

**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, March 12, 2014**

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the  
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the  
Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)  
Also participating via teleconference will be the location at  
118 Duck Hill Road, Duxbury, MA, 02332*

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, William Bland, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
William Bland (Chair) – Public	Present

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Amelia Yuan, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Inspector; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor and Catherine Redmond, Legal Counsel participating via teleconference.

3. Approve Minutes of February 12, 2014

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for February 12, 2014. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the minutes were approved as submitted.

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. S-14-04S	Short	Vintage Production California, LLC North Antelope Hills Oil Field Kern County, CA

Petitioners: Jerry Frost and Scott Grodewald

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Vintage has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2520, and 4401, in addition to applicable conditions on the subject permits. The requested short variance would be a non-consecutive 120-hour period to occur sometime between March 19, 2014, and April 19, 2014, inclusive. If granted, it would allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating vapor recovery system. It shall also provide that the collected vapors do not have to be incinerated in the steam generators or flare.

Mr. Houlihan provided photos of the facility.

The petitioners had no comments.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Dr. Haddock 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>
B. S-14-06S	Short	Alon Bakersfield Refining 6451 Rosedale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Helen Ordway

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Alon has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623 in addition to conditions of the applicable PTOs. The requested variance period would be for a consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between March 13, 2014, and June 10, 2014, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Alon to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while they switch over to a single electrical power source.

Ms. Ordway added that during the process of applying for the short variance, there was an electrical interruption which validated the need for the new load center.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Stovall 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>
C. S-14-07S	Short	Aera Energy LLC MOCO & National Dehy Facilities Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Robert Beebout and Timothy Perkins

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 144-hour period to occur sometime between April 1, 2014, and June 29, 2014, inclusive. If granted, the short variance would allow for the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while PG&E shuts down the power.

The petitioners had no comment.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Ms. Dunn 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>
D. S-14-08S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Alberta, Finley, Shale et al. Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Robert Beebout and Timothy Perkins

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 144-hour period to occur sometime between March 17, 2014, and June 15, 2014, inclusive. If granted, the short variance would allow for the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the tanks without a functional or operating VRS while Aera relocates its power lines.

The petitioners had no comments.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had 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>
E. S-14-09S	Short	Sycamore Cogeneration Company Unit #2 1600 China Grade Loop Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioners: Cory Eagar

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Sycamore has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, and 4703 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 40-hour period to occur sometime between March 12, 2014, and June 9, 2014, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the operation of the subject turbine unit with excess NO<sub>x</sub> and CO emissions while Sycamore conducts the necessary tuning.

Mr. Eagar explained Basler is the company that is performing the installation. He added there are no replacement items for the current equipment due to the age.

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 short variance.

5. Emergency Variance

The Southern Region Hearing Board heard and granted one emergency variance since the February 12, 2014, Hearing Board meeting.

6. Public Comments

No public comment.

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

Dr. Haddock expressed appreciation for the photos included with the presentation.

8. New Business

Mr. Hayashi reported he has accepted the position of Director of Compliance and may not be available to attend the Hearing Board meetings. He introduced Clay Bishop as the supervisor that will be attending the meeting and Shannon Moore will be presenting staff reports for purposes of cross-training. He added to other staff members will also be presenting staff reports, Jeff Voorhees and Chris Kalashian.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2014. The meeting will be held via video teleconferencing in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via video teleconferencing.

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.