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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 Governing Board Room, Fresno, CA.

Tuesday, January 7, 2003  
9:30 a.m.

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – The Chair, Lee Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:34 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	Jack Grisanti, Environmental (P)	Central
Kern	(*) Suzanne Noble, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Southern
"	Dana Karcher, Environmental (A)	Southern
Kings	Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Kelly Deming, Environmental (P)	Central
Madera	Donald Horal, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Central
"	Lee Smith, Environmental (P) <b>Chair</b>	Central
Merced	No attendees	
San Joaquin	Robert Sarvey, Industry/Agriculture (P)	Northern
"	David Brown, Environmental (P)	Northern
"	(**) Perfecto Munoz, Environmental (A)	Northern
"	Wade Broughton, City (P)	Northern

2. **Roll Call cont:**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Member Name/Interest Group</u></b>	<b><u>Regional Office</u></b>
Stanislaus “	Chris Savage, Industry/Agriculture (P) Mike Burns, City (P)	Northern Northern
Tulare “	David Harrald, Industry/Agriculture (P) Ted Dinkler, Industry/Agriculture (A)	Central Central

(\* ) Arrived during Item # 4

(\*\* ) Arrived during Item # 7

**Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno)** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Hector Guerra, Senior Air Quality Planner, Roger McCoy, Director of Administrative Services, Dave Jones, Planning Manager, Alex Krivobok, Communication Systems Analyst, Colby Morrow, So. Ca. Gas Company, Jenny Huntsman, Caltrans and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

**Also present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto)** – Ravi Ramalingam, ARB representative and ARB Liaison for the Valley Air District and John Cadrett, Air Quality Planner.

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

3. **Chair Comments** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting for 2003. The Chair announced that we do have some new CAC Members. The Chair requested that the Clerk report on the recent changes in the CAC membership.

The Clerk reported the following resignation:

**Kern County:** Ann Williams, Environmental Primary resigned

The Clerk reported the following appointments:

**Kings County:** Dennis Tristao, City Primary  
 Riley Jones, Industry/Agriculture Primary

**Madera County:** Donald Horal, Industry/Agriculture, Primary  
 Ron Flores, Environmental, Alternate

**Tulare County:** Ted Dinkler, Industry/Agriculture, Alternate

4. **APCO Comments** – David L. Crow, Executive Director/APCO, reported on the highlights of District activities from the December 19, 2002 Governing Board Meeting. Mr. Crow noted that the Board bid farewell to the following Governing Board Members: Supervisor William Sanders, Tulare County, Councilmember Tom Applegate, City of Newman and Supervisor Nick W. Blom, Stanislaus County.

Mr. Crow reported that the Board elected Supervisor Ronn Dominici, Madera County, Chair for 2003 and Supervisor Barbara Patrick, Kern County, Vice Chair for 2003.

Mr. Crow reported that the Board took action on the following rules: adopted proposed amendments to Rule 2020 (Exemptions), Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule), proposed Rule 4408 (Glycol Dehydration Systems), proposed amendments to Rule 4610 (Glass Coating Operations), proposed “Westside” amendments to Rule 4305 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters), Rule 4701 (Internal Combustion Engines), proposed amendments to Rule 3160 (Prescribed Burning Fee).

Mr. Crow stated that the Board also adopted proposed amended 2002 and 2005 Rate of Progress Plan (ROP) for San Joaquin Valley Ozone, approved District 2003-2004 Legislative Platform with amendments and received a verbal report from District Legislative Advocate, Dale Wagerman, Wagerman Associates, Inc. The Board accepted funds from the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency (CTTCA) Agricultural Biomass-to Energy Incentive Grant Program October 2001 and March 2002 in the amount of \$2,242,101. The Board authorized staffing increase to implement new federal mandates under Title V Permitting Program, received and filed General Purpose Financial Statements and Single Audit Reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, approved agreement with Adrianus Resources, Inc. to provide consulting services for the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Heavy-Duty Public Fleet Survey and amended the District’s Conflict of Interest Code.

Mr. Crow noted that there was a possibility that the District’s January 16, 2003 Governing Board meeting might be canceled.

