

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

Northern Region Office Magnolia Room
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the
Northern Region Office (Modesto) participating via teleconferencing.*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Mark Kanai, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roger Gohring - Public	Present
Gerald Schneider - Public	Present
Mark A. Kanai (Chair) - Attorney	Present
Dr. Steve Benak – Medical	Present

Staff Present:

Northern Region (Modesto): Karen Morris, Office Services Manager

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 7, 2012

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for November 7, 2012. 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. N-12-19S	Short	Musco Family Olive Company 17950 Via Nicolo Tracy, CA 95377

Petitioners: Dennis Leikam

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Musco has requested a short variance from the requirements of District Rules 2010 and 2201, in addition to the applicable conditions of the ATC. The requested short variance period would be from November 9, 2012, until February 6, 2013. If granted,

the variance would allow for the postponement of the start-up compliance source test and the operation of the biomass combustor with excess NOx emissions.

Mr. Leikam thanked Mr. Houlihan for his presentation, he had no further comments.

Mr. Schneider asked how the burn capacity number is obtained and how it's rated for a biomass fueled boiler. Mr. Leikam responded the burner itself is rated at 25MMbtu/hr, however the pit feed system is currently established with gear ratios to ensure pits are blown into the burner up to a 12MMbtu/hr maximum feed. Mr. Schneider asked if the facility only burns olive pits. Mr. Leikam responded the ATC allows for the burning of additional biofuels but for now and the foreseeable future the facility will only burn olive pits. Mr. Schneider requested clarification between the number of days estimated of non-compliance operation with excess emissions at 23 days and the permit period being longer. Mr. Leikam explained the 23 days calculation is based on a worst case scenario. He expressed confidence in completing the project before December 25, 2012.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Northern Region Hearing Board had not heard or granted any emergency variances since the November 7, 2012, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Houlihan announced there are Hearing Board member elections forthcoming.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is January 2, 2013. The meeting will be held via teleconferencing in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via teleconferencing.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.