

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**  
**Central REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

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

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013**

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the  
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the  
Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating via teleconferencing*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Jerry Boren (Chair) - Engineer	Present
Dr. Lorraine Goodwin, M.D. – Medical	Present
Daniel Hartwig – Public	Present
Gerry Mulligan – Public	Present

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Ellyce Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Annette Williamson, Legal Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF August 21, 2013

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for August 21, 2013. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

Patrick Houlihan stated the petitioners for Sun-Maid Growers of California have requested to present first due to time constraints.

Mr. Boren has requested recusal from this item.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. C-13-12i	Interim	Sun-Maid Growers of California 13525 South Bethel Ave Kingsburg, CA 93631

Petitioners: Ken Price and Kayhan Hazrati

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Sun-Maid has requested an interim variance, to be followed by a regular variance, from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 4101 and Section 41701 of the CH&SC, in addition to the applicable condition of the subject Permit to Operate (PTO). The requested interim variance period would be from September 18, 2013, until November 20, 2013, or until the Central Region Hearing Board has heard the petition for the regular variance, whichever occurs first. If granted, the variance would allow the continued operation of the subject dehydrator with excess visible emissions until measures can be implemented to achieve compliance.

Mr. Houlihan showed a photo of the facility.

Mr. Price complimented staff for their assistance. He added the dryer is new and the process allows for clumps to be left on the chain. Mr. Price commented the manufacturer has no solution to the problem.

Mr. Hartwig asked how the cyclone works. Mr. Houlihan explained the exhaust stream comes in and it spins around and heavy particles would drop out the bottom and collected.

Mr. Mulligan asked if there were any modifications performed before the second test for opacity was completed. Mr. Price stated there were no modifications performed. Mr. Hayashi noted any modification may require an Authority to Construct. Mr. Mulligan asked if there were similar equipment in the facility. Mr. Price explained the product is run only on the dryer in question.

Dr. Goodwin asked the reason for the glycerin on the raisins. Mr. Price explained the process is based on customer requirements. She asked if the product being left on the chain is sugar or glycerin. Mr. Price explained there is a reaction to the sugar and natural glycerin that cause a sugary substance to leach out of the raisin.

Mr. Hartwig asked the volume of product ran on the equipment on a daily basis. Mr. Price explained approximately ten tons of product are ran on the equipment on a daily basis.

Mr. Mulligan asked how the product is delivered and processed. Mr. Price stated the raisin is delivered to the facility followed by an infusion process and then it goes through the dryer. Mr. Mulligan asked staff if there have been any concerns stated by the public. Mr. Hayashi stated there have not been any complaints received. Mr. Mulligan asked if there were any health concerns with the emissions. Mr. Hayashi stated the emissions are primarily glycerin.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Dr. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Hartwig, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted an interim variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. C-13-11S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 13D and 29D Oil Cleaning Plants 6C, 13D, & 25D Casing Gas Collection Systems Coalinga Oil Field Coalinga, CA

Petitioners: Aric Murfield, Daniel Beck and Lauren Bueler

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623 in addition to conditions of the subject Authorities to Construct (ATCs) and Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be for a consecutive 33-day period to occur sometime between September 23, 2013, and December 21, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance would provide relief to CUSA from having to incinerate the tank VRS and casing collection system vapors in the steam generators as required by the conditions of the permits. It would also allow wells with closed casing gas collection vents to produce into storage tanks that are not controlled by a VRS. Lastly, it would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Houlihan showed a photo of the steam generators.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the previous variance needs to be extended. Mr. Houlihan stated the maintenance required, but not completed, will be allowed on the variance before the Board today. Mr. Murfield stated he would notify the District within the conditions of the variances.

Mr. Boren asked the pressure in the pipes. Mr. Murfield explained the pressure is 600 – 1,000 pounds pressure in the carbon steel.

Dr. Goodwin requested photos of the solar steam generators. Mr. Murfield explained the project for Angola is to self-sustain the facility instead of importing natural gas.

Mr. Hartwig asked if there was any danger if the pipes were not replaced. Mr. Murfield stated the lines are constantly inspected and should there be an issue, procedures are in place to have the line replaced.

Dr. Goodwin asked the type of machine used to x-ray the lines. Mr. Murfield explained there is an x-ray pad that third party contractors use.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Central Region Hearing Board has not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the August 21, 2013, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is October 16, 2013. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.