

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 Action Summary Minutes from  
 Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.  
 San Joaquin Valley Unified  
 Air Pollution Control District  
 Central Region Office  
 Governing Board Room,  
 Video Teleconference System (VTC)  
 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA.**

**Meeting held via 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.

**Regional Office indicates where the Members attended the CAC Meeting: Central, Northern or Southern Regional Offices.**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Member Name/Interest Group</u></b>	<b><u>Regional Office</u></b>
Fresno	Roger Isom, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Bruce Rudd, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Jack Grisanti, Environmental, Alternate	Central
"	Tom Stearns, City, Primary, <b>Chair</b>	Central
Kern	Suzanne Noble, Industry/Ag, Alternate	Central
Kings	Dennis Tristao, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Ron Hoggard, City, Primary	Central
Madera	Ron Flores, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Donald Horal, Environmental, Alternate	Central
Merced	Linda Falasco, Industry/Ag, Primary	Northern

2. **Roll Call cont.**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Member Name/Interest Group</u></b>	<b><u>Regional Office</u></b>
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton, City, Primary, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Northern
Stanislaus	Timothy Byrd, Industry/Ag, Primary	Northern
"	Chris Reardon, Industry/Ag, Alternate	Northern
"	L. D. "Denny" Hoeh, Environmental, Primary	Northern
Tulare	David Harrald, Industry/Ag, Primary	Central
"	Walt Halen, Environmental, Primary	Central
"	Linda Campbell, Environmental, Alternate	Central
"	Ray Millard, City, Primary	Central

Jack Grisanti, Environmental, Alternate, Fresno County, was introduced to the CAC. Mr. Grisanti briefed the CAC on his air pollution background.

**Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno)** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Mark Boese, Deputy APCO, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Robert Dowell, Director of Planning, Scott Nester, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Dave Jones, Planning Manager, Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, Rich Burt, Communications Systems Analyst, Jeff Findley, Air Quality Planner, Betty Halen, Public and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Boards.

**Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)** – Sue Gornick, Gallo Winery, Tina Suarez-Murias, CARB representative and District Liaison and Karen Morris, Administrative Analyst II.

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

3. **Chair Comments** – The Chair stated that he had no comments.

4. **APCO Comments** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, made comments in respect to the December 9, 1999, Governing Board Meeting, federal and state activities, as well as District activities. Mr. Crow commented that a number of people addressed the Board on Governor Gray Davis' San Joaquin Valley Economic Summit which highlighted a number of significant issues in respect to air and water that will be facing the Valley in the future. Mr. Crow noted that the election of officers for the Governing Board took place and Supervisor Jerry O'Banion, Merced County, was elected Chair and Supervisor Judith G. Case, Fresno County, was elected as Vice Chair of the Governing Board for the year 2000. Mr. Crow stated that there was also discussion and action on the Clean Municipal Fleet Resolution that the CAC discussed last month. There were

presentations by City of Fresno representatives and a letter from the American Lung Association in support of the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Governing Board.

Mr. Crow noted that Les Clark presented the CAC Report at the last Board Meeting. Mr. Clark paid particular attention to the concerns that the Committee addressed previously regarding the REMOVE Committee structure and the difficulty in having people appointed to serve on the REMOVE Committee. Mr. Clark highlighted for the Governing Board that it might be time for the CAC Committee to look at the composition and the membership of the REMOVE Committee in the context that it has not been done for the better part of a decade. Mr. Clark indicated that it might be something that the CAC might want to take up and perhaps recommend some changes in the composition of the REMOVE Committee to the Governing Board. Mr. Clark noted for the Governing Board that there has been some particular difficulty in getting some of the cities and business representatives appointed to fill out the REMOVE Committee. Mr. Crow noted that the CAC, based on Mr. Clark's discussion with the Governing Board, might want to put on their agenda for consideration and to recommend to the full Board any changes in the composition of the REMOVE Committee.

