

Action Summary Minutes

CENTRAL REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

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

Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Mr. Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Staff present – Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Annette Williamson, Assistant Legal Counsel; Lynn Sargenti, Senior Office Assistant;

3. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2012

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Boren 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-12-05S Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc.
24441 Avenue 12
Madera, CA 93637

Petitioner: Sangeetha Arunagiri

Patrick Houlihan presented the staff report. Saint-Gobain Containers, Inc. (SGCI) operates a container glass manufacturing operation, which, in part consists of two 75 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired glass-melting furnaces. To control air pollution, the two furnaces vent into a common stack that has a semi-dry scrubber and an electrostatic precipitator (EP).

PG&E needs to replace an outdated power switch feeding SGCI. While PG&E works on the switch, they are going to provide SGCI with power from two smaller lines. SGCI will temporarily lose power when PG&E switches them over to the backup power line, and then again, when they switch back over to the primary line. SGCI expects the total time of lost power to be no more than one hour. During the switch over, SGCI will be able to use their diesel-generator to keep critical computer services electrically powered.

During the power switching, the EP and scrubber will be temporarily offline, but the flue gasses will still flow through them, uncontrolled.

Mr. Houlihan stated that the calculation for the particulate matter was calculated with only one furnace and this should have been calculated with two furnaces. Therefore, should read at 192 pounds. The tonnage would also be double at 36 tons. Emissions should be less than calculated as it is not expected that the power switch will take a full hour.

Change on page 4, condition #5: Will be 192 pounds instead of 94.5 pounds. Also noted that the numbering of the conditions was off and #6 is missing. Will have eleven (11) conditions instead of twelve (12).

Ms. Arunagiri reviewed the expectations of the opacity during the power shutdown. She stated the shutdown should be very short and brief.

Mr. Waterman asked what happens to the emissions that are not contained. Ms. Arunagiri explained that it is very brief and that it should not have a large impact. She was not able to give exact figures.

Mr. Boren asked if they were aware that PG&E would be doing this when Saint-Gobain was here last December for another variance and that if PG&E could have made the switch at that time. Ms. Arunagiri could not answer for PG&E and their plans, but explained that this affects about 100 mile area.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

5. The Central Region Hearing had not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the March 21, 2012, hearing.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

7. **HEARING BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Mulligan asked if it was possible to get an update on Shiralian Enterprises, Inc., from the March Hearing Board Meeting.

Mr. Hayashi responded explaining that the facility did agree to enter into a Mutual Settlement Agreement with the District and pay the monthly penalty fee. He explained that Mr. Shiralian is not currently leasing the property, but the owner, Mr. George Brown, is trying to enter Mr. Shiralian back into a lease of the property. Mr. Brown has also agreed to pay all the penalties in order to keep Mr. Shiralian operating at this location.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

May 16, 2012. This meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair, Mr. Boren, adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.