

**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, February 18, 2015**

*Meeting held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) with the Southern Region Office included via video teleconference. The Southern Region Office is located at 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308*

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
Daniel Hartwig – Public	Present
Gerry Mulligan – Public	Present
Loraine Goodwin – Medical	Present

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Lynn Sargenti, Senior Office Assistant

3. Approve Minutes of January 21, 2015

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for January 21, 2015. 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.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. C-15-01S	Short	Coalinga Cogeneration Company 32812 West Gale Avenue Coalinga, CA 93210

Petitioners: Cory Eagar, Matt Barnes and Andy Terbovich

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

CCC has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be effective for a non-consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between February 18, 2015, and May 18, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow CCC to operate with excess NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and ammonia slip emissions while conducting maintenance to balance the turbine and test it at full speed-no load.

Mr. Eagar commented the scenarios listed are a worst case not necessarily the most likely scenario for the testing.

Mr. Boren asked if the process is the same when an automobile engine is balanced. Mr. Eagar explained it is very important this equipment is balanced due to the speed.

Mr. Eagar added due to a previous catastrophic failure facility engineers are ensuring the equipment is balanced precisely. Mr. Hartwig requested more information regarding the catastrophic failure. Mr. Eagar explained the equipment was misaligned and in a short time it became out of balance. A loud noise was heard and it was shut down, the damage was in excess of \$5 million.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the facility is penalized by the utility company for the facility not being able to run. Mr. Eagar explained their contract allows for outages.

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 a regular variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. C-15-02S	Short	DJ Farms Section 18, Township 19S, Range 17E Huron, CA

Petitioners: Jeff Peracchi and David Jamison

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

DJ Farms has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 4103. The requested short variance period would occur sometime between April 1, 2015, and May 16, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the burning of 90 acres of pomegranate orchard removal material.

Mr. Boren asked where VOC emissions are originating. Mr. Kalashian explained during combustion there are VOC's emitted.

Mr. Mulligan asked what the consequences are if there are no burn days allowed during the variance period. Mr. Bishop explained after March 1<sup>st</sup> there is more of an opportunity to receive authorization to burn.

Dr. Goodwin asked how much of the crop is affected by Pseudomonas syringae disease. Mr. Peracchi responded the majority of the crop is infected, just under the whole 90 acres. She asked if this disease affects humans. Mr. Peracchi responded the disease does not affect humans.

Mr. Boren asked what is done with the wire after the trees are burned. Mr. Peracchi explained the wire is disposed of.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the trees could be uprooted and sent to a landfill. Mr. Peracchi explained the process is not cost effective.

Dr. Goodwin asked if the pomegranate disease would transfer to pistachios. Mr. Peracchi explained the disease is unique to pomegranate trees.

Mr. Hartwig asked the reason for the trellis. Mr. Peracchi explained the crops were mechanically harvested.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. C-15-03S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Madera LLC 31470 Avenue 12 Madera, CA 93637

Petitioners: Polo Duarte

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

PEM has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, and 2520 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 4 hour period to occur sometime between February 18, 2015, and March 3, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO is shut down for preventative maintenance.

Dr. Goodwin asked what distillers grain is. Mr. Duarte explained distillers grain is a byproduct after all sugars are removed.

Mr. Mulligan expressed concern for the long list of items to be accomplished in four hours. Mr. Duarte explained items will be completed simultaneously. He added previously the Board offered 8 hours and he would be accepting of the modification.

Mr. Boren stated the following recommendation would be modified to:

1. The variance shall be effective for a consecutive 8 hour period to occur sometime between February 18, 2015, and March 3, 2015, inclusive, or until the RTO is back online at operating conditions, whichever occurs first.

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.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
D. C-15-04S	Short	CertainTeed Corporation 17775 Avenue 23 ½ Chowchilla, CA 93610

Petitioners: Marcus Stahl and Gus Maya

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

CertainTeed has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4354, in addition to conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be a non-consecutive 72-hour period to occur sometime between March 1, 2015, and March 31, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow CertainTeed to take data loggers, computers, and components of the CEMS offline for upgrading.

The petitioners had no further comments.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Emergency Variance

The Central Region Hearing Board did not hear nor grant any emergency variances since the January 21, 2015, hearing.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

None.

8. New Business

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Chair for the year 2015. On motion of Mr. Hartwig and seconded by Dr. Goodwin, unanimously passed, Mr. Boren was appointed Chair of the Central Region Hearing Board for 2015.

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the year 2015. On motion of Mr. Mulligan and seconded by Mr. Hartwig, unanimously passed, Dr. Goodwin was appointed Vice Chair of the Central Region Hearing Board for 2015.

Ms. Fierro reminded members to complete their Form 700 and submit to the Clerk of the Boards and also complete the AB1234 Ethics Compliance Training.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.