Mr. Crow noted that there was one rule adopted Rule 4661 (Organic Solvents). Rule 4661 was amended to correct rule deficiencies cited by EPA in order to make the rule fully approvable for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Mr. Crow stated that he is sure the CAC Members are aware that given the air pollution monitoring over the last three years that the District is going to be bumped up under federal law from serious to severe non-attainment for ozone. It looks like the feds will first publish those changes to seek public comment within the next several months.

Mr. Crow also noted that the District has been continuing to pursue with the State of California their Title 17 modifications which relates to open field burning and prescribed fires. At this juncture while they have not taken their proposal to the full CARB Board they intend to do so in the next several months. The District is satisfied that what is in Title 17 draft now will accommodate what the District has talked about doing in the Valley in terms of a smoke management program.

Mark Boese, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, highlighted to the CAC the efforts that are now underway in the Valley on the PM10 Study. Mr. Boese stated that we have been very successful with the help of industry, the federal government, the state government and our local air district in raising \$27.5 million dollars to put this study together. Mr. Boese noted that it has been in the planning stage for about four years and we are just now going into the field to

start to do our intensive monitoring. The field work started December 1999 and will go through January 2001. Mr. Boese pointed out that the Study has been expanded to include several of our surrounding air districts. There will be sixty-two monitoring sites overall and twenty-three of those will be in the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Boese indicated that an intensive study will be conducted in Corcoran and will take place later this fall. The City of Corcoran has some of the highest readings anywhere in the Valley and it usually happens in the fall months.

Dennis Tristao stated that the City of Corcoran has a new City Council. Mr. Tristao requested that the District give a presentation to the Corcoran City Council in respect to the PM10 Study. Mr. Tristao stated that the City of Corcoran also has a new City Manager whom he knows personally. Mr. Tristao asked if it would be o.k. with the District if he contacted the new City Manager with the request that they (the City of Corcoran) request that the District make a presentation to the Corcoran City Council.

Roger Isom noted that there are several new CAC Members and he suggested that the District provide a more in-depth report on the PM10 Study for the benefit of those new members at the February 1, 2000 CAC Meeting.

**Before the vote to approve the minutes of the prior CAC Meeting the Chair noted that alternate members shall not vote if the primary member is in attendance.**

5. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, December 7, 1999** – Ray Millard made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, the motion was seconded by Bruce Rudd. The motion carried with the following **Roll Call Vote:**
- Ayes:** *Bruce Rudd, Suzanne Noble, Ron Hoggard, Ron Flores, Wade Broughton, Denny Hoeh, David Harrald and Ray Millard.*
- Noes:** *None.*
- Abstain:** *Roger Isom, Tom Stearns, Dennis Tristao, Lee Smith, Linda Falasco, Timothy Byrd and Walt Halen.*
- Absent:** *Laura Dennison, Paul Ackermann, Keith Winkler, Glenn Igo, Patrick Stockar, David Macedo and Mike Burns.*

Chris Reardon asked “....shouldn’t this process work to basically call those who were at the last meeting not just those who are in attendance today?....”

Mr. Crow stated that to roll call for just a typical vote your point in well taken. People are obviously abstaining if they weren’t present at the prior

meeting. We can check with District Counsel to see if the minutes in particular to be a different roll call then other items. We'll do that but it might take some time.

6. **CAC Subcommittee Recommendations for the REMOVE Committee Members**

***Subcommittee to Interview Applicants (Vacancy Recruitment) for REMOVE Program Evaluation Committee***

***Bill Sparks, Industry/Ag, Alternate, Fresno County***  
***Keith Winkler, Environmental, Primary, Kings County***  
***Riley E. Jones, Industry/Ag, Alternate, Kings County***  
***Mike Burns, City, Primary, Stanislaus County***

Jeff Findley, Air Quality Planner, stated that at the last CAC Meeting we were given some names for vacancies on the REMOVE Committee. Mr. Findley noted that we have one vacancy which in the Northern Region for an Environmental Member. That is one of the issues we were going to talk about today. Mr. Findley stated that Keith Winkler, Environmental, Primary Member was going to talk with the Environmental CAC Members in the Northern Region and Mr. Findley believes the only Environmental Member in the Northern Region is Denny Hoeh. Mr. Findley stated that he did not know if Mr. Hoeh had any recommendations to the subcommittee today to fill this vacancy.

