

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

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Meeting held in Southern Region Office with the Central Region Office via VTC

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, John Stovall, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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| John Stovall – Attorney | Present |
| Nancy Dunn – Public | Present |
| Dr. Chang Na – Medical (Primary) | Present |
| Dr. Robert Moeller – Medical (Alternate) | Absent |
| Blaine Neptune – Engineer | Absent |

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 Wednesday, January 11, 2023

10. Emergency Variance Report

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on March 8, 2023.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Dunn
Seconded: Dr. Na
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Na, Dunn
Abstain: None
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

4. Public Hearing

The Chair, Mr. Stovall, swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

| <u>Docket No.</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Company Name</u> |
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| A. S-23-02S | Short | Aera Energy, LLC PO Box 11164 Bakersfield, CA 93389 |

Petitioner: Aaron Albracht, Steven Lee

Shannon Moore presented the staff report.

AERA has requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2080, 2201, 2520, 4201, 4301, 4305, 4306, 4320, 4406, 4409, and 4801 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 8, 2023 and March 9, 2023, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow AERA to continue operation of the subject steam generators with excess SOx emissions while the Section 32 SulfurOx Plant is bypassed in order to isolate and repair a section of pipe that requires maintenance.

Aaron Albracht noted that he requested a buffer to be added to the 48-hour notification period, creating a slight change to condition number nine of the District's report.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Dr. Na
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Na, Dunn
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-23-02S

5. Public Comments: None

6. Hearing Board Member Comments: None

7. New Business: None

8. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.