

**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, January 18, 2017

*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; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist, Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; See Thao, Operations and Program Support Supervisor; Artemiza Velasco, 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 December 21, 2016

10. Stipulated Order of Abatement report

11. Emergency Variance

12. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on February 15, 2017. 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 Mr. Hartwig and seconded by Dr. Goodwin, 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-16-31S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Madera, LLC 31470 Avenue 12 Madera, CA 93638

Petitioners: Polo Duarte

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Pacific Ethanol 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 24 hour period to occur sometime between January 18, 2017, and February 18, 2017, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO is shut down for preventative maintenance. The District believes the required findings as set forth in the California Health and Safety Code can be made and recommends that Pacific Ethanol be granted a variance with the conditions listed on pages 4 and 5 of the Staff Report.

Mr. Mulligan asked if it was standard operating procedure to conduct this type of maintenance. Mr. Duarte responded affirmatively.

Public Comments: None

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

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B.	C-17-01S	Short	Guardian Industries Corp. 11535 E. Mountain View Ave. Kingsburg, CA 93631

Petitioners: Nathaniel Rutterbush and Besrat Solomon

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report

Guardian has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, 4101, and 4354 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance will be for a consecutive 72 hour period to occur sometime starting January 18, 2017, through March 31, 2017. If granted, the variance will allow the continued operation of the glass melting furnace, and continued glass production, with excess visible emissions while Guardian shuts down the scrubber, EP, and SCR, in order to clean and inspect the EP.

Mr. Mulligan asked about the chemical makeup of trona. Mr. Rutterbush responded that trona is a hydrated sodium bicarbonate that is naturally occurring and there are deposits around the county, one of which is in Trona, CA. He said it essentially bonds with the sulfur in the exhaust gas to remove sulfur from the gas and creates a sodium sulfate.

Mr. Hartwig asked if the plant is fully operational as planned this year, given these recent developments. Mr. Rutterbush responded affirmatively, saying from his understanding this is part of the normal maintenance process for these systems. He said the plant is fully operational outside of unexpected breakdowns but said it can never be guaranteed. As part of this process, he said Guardian is planning to pull a catalyst block and send it to the lab for analysis, noting they had problems with both the EP and SCR last year. He said he believes they are in a good preventative maintenance and inspection mode now.

Mr. Boren commented that SCR replacement is an expensive proposition. Mr. Rutterbush responded the cost is over \$200,000 to replace the catalyst portion and well over \$10 million to replace the entire system.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Public Comments
None

6. Hearing Board Comments
Mr. Boren commented that he and other members received an email from District Counsel, Annette Ballatore-Williamson on the new Harassment Training requirement. He asked about the process for participating in the webinar. Jessica Fierro, Assistant District Counsel, responded that members could contact the Operations and Program Support Supervisor to be signed up to participate in the free webinar or in person training at the District's offices.

7. New Business
Mr. Boren announced that it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2017. He commented that he would be willing to continue in his role as Chair or step down if

another member wished to serve. Mr. Mulligan nominated Mr. Boren as Chair of the Central Region Hearing Board for 2017. Mr. Hartwig seconded the motion. Mr. Boren asked Mr. Hartwig if he wished to continue his role as Vice Chair for 2017. Mr. Hartwig responded affirmatively unless another member wished to serve. Mr. Mulligan amended his motion to nominate Mr. Hartwig as Vice Chair for 2017. The motion was unanimously passed to re-elect Mr. Boren as Chair and Mr. Hartwig as Vice Chair of the Central Region Hearing Board for 2017.

8. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.