Mr. Hoeh responded that he did not have any recommendations to fill the vacancy today. Mr. Hoeh stated that he was not able to get back with Mr. Winkler to discuss some of the issues or some of the potentials with the vacancy.

**The Chair requested that this item be placed on the February 1, 2000 CAC Agenda.**

7. **Rules Under Development** – Scott Nester, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, reported on Rules Under Development from the Summary of Draft Rules, as of January 4, 2000 and Public Meetings Scheduled for January 2000, as of December 31, 1999 included in the CAC Packet.

8. **Verbal Report: CARB Approval of District's Triennial Plan** – Dave Jones, Planning Manager, presented this report to the CAC via overheads. The overheads consisted of:

ARB APPROVAL OF TRIENNIAL PLAN  
Triennial Plan  
ARB's Conditional Approval – District Must:

Rules to be Adopted or Amended in 2000  
Measures to be Prioritized and Four Rules Adopted or Amended Per Year  
Cost-Effectiveness Thresholds – ARB Conditions  
Next CCAA Revision  
Annual Reports  
Bump-up Timing  
Requirements for Plan

Mr. Crow stated that when you look at this thing in total one thing becomes abundantly clear. The District is on the hook for identifying a number of significant rules that have direct impact on industry and businesses in the Valley.

Mr. Crow noted that during Mr. Jones' presentation he made two points that I (Mr. Crow) want to bring home. The total of all of those rules that we have identified will be on the order of 8 to 9 tons per day. We're in a clear contest between mobile source emission reductions that are controlled by the state government and the federal government and stationary source reductions. When we submit to the state our State Implementation Plan (SIP) component on stationary rules it mates up with the state plan for tail pipe emissions, for fuel formulations and for other measures they would undertake to reduce mobile sources emissions. Where we sit today suggests that we as a District and all of you and your endeavors, whether they're in local government or in businesses, need to really prevail upon the legislature to move forthright and in a very effective way on programs that effect mobile source emission reductions.

**The Chair noted that Dennis Tristao requested an item be added to the agenda.**

- 8a. **USDA Agricultural Air Quality Task Force Report** – Dennis Tristao, Industry/Ag, Primary, Kings County, explained that the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force was established within the 1995 Farm Bill Amendment at the federal level. It was a provision that this Task Force would be formed under the direction of the Chief of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The task of the Task Force was to address air quality research issues with agricultural.

Mr. Tristao reported that to date the most recent development he would like to bring to attention of the CAC is that the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force has developed a voluntary compliance program. Which was sent to the Chief of the NRCS, Pearl S. Reed who has signed on this and has forwarded it to Agricultural Secretary, Dan Glickman. When Mr. Glickman approves this voluntary compliance program it will then be forwarded over to the Federal EPA where Carol Browner will sign off hopefully on this strategy. Mr. Tristao explained what the voluntary compliance strategy calls for and who would administer the program.

Mr. Tristao stated that where we are at right now is with this document sitting on Secretary Glickman's desk. We need support in urging the Secretary to sign it for the benefit of serious non-attainment areas such as the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Tristao stated that it is his request, since he is a member of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, that this body would review this document and urge the Governing Board to make a request to Secretary Glickman to sign this document so that it could be utilized in our area. Mr. Tristao referred to correspondence from the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, Pearlie S. Reed, Chief of the NRCS to Dan Glickman, Secretary of USDA dated December 29, 1999.

