

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

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Continued to Thursday, September 22, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom webinar

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, Mr. John Stovall, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
Dr. Chang Na – Medical	Absent
Blaine Neptune – Engineer	Present

3. Approval of Consent 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 July 13, 2022

10. Emergency Variance Report

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on October 12, 2022. The meeting will be held via Zoom webinar.

Public Comments: None

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

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

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-22-14S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. PO Box 1392 Bakersfield, CA 93302

Petitioners: Tiphonie White-LaGue

Shannon Moore presented the Staff Report.

CHEVRON has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be effective for a non-consecutive 24 hour period to occur between September 20, 2022 and October 20, 2022, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow CHEVRON to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without an operating or functional VRS while they complete the proposed work. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS. Public Comment: None (*No public attendees present*)

Mr. Stovall asked the petitioner to confirm if Chevron would in fact lose \$2.375 million per day without a variance and Chevron confirmed.

Ms. Dunn asked if the variance will need to be backdated since the hearing date changed and Shannon Moore clarified that the dates will not need to be changed because the maintenance has not yet started and it will end in time for the original variance period.

Public Comments: None

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

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-22-14S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-22-15S	Short	Kern Oil & Refining Co. 7724 E. Panama Lane Bakersfield, CA 93307

Petitioners: David Nielsen

Chris Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

KOR has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4623, and 4455 in addition to conditions of the applicable permits. The requested short variance would be effective for a non-consecutive 36 hour period to occur sometime between September 15, 2022, and November 20, 2022, inclusive. KOR anticipates shutting down the VRS to perform the maintenance on the following dates: the evening of September 24, 2022 and returning it to operation the afternoon of September 25, 2022; the evening of October 22, 2022 and returning it to operation the afternoon of October 23, 2022; and completing the remaining work by shutting down the vapor recovery unit on the evening October 29, 2022 and returning the vapor recovery unit to operation the afternoon of October 30th. If granted, the variance would allow KOR to store VOC containing liquids in the subject storage tanks without an operating or functional VRS while the maintenance/repair work is performed.

The petitioner noted one correction to the variance docket and Chris Kalashian updated the previous “108 pounds” of emissions to “206 pounds” of emissions during the variance period.

Mr. Stovall asked for an estimate of what it would cost Kern Oil to shut down during this variance period and the petitioner noted that the cost would be well over \$100,000 and possibly millions of dollars.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-22-15S

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Comments: None
7. New Business: None
8. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.