5. **Approve Minutes of Tuesday, December 3, 2002** – The Chair asked if there were any corrections, additions or comments regarding the Minutes of December 3, 2002. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of December 3, 2002 approved as submitted.
6. **Public Education** – Josette Merced Bello, Public Education Administrator, reported that much of Public Education’s time has been spent on answering media and public questions regarding proposed amendments to Rule 4901, the wood-burning rule. Ms. Bello noted that in addition to the media buy Public

Education developed a fact sheet on wood burning, which can be found at the District's website at: [www.valley.org](http://www.valley.org)

Ms. Bello reported that additionally, Public Education distributed nearly 15, 000 calendars in three weeks. Ms. Bello pointed out that Public Education is down to 300 calendars with orders coming in daily. Ms. Bello informed the CAC that they could pick up a few copies from the front counter of the office they were in.

Ms. Bello noted that for the CAC who didn't see it, on December 15, 2002, the Fresno Bee published a 24-page special insert on air quality called *Last Gasp*. Ms. Bello explained that the paper has also committed to writing an editorial a week on solution to pollution and to publishing letters from readers on the topic. Mr. Bello stated that the District is working with the Fresno Bee, as well as the other newspapers, to provide a balanced and accurate portrayal of the complex issue of air quality in the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Bello announced that the article *Last Gasp* can be read online at: [www.fresnobee.com](http://www.fresnobee.com)

7. **Rules Under Development** – Joe Nazareno, Senior Air Quality Engineer, reported on the following rules:

- 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 4403 (Components Serving Light Crude Oil or Gases at Light Crude Oil and Gas Production Facilities and Components at Natural Gas Processing Facilities)
- Rule 4451 (Valves, Pressure Relief Valves, Flanges, Threaded Connections and Process Drains at Petroleum Refineries and Chemical Plants)
- Rule 4452 (Pump and Compressor Seals at Petroleum Refineries and Chemical Plants)
- Rule 4604 (Can and Coil Coating Operations)
- Rule 4701 (Stationary Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 1)
- Rule 4702 (Stationary Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 2)
- Rule 4901 (Residential Wood Combustion)

**The Chair** requested that as soon as draft rules are available it would be helpful to get them to the CAC Rule Subcommittee members.

8. **ARB Comments** – Ravi Ramalingam, California Air Resources Board (ARB) representative and ARB Liaison for the Valley Air District. Mr. Ramalingam reported that at the Air Resources Board's December Board Meeting, staff went over a study recently published in the medical journal "Circulation." Mr. Ramalingam pointed out that in this study, subjects with coronary heart disease were monitored with an EKG or electro-cardiogram test. The test results were

compared with airborne concentrations of ultrafine (particulate matter smaller than 0.1 microns) and fine particulate matter (otherwise known as PM2.5) and other pollutants.

**Jack Grisanti** announced that he wanted to give an opportunity particularly to the new CAC members but certainly any CAC member that would be interested in getting involved in the CAC Rules Subcommittee. Mr. Grisanti noted that we haven't been very active but he would like to see it get more active and he noted that he is willing to work with anybody that is interested in doing that. Mr. Grisanti explained that we do have several rules which are up for consideration that he thinks will have an impact on the Valley and it would be good if we got more involved.

**Kelly Deming** requested a copy of Mr. Ramalingam's report and the conditions in which it was taken.

**Mr. Ramalingam** responded affirmative.

9. **CAC Member Comments** – **Kelly Deming** stated that in respect to a safety factor it would be nice to have the CAC Meetings in the wintertime start at 10:30 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. due to the fog.

***MOTION TO CHANGE MEETING TIME*** – *The motion was made by Kelly Deming to change the meeting time to 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Riley Jones and carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:*

**Ayes:** *Jack Grisanti, Suzanne Noble, Dana Karcher, Riley Jones, Kelly Deming, Don Horal, Lee Smith, Robert Sarvey, David Brown, Wade Broughton, Chris Savage, Mike Burns and David Harrauld.*

**Absent:** *Roger Isom, Joseph Rhodes, Les Clark III, Dennis Tristao, Glenn Igo, Linda Falasco, Pheakdey Preciado, Denny Hoeh and Ray Millard.*