**The Chair requested that a copy of the letter from the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force dated December 29, 1999 be provided to the Central, Northern and Southern Region so the CAC can review it before making a recommendation.**

**Mr. Crow noted that staff will make copies for the CAC. Mr. Crow stated that we need to check with the Clerk since this item was not noticed on the Agenda. Mr. Crow noted that he thinks the CAC Members would need at least two-thirds (2/3) of the CAC Members to vote affirmatively to add this item to the agenda.**

**The Chair indicated that he was told that this was a Report Item but since it requires action by the CAC it will be moved down on the Agenda. The CAC Members will be provided a copy of the letter for their review and then we will need a vote to add this item to the agenda.**

9. **Report: Public Education** – Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, introduced herself to the CAC and welcomed the new CAC Members and indicated that if there was anything that she could do for them let her know.

Ms. Merced Bello reported on some of the current Public Education projects. The *Please Don't Light Program* is underway, Public Education is in the planning stages for the *Spare the Air Program* and they will be participating with the Fresno Unified School District in the *Teach the Teachers Training*. Ms. Merced Bello stated that Public Education will be introducing a new curriculum probably by the next CAC Meeting. Ms. Merced Bello indicated that they are very excited about it. It is a home grown program and we've taken the best of what was available and we've adapted it to the Central San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Merced Bello stated that the CAC has received a report on the 2000 calendars and she updated that report by saying that there are a limited amount of calendars at this point.

Ms. Merced Bello noted that at the last CAC Meeting she was instructed via Janis Parker to get some information together on how Public Education measures the outcome of the public's awareness of any of Public Education's specific programs. Ms. Merced Bello briefed the CAC on how Public Education measures the success of any of their specific campaigns.

10. **CARB Comments** – Tina Suarez-Murias, CARB, representative and District Liaison, reported on the CARB Board meeting for December 9 and 10, 1999. Ms. Suarez-Murias reported that the following items were on the Agenda:

- ◆ Report on AQ Impacts of use of Ethanol in Reformulated Gas
- ◆ Public Hearing to amend Reformulated Gas requirements (MTBE)
- ◆ Consideration of eight research proposals
- ◆ Consider Appointments to Research Screening Committee
- ◆ Continuation of Report to Legislature on Rice Straw Burning
- ◆ Approval of On-Road Emissions Inventory

Ms. Suarez-Murias reported that two items that she knows off that will be on the January Agenda. The Board will consider revisions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District State Implementation Plan (SIP) and also the ARB Fleet Rule. This meeting will be held in South Coast at Diamond Bar at the South Coast District Offices.

Ms. Suarez-Murias noted that an Air Quality Agricultural Forum will be held at the Fresno Farm Bureau on February 7 in the afternoon. It will primarily be addressing agricultural with selected topics on fugitive dust.

Ms. Suarez-Murias stated that she sent the Clerk an item for the next CAC Agenda Packet which is an outline of the ARB staff's role. It also includes a nine page list of each division and what they have been working on for the past year.

Mr. Crow noted that at the next Governing Board Meeting which will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2000 Mike Kenny, the Executive Officer of CARB will attend. Mr. Kenny will attend the District's Board meeting to discuss the Triennial Plan and the tasks that lie ahead of the Valley with respects to meeting the requirements of the California Clean Air Act.

**In regards to adding an item to the CAC Agenda the Chair read from page 5 of the CAC Resolution: "... A matter not on the agenda may be added as provided by law, discussed, and voted on, provided at least two-thirds (2/3) of the CAC members vote affirmatively that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted. If less than two-thirds (2/3) of the CAC members are present, a unanimous vote is required to add an item to the agenda. On agenda items coming to a vote, affirmative action shall**



**require a majority of members present....”** The Chair stated that we have 22 members on the CAC and 15 of those members are in attendance today which is 68%. Which means that to add an item to the agenda we will need a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present to vote in the affirmative.

The item requested to be added is a request recommending that the CAC recommend to the District’s Governing Board that they write a letter in support of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force voluntary compliance program.

