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Action Summary Minutes Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Central Region Office, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue San Joaquin Room, Fresno, CA.

**Tuesday, September 3, 2002
9:30 a.m.**

Dave Harrald made a motion to select Les Clark as Acting Chair in the absence of the Chair, Lee Smith. The motion was seconded by Ray Millard and carried unanimously.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Acting Chair, Les Clark, called the meeting to order at 9:46 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>
Fresno	Jack Grisanti, Environmental (P)
Kern	Les Clark, Industry/Agriculture (P), Acting Chair
"	Ann Williams, Environmental (P)
"	Les Clark, III, City (P)
Kings	Dennis Tristao, Industry/Agriculture (P)
Madera	Ron Flores, Industry/Agriculture (P)
"	(*) Lee Smith, Environmental (P) Chair
Merced	No Attendees
San Joaquin	Wade Broughton, City (P)
Stanislaus	No Attendees
Tulare	David Harrald, Industry/Agriculture (P)
"	Ray Millard, City (P)

(*) Arrived during Roll Call

The Chair, Lee Smith, arrived during Roll Call. Therefore, the Chair, Lee Smith, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Also present: David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Mark Boese, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Robert Dowell, Director of Planning, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Tom Jordan, Senior Air Quality Planner, Ravi Ramalingam, ARB representative and ARB Liaison for the Valley Air District, Pheakdey Preciado, Merced/Mariposa County Asthma Coalition, Christine Foster, Projector Director, Tulare County Asthma Coalition, Linda Urata, BIA, Carolina Simunovic, Fresno Metro Ministry, Colby Morrow, Fresno COG, Rey Leon, Latino Issues Forum, Jason Baldwin, Madera Farm Bureau and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

3. **Chair Comments** – No Comments.

4. **APCO Comments** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, briefed the CAC on the status of Smog Check II. Mr. Crow reported on the highlights of the August 15, 2002 Governing Board Meeting. Mr. Crow noted some of the items that will be on the Governing Board Agenda September 19, 2002.

Mr. Crow made a brief report regarding a group of individuals in the Valley who are coming together to look at what businesses, municipalities and individual citizens can do voluntarily to reduce emission reductions. Mr. Crow explained some of the ideas that are being looked at and noted that this is a good idea for a Valleywide air pollution plan that is not dictated by law.

5. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, August 6, 2002** – The Chair asked if there were any corrections, additions or comments regarding the Minutes of August 6, 2002. The CAC did not have any corrections, additions or comments. The Chair declared that the Minutes of August 6, 2002 were approved as submitted.

6. **Public Education** – Josette Merced Bello, Public Education (Pub. Ed.) Administrator, reported on the series of health advisories the District called during the month of August. Ms. Bello noted that the District has a pretty good communication system with the school districts but the District is aware of a gap in their network. The information is not always reaching after school coaches, after school programs, day care providers and young child care providers. Ms. Bello stated that Pub. Ed. will be upgrading it's system. Ms. Bello stated that if the CAC knows any educators or child care providers in those categories Pub. Ed. would like to hear from them or the CAC on how we can add them to our network so they can get information on health advisories in their area.

Ms. Bello noted that the District has called twenty-one *Spare the Air* days so far this year. Ms. Bello announced that the *Spare the Air Program* will end September 30, 2002.

Ms. Bello announced that Pub. Ed. will prepare for it's winter program *Please Don't Light Tonight*. Ms. Bello explained that this year we will be preparing the public for the potential changes to the District's Rule 4901 (Residential Wood Combustion). Ms. Bello noted that the District will continue it's voluntary cooperation and public appeal messages this year with the additional message that *if you are going to light please do it right*. Ms. Bello stated that Pub. Ed. is trying to identify ways of transitioning the public for the mandatory curtailment notifications that will be coming if the rule is updated or changed in the future. Ms. Bello noted that Pub. Ed. will be working with the hearth products retailers throughout the Valley to do a cooperative public education campaign.

Ann Williams requested additional information for a potential news article in the Bakersfield Californian regarding alternate possibilities for cleaner burning fireplaces.

7. **Rules Under Development** – Presentation made by Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer.

Mr. Nazareno reported on the following Summary of Draft Rules:

Rule 2020 (Exemptions)
Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule)
Rule 4313 (Lime Kilns)
Rule 4351 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters – Phase 1)
Rule 4305 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters – Phase 2)
Rule 4306 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters – Phase 3)
Rule 4408 (Glycol Dehydration)
Rule 4701 (Stationary Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 1)
Rule 4702 (Stationary Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 2)
Rule 4610 (Glass Coating Operations)
Rule 4622 (Gasoline Transfer into Vehicle Fuel Tanks)
Rule 4901 (Residential Wood Combustion)

Mr. Nazareno provided the CAC with a copy of Notice of Proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations for: Rule 4305 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters) and Rule 4701 (Internal Combustion Engines) amendments to reinstate federal enforceability by removing the Westside exemption. Mr. Nazareno noted that industry has requested that the District accelerate the Westside exemption amendments.

David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO and Seyed Sadredin, Director of Permit Services, provided additional comments regarding the proposed amendments to Rule 4305 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters) and Rule 4701 (Internal Combustion Engines) the amendments to reinstate federal enforceability by removing the Westside exemption.