**Action:** *The CAC took the following action: revised the CAC meeting start time to 10:30 a.m. until further notice.*

**Riley Jones** provided the CAC with two items from the Fresno Bee.

- 1.) Fresno Bee Biomass Editorial
- 2.) portion of ~~Last Gap~~ *Gasp* article State-permitted ag burning gets Valley fired up *{corrected during February 4, 2003 CAC Meeting}*

Mr. Jones noted that part of the cutting of the budget that is taking place as the result of the thirty-five billion dollar deficient is four million dollars which is a

biomass grant that is specifically targeted for assistance to biomass plants for the purchase of ag waste only. Mr. Jones noted that, that money is about to be eliminated and the Fresno Bee editorial addresses that. Mr. Jones stated that he thinks that it would be prudent for this committee to have Mr. Crow or his designee draft a letter to all of the counties representatives and to the Governor opposing the elimination of that four million dollars which goes to biomass for the purchase of ag waste.

**MOTION TO REQUEST LETTER** – *Riley Jones made a motion for staff to write a letter seeking support for continued funding for biomass industry-related programs, specifically, the Biomass-to-Energy Incentive Grant Program. Seconded by David Harrald and carried unanimously with the following Roll Call Vote:*

**Ayes:** *Jack Grisanti, Suzanne Noble, Dana Karcher, Riley Jones, Kelly Deming, Don Horal, Lee Smith, Robert Sarvey, David Brown, Wade Broughton, Chris Savage, Mike Burns and David Harrald.*

**Absent:** *Roger Isom, Joseph Rhodes, Les Clark III, Dennis Tristao, Glenn Igo, Linda Falasco, Pheakdey Preciado, Denny Hoeh and Ray Millard.*

**Action:** *The CAC requested staff write a letter seeking support for continued funding for the biomass industry related programs, specifically, the Biomass-to-Energy Incentive Grant Program administered by the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency. The CAC strongly encourages all Chairs of the Boards of Supervisors and all Mayors within the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to send letters of support to state legislative representatives or the Governor for continued funds to ensure the viability of biomass industry-related programs.*

10. **Public Comments and/or Reports** – No Public Comments and/or Reports.
11. **Volunteer to present CAC Report, Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., Governing Board Meeting** – The Chair asked for a volunteer just in case the Governing Board does meet on January 16, 2003. Hearing no comment the Chair stated that if the Board did in fact meet in January the report would be made by someone.
12. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at **10:30 a.m.**, via video teleconferencing (VTC), Central Region Office (Fresno) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating via VTC.

**Suzanne Noble** requested a copy of the final timeline document for the extreme ozone plan. Ms. Noble noted that during the December 3, 2002 CAC Meeting the CAC was informed that the final timeline document would be forwarded to the CAC.

**Dave Jones** responded that the District sent the timeline document to ARB to get concurrence that ARB's modeling staff could meet the timeline. The District is waiting for ARB's response. Mr. Jones indicated that once the final timeline document was released it would be sent to the CAC.

**David L. Crow** noted that one thing Mr. Ramalingam did not mention is that the Executive Officer of ARB Mr. Mike Kenny since 1996 has been appointed by the Governor to the Sacramento Superior Court Bench. Mr. Crow stated that Thomas Cackette is presently the interim director.

**Don Horal** asked that with all of the grape vines that are being removed in the Valley what sort of process do the farmers need to follow. Mr. Horal noted that farmers ask him about how to deal with treated grape stakes and also wire and metal stakes.

**David L. Crow** noted that by our estimations over one hundred thousand acres of raisin grapes are being removed in the Valley as well as some other vintages of grapes. Mr. Crow explained that the District rule has always specified that there is a prohibition of burning treated grape stakes.

**Kelly Deming** noted that the CAC at their last meeting approved presenting the concept of sustainable incentives to the Governing Board. Ms. Deming asked what the Board's response was to that concept.

**David L. Crow** stated that the Board is aware that the CAC is taking it up but the Board is waiting for some direction from the CAC.

**The Chair** indicated that he would talk with Dennis Tristao about the sustainable incentives concept because Mr. Tristao presented that concept to the CAC.

13. **Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board  
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)  
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