

**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, May 18, 2016

*Meeting held in the
Central Region Office (Fresno)*

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

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approval of Consent Items 9-12

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2016

10. Stipulated Order of Abatement report

11. Emergency Variance

12. Next Schedule Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on June 15, 2016. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

Public Comments: None

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding Consent Items 9-12. Hearing no comments, on motion of Dr. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Hartwig, unanimously passed, the consent items 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-16-13S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Madera, LLC 400 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814

Petitioners: Polo Duarte

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Pacific Ethanol has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, and 2520 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 32 hour period to occur sometime between June 20, 2016, and August 20, 2016, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO is shut down for preventative maintenance.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the shutdown is for the fermentation process or for the ethanol process. Mr. Duarte explained the fermentation doesn't stop, all mechanical processes is shut down. Mr. Mulligan asked if the grain is in silos. Mr. Duarte explained the grain that is fermenting is stored in stainless steel tanks.

Mr. Hartwig asked if the maintenance was routine in nature. Mr. Duarte explained portions of the maintenance are routine and the rest is the replacement of equipment parts. Mr. Hartwig asked the lifetime of the equipment parts. Mr. Duarte explained the parts are exposed to the elements and it is a 24 hour operation.

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. Public Comments

None.

13. Hearing Board Comments

None.

14. New Business

None

15. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.