

**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, February 10, 2016**

*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 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Mike Oldershaw, Air Quality Compliance Manager

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Annette Williamson, District Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2016

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for January 13, 2016. Mr. Bland commented the Minutes reflected his attendance and he did not attend, on motion of Mr. Stovall and seconded by Ms. Dunn, unanimously passed, the Minutes were approved with discussed corrections.

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-16-02S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Section 20 Dehydration Facility Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: John Ludwick and Augustin Lee

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive 10-hour period to occur sometime between February 10, 2016, and May 9, 2016, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Aera to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while Aera replaces the UPS.

The petitioners had no further comments.

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.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-16-03S	Short	Elk Hills Powers LLC 4026 Skyline Road Tupman, CA 93276

Petitioners: Juan Campos and Sonnie Pineda

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Elk Hills has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would provide relief from March 10, 2016, through April 10, 2016. If granted, the variance would allow CT unit #1 and #2 to be operated with excess NOx and CO emissions while they undergo performance testing.

Mr. Stovall requested clarification on the excess emissions. Mr. Houlihan explained the amounts listed are for a worst case scenario.

Mr. Bland requested the significance of the almost 2 tons of excess emissions the facility will produce. Mr. Houlihan explained that stationary sources produce approximately 259 tons per day and the mobile sources add another 211 tons per day. Mr. Padilla commented he compares the amount allowed and the amount exceeding.

Mr. Campos commented there is a continuous emission monitoring system online for accurate data. General Electric Company requires performance testing and the data will be useful to determine efficiency and productivity.

Mr. Padilla asked if the hours requested to work on the project will combine the units. Mr. Pineda explained the units will be worked on one at a time.

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-16-04S	Short	Chevron USA Inc. 2F Oil Cleaning Plant Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Kris Rickards and Steve Enns

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2201, 2070, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be for a non-consecutive 48 hour period to occur sometime between February 10, 2016 and May 9, 2016, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Chevron to continue to store VOC containing liquids in tanks without a functional or operating VRS. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Padilla asked the size, length and type of materials. Mr. Enns explained the pipe is about 60 feet long and made of carbon steel. It is temporary and will be taken out of service in approximately 1.5 years as part of another project.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Padilla 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 four emergency variances since the January 13, 2016 Hearing Board meeting.
6. Public Comments  
No public comment.
7. Hearing Board Member Comments  
None
8. New Business  
Mr. Houlihan reported the format of the agenda will be modified to include consent items.
9. Next Scheduled Meeting  
The next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2016. 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 Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.