Dennis Tristao read from the document provided to the CAC “.... *Although the motivation for this program is to address PM10 regulatory procedures, it is anticipated that this voluntary compliance program could also be used for other regulated pollutants attributed to agricultural operations....*”

*The CAC discussed the document provided to them and after a lengthy discussion Linda Falasco made a motion to add this item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Wade Broughton and carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:*

**Ayes:** Roger Isom, Bruce Rudd, Tom Stearns, Suzanne Noble, Dennis Tristao, Ron Hoggard, Ron Flores, Lee Smith, Linda Falasco, Wade Broughton, Tim Byrd, Denny Hoeh, David Harrald, Walt Halen and Ray Millard.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Laura Dennison, Paul Ackermann, Keith Winkler, Glenn Igo, Patrick Stockar, David Macedo and Mike Burns.

**Therefore, the following item was added to the agenda:**

8a. **USDA Agricultural Air Quality Task Force Recommendation**

*Linda Falasco made a motion to recommend to the District’s Governing Board write a letter to Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agricultural, to sign the voluntary compliance program document. The motion was seconded by Ray Millard and carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:*

**Ayes:** Roger Isom, Bruce Rudd, Tom Stearns, Suzanne Noble, Dennis Tristao, Ron Hoggard, Ron Flores, Lee Smith, Linda Falasco, Wade Broughton, Tim Byrd, Denny Hoeh, David Harrald, Walt Halen and Ray Millard.

**Noes:** No.

**Abstain:** No.

**Absent:** Laura Dennison, Paul Ackermann, Keith Winkler, Glenn Igo, Patrick Stockar, David Macedo and Mike Burns.

**After the Roll Call Vote Mr. Crow noted it occurs to him that Secretary Glickman is being asked to sign this at some point it will go to EPA Administrator, Carol Browner for signature as well. Mr. Crow asked if the CAC would like to modify the motion to include asking the District's Governing Board to invite both Glickman and Browner to sign this document.**

**Linda Falasco made a motion to recommend to the District's Governing Board that the Board's letter also include asking EPA Administrator, Carol Browner to sign the voluntary compliance program document. Ray Millard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Roger Isom, Bruce Rudd, Tom Stearns, Suzanne Noble, Dennis Tristao, Ron Hoggard, Ron Flores, Lee Smith, Linda Falasco, Wade Broughton, Tim Byrd, Denny Hoeh, David Harrald, Walt Halen and Ray Millard.**

**Noes: None.**

**Abstain: None.**

**Absent: Laura Dennison, Paul Ackermann, Keith Winkler, Glenn Igo, Patrick Stockar, David Macedo and Mike Burns.**

**Therefore, the CAC recommends that the District's Governing Board write a letter to Dan Glickman, Secretary USDA and Carol Browner, Administrator, EPA, urging them to sign the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force recommended "Production Agriculture – Voluntary (Incentive Based) Air Quality Compliance Program" document.**

11. **Volunteer to present CAC Report Thursday, January 20, 2000 Governing Board Meeting** – Dennis Tristao, Industry/Ag, Primary Member, Kings County, volunteered to give the CAC Report to the Governing Board on January 20.
12. **CAC Member Comments** – Dennis Tristao thanked the CAC Members for supporting his efforts.

Timothy Byrd, Industry/Ag, Primary Member, Stanislaus County, noted that this will be his last CAC Meeting as the Industry/Ag, Primary Member, Stanislaus County. Mr. Byrd noted that he has been on the CAC for many years and it has been a privilege to represent the industry and agricultural interest for Stanislaus County. Mr. Byrd indicated that because of other responsibilities he cannot seek reappointment. The Stanislaus County, Board of Supervisors, will be considering the appointment in a week or two of Chris Reardon who has been Mr. Byrd's' alternate. If the Board goes forward with the recommendation Mr. Reardon will be Industry/Ag Primary Member and Sue Gornick is being recommended as Mr. Reardon's alternate. Mr. Byrd stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the

CAC and he thanked Mr. Crow and Mr. Boese and all of the members of the CAC that made the experience worthwhile.

13. **Public Comments and/or Reports** – No Public Comments and/or Reports.
14. **Next Meeting** – The next CAC meeting will be held via Video Conferencing (VTC). The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2000, 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.
15. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

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