

**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 20, 2017

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, Jerry K. Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Jerry K. Boren – Chair	Present
Lorraine Goodwin – Medical	Present
Gerry Mulligan – Public	Present
Daniel Hartwig – Vice Chair	Present
David A. Soldani – Attorney	Present

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist II; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist II and 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 June 21, 2017

10. Stipulated Order of Abatement report

11. Emergency Variance

12. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on October 18, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board Room.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Hartwig

Seconded: Goodwin

Ayes: Boren, Goodwin, Mulligan, Hartwig, Soldani

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-12

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-17-20S	Short	Aera Energy LLC 29010 Shell Road Coalinga, CA 93210

Petitioners: Tim Parcel

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

AERA has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between November 1, 2017, and January 29, 2017, inclusive. If granted, the variance will allow AERA to continue to store VOC containing liquids at the Coalinga Production Facility without a functional or operating VRS while they install launch and recovery points in the gas supply line in preparation for testing of the line with a smart pigging device. Mr. Moore pointed out the following changes to the staff report: The original period requested for the short variance would occur sometime between September 21, 2017 and December 19, 2017, actual dates are November 1st 2017 to January 29th. The actual variance length is a 48-hour period, NOT a 24-hour period and the estimated VOC emissions calculation will not be affected and continues to be 491 pounds.

Public Comments: None

Petitioner Comments: None

Hearing Board Comments: Mr. Soldani referred to the third finding and asked, what could be the reason for excess emissions associated with cleaning the subject tanks to possibly exceed the emissions associated with shutting down the VRS for the period requested? Mr. Moore responded, the emissions coming from the degassing and cleaning of the tanks can exceed the excess emission originally calculated. Mr. Boren asked for the definition of API gravity. Mr. Houlihan responded: American Petroleum Institute. It is a measure of the viscosity of oil.

Petitioner Comments: Mr. Parcel briefly explained that the process would consist of a series of pigs. The process will start with a “Soft Pig” which can collapse if there is something in the pipeline obstructing it. Once the pipeline has been cleaned, a “Smart Pig” will run through the pipeline to measure the thickness of the pipe and it can determine if there is any anomalies in the piping.

Moved: Mulligan
Seconded: Hartwig
Ayes: Boren, Goodwin, Mulligan, Hartwig, Soldani
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. C-17-20S

5. Public Comments
None
6. Hearing Board Comments
Mr. Mulligan & Mr. Boren welcomed Mr. Soldani to the Hearing Board.
7. New Business
None
8. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.