

**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, February 4, 2015**

*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 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mark Kanai – (Chair) Attorney	Present
Roger Gohring – Public	Present
Gerald Schneider (Vice Chair) – Engineer	Present
Rob Hofmann – Public	Present

Staff Present:

Northern Region (Modesto): Ron Giannone, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

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

3. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2015

The Chair asked if there were comments regarding the Minutes for January 7, 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.

A. N-15-01S	Short	R & J Dondero Inc. Northwest Corner of Copperopolis Road & Alpine Road Lindin, CA 95236
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Petitioners: Robert Dondero

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

R & J Dondero has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 4103. The requested short variance period would occur sometime between March 16, 2015, and May 16, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the burning of 55 acres of olive orchard removal material.

Mr. Dondero commented attempting to separate the wire from the limbs would be hazardous to employees.

Mr. Gohring asked if the limbs would be dry in 6 weeks. Mr. Dondero responded affirmatively.

Public Comment:

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

5. Emergency Variance

The Northern Region Hearing Board had not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the January 7, 2015, Hearing Board meeting.

6. Public Comments

No public comment.

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

None.

8. New Business

Ms. Fierro thanked the Hearing Board Members for their upcoming participation on February 26, 2015. She noted the matter that will be heard is regarding a petition for a review of a permit the District is issuing.

Mr. Houlihan requested feedback on the electronic distribution of the agenda packet. He noted Mr. Kanai and Mr. Schneider previously emailed their acceptance of the new process. Mr. Hofmann requested clarification if the packet was too large to email. Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor, explained an email with a link to an agenda in PDF format would be sent. Mr. Houlihan clarified the electronic packet is to review and not to print adding that a hard copy agenda packet will be available at the meeting. He also noted the electronic distribution process will allow the Members to receive the packet earlier and provide more time for review.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is February 26, 2015. 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 10:15 a.m.