

Action Summary Minutes
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING
Southern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room

2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Tuesday, September 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via teleconferencing (VTC) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC.

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
The Chair, Hollis Carlile, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Kimm Wolber - Medical	present
Nancy Dunn - Public	present
John Stovall - Attorney	Present
William Bland - Public *	present
Hollis Carlile (chair) - Engineer	present

** attended in Central Region Office*

Staff present—Southern Region (Bakersfield): Dave Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector.

Central Region (Fresno): Michael Carrera, Supervising Air Quality Inspector; Wayne Clarke, Compliance Manager; Catherine Redmond, Assistant District Counsel; and Lynn Sargenti, acting as Clerk to the Boards.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2008
The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of August 13, 2008. Hearing none, the Chair declared the Minutes for August 13, 2008, approved.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:
The Chair asked the Clerk to verify that all items had been properly noticed. The Clerk responded that they had. All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair, and he requested that they sign in.

Bill Bland requested a change in the Agenda order, indicating he had an urgent meeting to attend to. Hearing no objections, the meeting was turned over to Bill Bland. Due to a conflict of interest, the Chair, Hollis Carlile and John Stovall, abstained from the next three items. William Bland, Vice-Chair acted as Chair.

A. S-08-57S Short Chevron USA Inc.
31E OCP
Midway Sunset Oil Field
Fellows, CA 93224

Petitioners: Martin Lundy; Dave Moore

Dave Baldwin presented the report. Chevron is seeking a short variance to occur between September 10, 2008, and December 10, 2008, to shut down the VRS on seven tanks while they modify the intake and discharge piping on the compressor.

Mr. Lundy stated the District's Staff report was accurate in describing Chevron's situation.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Wolber

Second: Dunn

AYES: Wolber, Dunn, Bland

NAYS: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted unanimously to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions in the staff report on pages three and four.

B. S-07-59S Short Chevron USA Inc.
8Z
Cymric Oil Field
McKittrick, CA 93224

Petitioners: John Gruber, Bob Langner

Dave Baldwin presented the report. Chevron is seeking a short variance to occur between September 11, 2008, and December 9, 2008, to allow tank T-1 in continual operation without a vapor recovery system.

Mr. Gruber stated the District's Staff report was accurate in describing Chevron's petition. He indicated a need to correct the tank identification numbers. He pointed out that the vapor recovery system will only be offline for a short time to move the piping and add the valve to tie in the replacement tank without the need to pursue a second variance. Mr. Gruber added under the worst case scenario the maximum excess emissions will be less than eight pounds.

Ms. Dunn asked why the tank was being replaced. Mr. Langner responded the tank had been damaged several months ago.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Dunn

Second: Wolber

AYES: Wolber, Dunn, Bland

NAYS: None

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John Stovall returned to the meeting

E. S-08-51S Short San Joaquin Refining Company
Corner of Stanislaus and Shell
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioner: David Campbell; Scott Faulkenberg

Dave Baldwin presented the report. San Joaquin Refining Company is requesting a short variance to occur between September 3, 2008, and December 3, 2008, to allow an increased concentration of H₂S gas in the inlet to the thermal oxidizer until the problem can be diagnosed and the concentrations be reduced below 10 ppm.

Mr. Campbell stated the District's Staff report was accurate in describing San Joaquin Refining Company's case and stated that normal tail gas range over the years has been 2 to 3 ppm H₂S and they have been aggressively pursuing the reason as to why this range has climbed to the 10 limit.

Mr. Carlile questioned how or why the variance would help fix the problems that have been going on for years. Mr. Garcia mentioned a change out of amine unit brought the range down. Mr. Campbell presented a report of emissions before and after the change of amine.

Ms. Dunn asked if nine days were enough to solve the problem. Mr. Campbell answered yes. Ms. Dunn asked if any other consultants are working with them. Mr. Campbell answered yes.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Stovall Second: Wolbler

AYES: Wolber, Dunn, Stovall, Carlile NAYS: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted unanimously to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions in the staff report from between September 3, 2008, and December 3, 2008.

F. S-08-54S Short Vintage Production California
9600 Ming Avenue Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Mr. Carlile noted this item had been withdrawn.

G. S-08-55S Short Big West of California
6451 Rosedale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Max Sims

Dave Baldwin presented the report. Big West of California requested a short variance period between September 10, 2008, and December 9, 2008, to allow the continued storage of VOC containing fluids in the subject tanks without the tanks being maintained in a gas-tight condition and without an operational vapor recovery system.

Mr. Sims stated the District's Staff report was accurate in describing Big West of California's petition for a short variance.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Wolber

Second: Dunn

AYES: Wolber, Dunn, Stovall, Carlile NAYS: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted unanimously to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions in the staff report from September 10, 2008, and December 9, 2008.

H. S-08-61S Short Rio Bravo Tomato
36889 Highway 58
Buttonwillow, CA 93206

Petitioners: Dennis Tristao

Dave Baldwin presented the report. Rio Bravo Tomato requested a short variance period between August 27, 2008, and October 15, 2008, to allow the postponement of the source tests beyond 60 days after initial start up of the boilers.

Mr. Sims stated the District's Staff report was accurate in describing Rio Bravo Tomato's petition.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Dunn

Second: Stovall

AYES: Wolber, Dunn, Stovall, Carlile NAYS: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted unanimously to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions in the staff report from August 27, 2008, and October 15, 2008.

5. The Southern Region Hearing Board heard no emergency variances
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.
HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: No Hearing Board member comments
3. NEW BUSINESS: No new business.
4. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will be held via video conferencing (VTC) in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC.
5. ADJOURNMENT
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m..