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Action Summary Minutes Southern Region Hearing Board Meeting San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District 2700 M Street, Suite 275, VTC Room Bakersfield, CA.

Wednesday, November 8, 2006
10:00 a.m.

**Meeting held via video teleconferencing (VTC) with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – The Chair, Hollis Carlile, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. **Roll Call** was taken and a quorum was present.

Kimm Wolber	Medical
Nancy Dunn	Public
Charles Brehmer (*)	Attorney
William Bland, Vice Chair	Public
Hollis Carlile, Chair	Engineer

(*) Arrived during Item # 4a

Also present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)
Creighton Smith and Dave Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspectors.

Also present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Catherine (Tognazzini) Redmond, Assistant District Counsel, Brian Dodds, Senior Air Quality Inspector, Michael Carrera, Supervising Air Quality Inspector and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

3. **Approve Minutes of October 11, 2006** – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of October 11, 2006 which included amendments to the Minutes of September 13, 2006. Hearing no comments the Chair declared the Minutes of September 13, 2006 were approved as amended. The Chair also declared the Minutes of October 11, 2006 were approved as submitted.

4. **Public Hearing:**

The Chair asked if the Petitions had been properly noticed and on file with the Clerk to the Board. Ms. Smith responded affirmative.

The Chair requested the Southern Region Hearing Board Packet and any addenda brought forth in today's hearings be entered into the Official Record.

All persons testifying were sworn in by the Chair.

Brian Dodds presented the Staff Reports.

A.)
Docket S-06-60S, Short Variance, **Aera Energy LLC – Belridge Field**, 59231 Main Camp Road, McKittrick, CA. 93251. Type of Business: Crude Oil and Gas Production

Petitioner – Brent Winn and John James represented Aera Energy LLC – Belridge Field.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Decision – Board Member Bland made the motion to grant the variance. Board Member Bland noted the variance meets the required six findings set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Staff Report. Board Member Bland indicated the variance shall be subject to the twelve recommended conditions set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Staff Report. Seconded by Board Member Wolber and unanimously carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: ***Wolber, Dunn, Brehmer, Bland and Carlile.***

Absent: ***None.***

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted a Short Variance to Docket S-06-60S, Aera Energy LLC – Belridge Field. The variance shall be effective for a single consecutive 48-hour period to occur sometime between November 9, 2006 and February 6, 2007, or until the replacement of piping at Station 49 is complete, whichever occurs first. The twelve recommended conditions will be set forth in the Southern Region Hearing Board Order.

B.)
Docket S-06-61S, Short Variance, **Aera Energy LLC – National Dehydration Facility**, 29235 Highway 33, Maricopa, CA. 93252. Type of Business: Crude Oil and Gas Production.

Petitioners – Robert Beebout and Joseph Roberts represented Aera Energy LLC – National Dehydration Facility.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Decision – Board Member Brehmer made the motion to grant the variance. Board Member Brehmer noted the variance meets the required six findings set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Staff Report. Board Member Brehmer stated the variance shall be subject to the ten recommended conditions set forth on pages 4 and 5 of the Staff Report with the following amendments:

Recommended Condition #1 *amend the effective start date of the variance to December 12, 2006 the variance will end on March 11, 2007*

Recommended Condition #8 *change the Summary Report due date to March 26, 2007. Seconded by Board Member Dunn and unanimously carried with the following roll call vote:*

Ayes: ***Wolber, Dunn, Brehmer, Bland and Carlile.***

Absent: ***None.***

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted a Short Variance to Docket S-06-61S, Aera Energy LLC – National Dehydration Facility. The variance shall be effective for a single consecutive 24-hour period to occur between December 12, 2006 to March 11, 2007, or until the maintenance on the soft water distribution system is complete, whichever occurs first. The ten recommended conditions with amendments will be set forth in the Southern Region Hearing Board Order.

The Chair (Hollis Carlile) recused himself from C.) Docket S-06-62S, Chevron USA Inc., due to a conflict of interest. The Chair indicated the Vice Chair (William Bland) would chair this portion of the hearing.

C.)
Docket S-06-62S, Short Variance, **Chevron USA Inc.**, Western Heavy Oil Stationary Source, Fellows, CA. 93224. Type of Business: Crude Oil and Gas Production.

Petitioners – Martin Lundy and Steve Cramer represented Chevron USA Inc.

Public Comments – No Public Comments.

Decision – Board Member Wolber made the motion to grant the variance. Board Member Wolber stated the required six findings set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Staff Report could be made. Board Member Wolber noted the variance shall be subject to the ten recommended conditions set forth on pages 3 and 4 with an amendment to Recommended Condition #1 omit the wording single consecutive and add the word cumulative. Seconded by Board Member Brehmer and unanimously carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: **Wolber, Dunn, Brehmer and Bland.**

Recused: **Carlile.**

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted a Short Variance to Docket S-06-62S, Chevron USA Inc. The variance shall be effective for a cumulative 16 day period to occur sometime between November 8, 2006 to February 5, 2007, or until the cleaning, inspection, and maintenance of tank S-1423-3-2 is completed, whichever occurs first. The ten recommended conditions with an amendment to Recommended Condition #1 will be set forth in the Southern Region Hearing Board Order.

The Vice Chair (William Bland) relinquished the chairmanship back to the Chair (Hollis Carlile). The Chair (Hollis Carlile) chaired the remainder of the meeting.

D.) Docket S-06-63S, Short Variance, Big West of California, LLC , 6451 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield, CA. 93308. Type of Business: Crude Oil Refinery.

Petitioner – Max Sims represented Big West of California, LLC.

Public Comments – No Public Comments.

Decision – Board Member Brehmer made the motion to grant the variance. Board Member Brehmer noted the variance meets the required six findings set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Staff Report. Board Member Brehmer indicated the variance shall be subject to the eleven recommended conditions set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Staff Report. Seconded by Board Member Dunn and unanimously carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: **Wolber, Dunn, Brehmer, Bland and Carlile.**

Absent: **None.**

The Southern Region Hearing Board granted a Short Variance to Docket S-06-63S, Big West of California, LLC. The variance shall be effective for a cumulative 64-hour period to occur sometime between November 9, 2006 and February 6, 2007, or until the installation of the gauging system is concluded, whichever occurs first. The eleven recommended conditions will be set forth in the Southern Region Hearing Board Order.

5. **The Southern Region Hearing Board has not approved any emergency variances since the October 11, 2006 Hearing Board Meeting.**
6. **Public Comment** – No Public Comment.
7. **Hearing Board Member Comments** – No Hearing Board Member Comments.
8. **New Business** – Catherine (Tognazzini) Redmond, Assistant District Counsel, announced the Hearing Board Members will be receiving a memo, basically discussing a Mandatory Ethics Training with a completion deadline of January 1, 2007. Ms. Redmond explained there were two options available to complete the mandatory training. Ms. Redmond noted the first option is to complete the training on the internet, and the second option is to contact the District and schedule a time to view an ethics training video. Ms. Redmond stated if the Hearing Board would like to view the video she could have the video available for viewing immediately after the December 13, 2006 Southern Region Hearing Board Meeting.

The Chair requested the video be available for viewing immediately after the December 13, 2006 meeting, in the event a Board Member has questions.
9. **Next Scheduled Meeting** – Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held via video conferencing (VTC) in the Southern Region Office, 2700 M Street, Suite 275, VTC Room, Bakersfield, CA) with the Central Region Office, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, VTC Room, Fresno, CA., participating via VTC.
10. **Adjournment** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board
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