

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, 2019

*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 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

William Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn– Public	Present
***Robert Moeller– Medical	Present

***arrived at 10:05

Staff Present:

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

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; and See Thao; Operations & Support Supervisor.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (Items 9-11)

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2018

10. Emergency Variance

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on February 13, 2019. The meeting will be held in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) included via VTC.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

4. Public Hearing

The Chair, Bill Bland swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. S-18-50R	Regular	Aera Energy LLC Section 32 Cogeneration Facility & Stream Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: John Ludwick and Rafael Rodarte

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera Energy LLC has requested a regular variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4305, 4306, 4320, and 4703 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be effective from January 12, 2019, through January 11, 2020, or until the NOx characterization project is completed, whichever to occurs first. If granted, the variance would allow the subject cogeneration units and steam generators to exceed their permitted limit to NOx emissions while they undergo NOx characterization testing in preparation for the Belridge Solar Project.

Mr. Stovall asked if the project would result in other reduction of pollutants.

Mr. Rodarte responded that there would be a reduction on NOx over time.

Petitioner Comments: Mr. Ludwick requested a change of recommendation #5 of the staff report. He requested a change of submitting a synopsis of the ongoing characteristic on a weekly basis to a monthly notification instead. Mr. Houlihan responded that Mr. Ludwick notified the District prior to the Hearing of the change in reporting on a monthly basis and the request has been approved.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland, Moeller
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-50R

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B.	S-18-56S	Short	Aera Energy LLC Dow Chanslor Lease Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: John Ludwick and Patrick Tsang

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera Energy LLC has requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 4101, 4311, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be effective from December 31, 2018, through March 30, 2019, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Aera to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without operating of functional vapor recovery system while they perform the proposed work. In addition, it would allow Aera to operate the flare until it can be brought into full compliance with Rule 4311- Flares and to operate with excess visible emissions.

Mr. Moeller asked if the variance would essentially be backdated, given that the effective date was on December 31, 2018.

Mr. Houlihan explained that the Health and Safety code allows retroactive variances as long a facility filed the petition before December 31, 2018.

Mr. Moeller asked if the 90 days would give the facility enough time to perform the proposed work.

Mr. Houlihan responded that the facility could apply for another variance if they should need more time.

Petitioner Comments: Mr. Tsang gave an update on the conditions of the wells and mentioned that they are starting the second phase in identifying any potential leaks.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Dunn
Seconded: Stovall
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland, Moeller
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-56S

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Member Comments: None
7. New Business: Nominate and elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2019.
Mr. Stovall moved to reelect Mr. Bland as Chair for 2019. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion to reelect Mr. Bland as Chair.

Ms. Dunn moved to reelect Mr. Stovall as Vice Chair for 2019. Mr. Moeller seconded the motion to reelect Mr. Stovall as Vice Chair.
8. Adjournment
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.