. Merced Bello announced that the news conference was canceled until further notice.)***

8. **CARB Comments** – The Chair noted that ARB staff was not in attendance. The Chair indicated that ARB did however, provide the District with a handout of the Summary of ARB's Board hearing of September 7-8, 2000. The CAC received a copy of that handout.
9. **Volunteer to present CAC Report Thursday, October 12, 2000, 9:00 a.m., Governing Board Meeting** – The Chair, Tom Stearns, City Primary, Fresno County, will present the CAC Report to the Governing Board.
10. **CAC Member Comments** – L. D. "Denny" Hoeh noted that October is *Indoor Air Pollution Awareness* month. Mr. Hoeh stated that EPA and Health Services are co-sponsoring that, as well as, the American Lung Association. Mr. Hoeh stated that he knows that in the District its not a big priority on indoor air but he thinks that it may become a priority in the future.

Linda Urata, Project Clean Air (PCA), provided the CAC with PCA activities. Ms. Urata provided the CAC with PCA meeting dates in October, November and December. Ms. Urata announced that the CAC could get additional information on the meeting she indicated by logging on to PCA's web site address: [www.projectcleanair.org](http://www.projectcleanair.org).

Dennis Tristao indicated that he wanted to bring up an issue for the CAC's consideration. Mr. Tristao stated that it was recently printed in the Federal Register a notice from the Federal EPA about a notice of proposed workshops to be held around the country on the *Voluntary Incentive Based Compliance Program* recommendation from the USDA. Mr. Tristao noted what he perceived to be a shortcoming about this notice was that there are no workshops on the *Voluntary Incentive Based Compliance Program* being held in the San Joaquin Valley or in California.

Mr. Tristao stated that through the Chair he would like to ask Mr. Crow if it would be appropriate if the CAC concurred that we (CAC) urged the Governing Board to request of Federal EPA that a workshop on this issue be held in this area.

Mr. Crow indicated that Mr. Tristao's request is totally appropriate and that's the course he would recommend. Mr. Crow noted that when the CAC representative reports to the Board on October 12 they asked the Board to write a letter to EPA urging EPA to hold a workshop in the Valley. Mr. Crow also indicated that what Mr. Tristao is referring to is really key to the District's PM 10 Plan that the Board adopted about three years ago as it relates to agricultural emissions. Mr. Crow stated that's why it is really imperative that EPA hold a workshop in the Valley. The Valley Air District is on the point in terms of our Plan and encouraging voluntary compliance with measures that research identifies will reduce emissions from agricultural production. Mr. Crow stated that it's critical that we collectively have a good understanding and good input to US EPA to have them ultimately get to the point where our PM 10 Plan is approvable. And, will set a model for how to address ag emissions elsewhere as well as here.

The CAC discussed this issue and concurred with one abstention to request that the Board write a letter to EPA urging EPA to hold a workshop on the *Voluntary Incentive Based Compliance Program* in the Valley.

Bruce Rudd announced that Fresno Area Express (FAX) has been notified by a bus manufacturer that FAX has a contract with for two full sized heavy-duty 40 foot hybrid electric buses. Mr. Rudd indicated that they will be delivered sometime in December which will make these two buses one of only two projects in the entire state that is currently a result in working with hybrid technology in a heavy-duty application.

11. **Public Comments and/or Reports** – No Public Comments or Reports.
12. **Reminder: The CAC will not meet during the month of November 2000**  
  
**Next Meeting** – The Chair announced that the next CAC Meeting will be held via video teleconferencing (VTC). The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno. With the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) included via VTC.
13. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

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Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Boards  
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