

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Southern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the
Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, William Bland, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
William Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Daniel Padilla – Engineer	Present

Staff Present:

Amelia Yuan, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF June 12, 2013

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for June 12, 2013. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The Vice Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. S-13-27R	Regular	Foster Farms, Porterville Plant 770 Plano Street Porterville, CA 93257

Petitioners: James Marnatti

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Foster Farms requested a regular variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2201, 4305, 4606, and 4320 in addition to the applicable

conditions of the ATC. The requested variance would allow for the continued operation of the subject heater with excess emissions of NO_x and CO until the new heater can be installed.

Mr. Marnatti presented a timeline for the project. He did note that the only thing out of Foster Farm's control is the amount of time that would be required to manufacture the equipment and if there were any problems during this process that it may delay completion date in timeline. Mr. Houlihan added the conditions in the petition state the petitioner will contact the District if any delays occur and, if needed, that Foster Farms would submit a petition request to extend the variance by no later than December 2, 2013.

Mr. Stovall commented the facility is a major employer for the area and there would be a significant economic hardship if the product line were to be shut down. Mr. Stovall asked if the manufacturer is comfortable with the timeline given. Mr. Marnatti responded affirmatively.

Dr. Haddock asked how many companies are able to manufacture the piece of equipment needed. Mr. Marnatti stated he was unsure of the number of manufacturers but it is customary to obtain at least three bids.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Stovall and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a regular variance.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-13-30S	Short	Alon Bakersfield Refinery 6451 Rosedale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Helen Ordway

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Alon requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623 in addition to applicable conditions of the PTOs. The requested variance period would be for a consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between July 10, 2013, and October 7, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow ALON to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the storage tanks without a functional or operating VRS.

Ms. Ordway thanked Mr. Houlihan for his efforts.

Ms. Dunn asked the length of time the lines have been in place. Ms. Ordway explained the lines were put in place in the 1930's.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-13-31S	Short	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas Hopkins Lease South Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: Charlotte Campbell and Michael Fischback

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

FMOG requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4401, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permit to Operate (PTO). The requested variance period would be for 3 consecutive days to occur sometime between August 15, 2013, and November 12, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance will allow wells with closed casing gas vents to produce into tanks that are not controlled by a VOC collection and control system.

Ms. Campbell stated the owners of the facility want to be proactive on a facility that is 30 years old and update the equipment.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted two emergency variances since the June 12, 2013, Hearing Board meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Padilla asked for pictures of the general location of facilities when preparing the staff report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Houlihan reported the wife of the former Southern Region Hearing Board chair passed away, Hollis Carlile. Ms. Dunn volunteered to obtain a card of sympathy and forward to the family of Mr. Carlile.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2013. The meeting will be held via teleconferencing in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via teleconferencing.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.