

**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, March 6, 2019**

*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 10:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Staff Present:

Northern Region (Modesto): Ann Marie Collins, Office Service Manager II

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel II; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist II; Misa Velasco, Operations and 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 February 6, 2019

10. Emergency Variance

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on April 3, 2019. The meeting will be held in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) with the presence of the Central Region Office (Fresno) Staff included via VTC.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Schneider  
Seconded: Hofmann  
Ayes: Kanai, Schneider, Smedshammer, 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-19-02S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Stockton LLC 3028 Navy Drive Stockton, CA 95206

Petitioners: Jordan Bottorff

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Pacific Ethanol Stockton has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4623 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 36-hour period to occur sometime between March 6, 2019, and June 3, 2019, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO and CO<sub>2</sub> scrubber are shut down to complete the Airgas CO<sub>2</sub> tie-in project.

Mr. Hofmann clarified that the 27,983 pounds is worst case scenario for the full 36 hour but will more than likely be less.

Mr. Moore confirmed that it is based on worst-case scenario.

Mr. Smedshammer asked for more clarification of the 27,983 pounds.

Ms. Fierro responded that the total VOC inventory for the District was about 300 tons per day. Since the excess emissions for the variance will be about 12 tons over three day period, the impact would be relatively small. In addition, VOC's are a precursor to ozone formation which is primarily a summer time problem. Since the variance will occur during winter/spring, the excess VOCs will likely not have a significant impact on ozone formation.

Petitioner Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Moved: Smedshammer  
Seconded: Hofmann  
Ayes: Kanai, Schneider, Smedshammer, Hofmann  
Nays: None

**Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. N-19-02S**

5. Public Comments  
None
6. Hearing Board Member Comments  
None
7. New Business  
None
8. Adjournment  
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.