

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

Northern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room  
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, Mark Kanai, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mark Kanai (Chair) – Attorney	Present
Gerald Schneider – Engineer	Present
Michael Smedshammer – Public	Present
Rob Hofmann – Public	Present

Staff Present:

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

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist II; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist II; See Thao, Operations & Program Support Supervisor.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar Items 9-11

*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 5, 2017

10. Emergency Variance

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on June 7, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) with the presence of the Central Region Office (Fresno) Staff included VTC.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Schneider

Seconded: Hofmann

Ayes: Schneider, Smedshammer, Kanai, Hofmann

Nays: None

**Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11**

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-17-07S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Stockton, LLC 3028 Navy Drive Stockton, CA 95206

Petitioners: Kyle King

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report.

Pacific Ethanol Stockton has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4623 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 12-hour period to occur sometime between May 3, 2017, and July 31, 2017, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO and scrubbers are shut down for the proposed testing.

The petitioner had no further comments.

Mr. Kanai verified that there are no changes to the variance except for the date and time from the past variance in February.

Ms. Bussard answered that it is the District's understanding that conditions are the same as the last variance back in February.

Mr. Smedshammer asked if the window of time for the variance was long enough considering that it seems to be a big project.

Mr. King replied that the window of the variance will be long enough, due to reasons of just finalizing electric startup of the unit.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Public Comments

None

6. Hearing Board Member Comments

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.