# Action Summary Minutes San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency

### **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA

Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Meeting held via teleconferencing (VTC) with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield). This meeting was webcast.

- 1. <u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</u> The Chair, Supervisor Elliott, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

#### Present:

Supervisor David Couch
Supervisor Bob Elliott, **Chair**Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Supervisor Lloyd Pareira
Supervisor Tom Wheeler
Supervisor Steve Worthley

Kern County
San Joaquin County
Fresno County
Merced County
Madera County
Tulare County

#### Absent:

Supervisor Kristin Olsen Stanislaus County Supervisor Craig Pedersen, **Vice Chair** Kings County

- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR Item numbers 7 10</u> These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public is given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.
  - 7. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEYWIDE AIR POLLUTION STUDY AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
  - 8. RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2017

- 9. ADOPT THE STUDY AGENCY'S 2017-18 RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN
- 10. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO.1
  TO AGREEMENT WITH BROWN ARMSTRONG ACCOUNTANCY
  CORPORATION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL AUDIT
  SERVICES FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

Supervisor Elliott requested to pull Item Number 9, <u>ADOPT THE STUDY AGENCY'S 2017-18 RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN</u>, for separate consideration.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Wheeler Seconded: Mendes

Ayes: Couch, Mendes, Pareira,

Wheeler, Worthley, Elliott

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Items 7, 8, and 10 as recommended

9. ADOPT THE STUDY AGENCY'S 2017-18 RECOMMENDED SPENDING PLAN - Supervisor Elliott asked about the expanded scope of research as mentioned in the proposed Spending Plan, concerning the movement of ozone and PM2.5 from the Bay Area to the Central Valley. He asked if studies were planned on this issue. Seved Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, gave a brief background on the Study Agency for newer members. He said previous research identified air pollution from the Bay Area on peak summer days has a 30% impact on the Northern Valley's air quality. He said the Study Agency does not plan any additional studies to quantify the air pollution from the Bay Area as the District now has its own modeling center and the capability to look at emissions from the Bay Area and identify their impact on the Valley. Supervisor Elliott thanked Mr. Sadredin for his explanation and confirmed his understanding that past studies conducted by the Study Agency have resulting in models that the District's modeling center can now use to identify how much pollution is blowing into the Valley from the Bay Area and other coastal areas. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively and said thanks to the Study Agency, the District now has the ability to run a model that can identify what would happen if the Bay Area reduced their NOx emissions by a certain percentage and how it would affect the Valley's air quality. Supervisor Elliott asked if pollution from the Bay Area is still considered an issue in the Valley. Mr. Sadredin responded it is always a concern but said the District must take care in how

pollution from the Bay Area is characterized as there is also much pollution generated in the Valley from pass through traffic. He said the District is quantifying the emissions and using the information to ensure that Bay Area AQMD and ARB, when developing their regulations, are subject to the vigorous requirements that they want Valley businesses to be subject to and also to make a case with regards to funding for pollution reduction projects to come to the Valley. He said unfortunately in the Clean Air Act, since Bay Area is within the state of California, you cannot argue that the pollution from the Bay Area should not count against the San Joaquin Valley for not meeting the standard.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley Seconded: Mendes

Ayes: Couch, Mendes, Pareira

Wheeler, Worthley, Elliott

Nays: None

## Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Item 9 as recommended

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT None
- 5. <u>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS</u> None
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS None

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.