Mr. Sadredin noted that there are two key issues that EPA has asked the District to do to avoid sanctions: (1) the agricultural exemption issue and (2) discounting the Emission Reductions Credits (ERCs) at the time of use. Mr. Sadredin stated that the District has come up with proposals that the District thinks legally addresses those issues. Mr. Sadredin stated that he wanted to give the CAC advance warning that up to this point that EPA has been reluctant to approve our proposals. Mr. Sadredin stated that if EPA does not change their position we will face sanctions in February 2003 for two to one offsets and then six months later we would face loss of highway funds.

Mr. Sadredin stated that in addition to raising the agricultural exemption in the context of the Title V, in our District EPA has also raised the issue in relation to approvability of the District's New Source Review Rule. Mr. Sadredin explained that the position that the District has taken is to change our exemption rule to say agricultural exemption only applies to the extent that the state law provides for and EPA is saying that, that is not enough. They have asked for total removal of the agricultural exemption.

Mr. Sadredin explained that the other issue is the ERC discounting at the time of use. We've largely addressed that issue and are now trying to get some additional flexibility from EPA. We are going to try to negotiate with them up to the last minute as we take this item to the Board. But, to this point EPA has not been enthusiastic about our new proposals.

Mr. Crow noted that the purpose of today's report was to let the CAC members who are directly stakeholders in this issue know enough about it so that they could contact Region IX authorities and asked them to do the right and reasonable thing on both of these scores.

The CAC asked that the District's Governing Board be informed of their concern regarding this issue.

8. **ARB Comments** – Ravi Ramalingam, ARB representative and ARB Liaison for the Valley Air District, made the ARB Board Meeting Report. Mr. Ramalingam reported on the ARB Board Meeting of July 25. Mr. Ramalingam stated that at the request of the Board, ARB staff provided an impromptu briefing on Assembly Bill 1493, the Pavley Bill, which recently was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Davis on July 22. Mr. Ramalingam explained that

the law requires the Air Resources Board to develop by January 1, 2005, greenhouse gas standards for vehicles in model year 2009 and beyond. These regulations must achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gas pollution from new passenger vehicles.

9. **Volunteer to present CAC Report Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 9:00 a.m., Governing Board Meeting** – The Chair volunteered to make report to the Board.

10. **CAC Member Comments – Wade Broughton** noted that the San Joaquin Council of Governments (COG) commissioned a white paper study looking at seceding from the District and joining Sacramento AQMD or the Bay Area AQMD. Mr. Broughton noted that the fourth option they recommended would be to development a separate implementation plan for the Northern portion of the District. Mr. Broughton asked if the Air District has given any consideration or are there pockets of the Valley which do not have a severe ozone nonattainment that would benefit from having a separate area like Coachella Valley is different then the L.A. Basin.

Mr. Crow stated that “no” the District has not given any consideration because the San Joaquin County (SJC) and the San Joaquin County (SJC) COG have not come to District’s Governing Board to express their concerns and asked for assistance or help in investigating there options. Mr. Crow noted that he has continually urged SJC and the SJC COG to contact the District’s Governing Board regarding this issue. Mr. Crow noted that until that dialogue is opened up between the Board and SJC and the SJC COG he has no comments.

Dennis Tristao, stated that during the August 6, 2002 CAC meeting Mike Burns with Stanislaus County had asked about the almond harvesting. Mr. Tristao noted that he gave representation to the CAC that he would contact that industry group. Mr. Tristao stated that he talked to the executive director for the Almond Hullers and Processors Association regarding the research work that has been implemented in the field and so forth. Mr. Tristao explained that there have been (1) Improvements made in harvesting equipment for almonds based on the research work that had been done previously. Albeit they cannot quantify the PM 10 reductions they can quantify indirectly the dust reductions that have occurred from these equipment improvements. And, they are working through the USDA Equip. Program to implement those improvements. Mr. Tristao noted that the almond industry association has stated that they have developed management practices for PM 10 reductions in almond fields during the harvesting process. Mr. Tristao stated that they have been very proactive in this arena for a number of years.

Mr. Tristao stated that he had the opportunity to watch *Valley Press* and he saw Bob Dowell interacting with Kevin Hall, Dr. David Pepper and Mark Grossi. Mr.

Tristao noted that he thought that Bob Dowell did an excellent job of representing the technical aspects of air quality on the program. Mr. Tristao stated that he personally from having an understanding on the issue felt that there was some misrepresentation by some of the other advocates on that program. Mr. Tristao stated that all in all he wanted to convey his appreciation to Mr. Dowell for his excellent work on that program.

11. **Public Comments and/or Reports** – **Linda Urata, BIA**, spoke on the issue of discounting ERCs in respect to the car crushing program. Ms. Urata commented on the phase out of MTBE.

Ms. Urata invited the CAC to attend the following workshop: *San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition, Fall 2002, General Membership Meeting*, September 10, 2002, Fresno Air District Headquarters, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ms. Urata provided a copy of the workshop notice to the CAC.

Pheakdey Preciado, Merced/Mariposa County Asthma Coalition, noted that earlier in the meeting Mr. Crow made a brief report regarding a group of individuals in the Valley who are coming together to look at what businesses, municipalities and individual citizens can do voluntarily to reduce emission reductions. Ms. Preciado stated that she was in support of such an effort and noted that her coalition would like to be a part of it.

Christine Foster, Tulare County Asthma Coalition, stated that there are a set of coalitions in Bakersfield, Tulare, Merced and Mariposa. Ms. Foster noted that they are trying to work on reducing environmental triggers of asthma. Ms. Foster announced that if there is someone in Tulare County that wants to be a part of this coalition to contact her.

12. **Next Meeting** – The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., via video teleconferencing (VTC) Central Region Office (Fresno) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) included via VTC.
13. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board
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