

# 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, January 9, 2013**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Vice Chair, William Bland, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn - Public	Present
William Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present

Staff Present:

David Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF December 12, 2012

The Vice Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for December 12, 2012. 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-11-76X3	Extension	Bowman Asphalt, Inc. Meridian Avenue and Case Street Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Devin Embree

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Bowman has requested an extension of the previously granted variance from District Rules 1081, 2010, 2201, and 4309, in addition to conditions of the applicable ATC. The requested variance period would be from December 23, 2012, until April 30, 2013. If granted, the variance would allow for the postponement of the source test.

Mr. Embree did not have any further comments.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Stovall and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted an extension.

	<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Company Name</u></b>
B.	S-12-71S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. Cahn 3, Section 32 US & 29 Transfer Lost Hills Oil Field

Petitioners: Lance Ericksen and Barry Silken

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4409, and 4623 in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs) and Authorities to Construct (ATCs). The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 144-hour period to occur sometime between February 1, 2013, and May 1, 2013, inclusive. If granted, it would allow the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without an operating or functional VRS when PG&E shuts down the electricity.

Mr. Ericksen thanked Mr. Houlihan for an excellent staff report and had no further comments.

Public Comments: None

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

	<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Company Name</u></b>
C.	S-12-74S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 26C Oil Cleaning Plant Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Martin Lundy and Steve Enns

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested variance period would be for 34 non-consecutive days to occur sometime between January 9, 2013, and April 2, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without an operating or functional VRS while CUSA completes work associated with the subject scrubber. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing gas vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Stovall asked what chemicals would be released into the atmosphere if the scrubber were non-operational. Mr. Houlihan responded SOx would be released.

Mr. Lundy briefly clarified the process in which they would be installing a new SO<sub>2</sub> scrubber.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
D. S-12-76S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 8Z North East McKittrick Unit McKittrick Oil Field

Petitioners: Bob Langner and Dave Bone

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from the requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject PTOs. The requested variance would be for a non-consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between January 9, 2013, and April 8, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in storage tanks without an operating or functional VRS.

Mr. Houlihan noted the petitioner contacted the District and reported they will not need to install a drain system in the VRS compressor intake piping to allow condensate to be drained from the line. He added the staff report is reduced to include that portion of the nature of the problem. Mr. Houlihan reported the first two sentences of finding #2 will be stricken because the petitioner has corrected the issue.

Mr. Langner thanked Mr. Houlihan for the presentation. Mr. Langner expressed a concern regarding Recommendation #6 due to impracticality of notifying the District 96 to 24 hours before the VRS is shut down each time because the equipment may be shut off and on several times if issues arise. He requested the Recommendation be amended to notify the District if more than 24 hours has passed between shut down events. Mr. Houlihan agreed to the amendment.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
E. S-12-77S	Short	Taft Production Company 950 N. Petroleum Club Road Taft, CA 93268

Petitioners: Patrick Gollihar and Gerry Salinas

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

TPC has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010 and 2520, in addition to applicable conditions of the ATC and Permit to Operate (PTO). The requested variance period would be from December 31, 2012, until February 28, 2013. If granted, the variance would allow TPC to postpone the annual visible emissions evaluation on the subject baghouses.

Mr. Houlihan reported the petitioner contacted the District after the staff report was completed and requested the variance period be extended to March 30, 2013. The following Recommendations were amended:

- 1) The variance shall be effective from December 31, 2012, until March 30, 2013, or until the VEE can be initiated, whichever occurs first.
- 8) By April 14, 2013, or no later than 15 calendar days after initiating the VEE, whichever occurs first, TPC shall submit to the District a summary report.

Dr. Haddock asked what visible emissions are. Mr. Houlihan responded they are emissions that a person can visually see. He explained opacity and how the inspection is performed. Dr. Haddock

asked if the emissions were smoke or dust. Mr. Houlihan explained for this facility the emission is dust.

Mr. Gollihar thanked Mr. Houlihan for his presentation.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted two emergency variances since the December 12, 2012, Hearing Board meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bland requested nominations for the position of Chair. On motion of Mr. Stovall and seconded by Ms. Dunn, unanimously passed, Mr. Bland was appointed as Chair.

Mr. Bland requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair. On motion of Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, Mr. Stovall was appointed as Vice Chair.

Mr. Bland requested Southern Region Hearing Board (SRHB) member contact information be distributed to SRHB members for the purpose of informing each other regarding attendance.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is February 13, 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 10:55 a.m.