

Action Summary Minutes

CENTRAL REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Central Region Office Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Jerry Boren, Chair – Engineer	Present
Robert Schumacher – Public	Present
Jim Waterman – Attorney	Present
Gerry Mulligan – Public	Absent
Dr. Lorraine Goodwin, M.D. - Medical	Present

Staff present – Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Sr. Air Quality Specialist; Michael Carrera, Compliance Manager; Catherine Redmond, Legal Counsel; Lynn Sargenti, Senior Office Assistant

3. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2011

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Chair asked the Clerk to verify that all items had been properly noticed. The Clerk responded that they had. All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair. The Chair asked that the agenda packet and any addenda brought forth to be entered into the official record.

A. C-11-09S Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc.
24441 Avenue 12
Madera, CA 93637

Petitioners: Sangeetha Arunagiri

Patrick Houlihan presented the staff report. Saint-Gobain Containers suffered a power outage in mid-April. After power was restored, the facility conducted a thorough inspection of the electrical gear and found some thermal deviations. These “hot spot” suggests that a failure is

imminent. The facility has acquired the necessary parts to make the repairs and has contracted with a company who specializes in these repairs. This requires the cooperation of PG&E as well. However, due to warmer weather and an increase in electrical demand, PG&E can only make this offer available for a short period of time.

There will be excess emissions during the time the power is shut down to make the repairs. The furnace will not be completely shut down since it is hot and there will still be material in the furnace. The excess emissions are estimated to be at 14 lbs of particular matter, 17 lbs of excess SOx emissions, and carbon monoxide concentration could be above the 300 ppm permit limit.

Mr. Houlihan indicated that there is one change on condition #4, page 5, which should read: Ringlemann 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ instead of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mr. Boren asked what the excess emission of tons per hour consisted of. Mr. Houlihan explained that this is glass. Mr. Boren also asked about the SOx in one furnace. Mr. Houlihan explained the function of the two furnaces and how they work together to reduce the SOx. These furnaces need to fire in conjunction and when they don't this produces the SOx.

Ms. Arunagiri was given the opportunity to respond or add to the District's staff report. She stated she agreed with the report and explained the process in order to make the repairs necessary to correct the problem which caused the power outage.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Waterman, seconded by Dr. Goodwin, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

B. C-11-05R Avenal State Prison
 #1 Kings Way
 Avenal, CA 93204

The petitioner requested a continuance on this variance request.

Public Comment: No public comment. Catherine Redmond, Legal Counsel, stated for the record that there was no public present.

On motion of Mr. Waterman and Dr. Goodwin, the Hearing Board voted unanimously to grant the continuance.

5. The Central Region Hearing Board had not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the April 20, 2011, meeting.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.
7. **HEARING BOARD COMMENTS:** None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** July 20, 2011. This meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.