

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Governing Board

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

Thursday, February 21, 2008
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. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The Chair, Supervisor Ornellas, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

Present

Judy Case, Supervisor	Fresno County
Tony Barba, Supervisor	Kings County
Raji Brar, Councilmember * †	City of Arvin
Ronn Dominici, Supervisor	Madera County
Raymond Watson, Supervisor *	Kern County
Michael G. Nelson, Supervisor	Merced County
William O'Brien, Supervisor **	Stanislaus County
Henry T. Perea, Councilmember	City of Fresno
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County
Chris Vierra, Councilmember, Vice Chair**	City of Ceres
Leroy Ornellas, Supervisor, Chair	San Joaquin County

* Attended meeting in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)

** Attended meeting in Northern Region Office (Modesto)

† Arrived at 9:11 a.m. during item 4

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – *Item numbers 11-16. 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.*

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, pulled Item 12 for discussion.

11. *Approve Action Summary Minutes for the Governing Board Meeting of Thursday, January 17, 2008*
13. *Receive and File Operations Statistics Summary for January 2008*

14. *Receive and File Budget Status Report as of January 31, 2008 and Cash Balance Report as of December 31, 2007*
15. *Terminate CalStart Agreement*
16. *Approve and Authorize Application for Proposition 1B Funds*

Public Comment—None

Moved: Nelson

Seconded: Dominici

Ayes: Watson, Case, Nelson, Perea, Dominici, Barba,
O'Brien, Worthley, Vierra, Ornellas

Nays: None

Absent: Brar

Motion unanimously carried to approve Items 11, and 13-16 as recommended.

12. *Receive and File List of Scheduled Meetings for 2008*

Mr. Sadredin noted that several Board Members had a conflict with the date for the April Board Meeting, so District staff polled the Board Members and obtained an alternative date of April 30, 2008 for the April Board meeting.

Public Comment—None

Moved: Dominici

Seconded: Barba

Ayes: Case, Watson, Worthley, Dominici, Nelson,
Barba, O'Brien, Perea, Vierra, Ornellas

Nays: None

Absent: Brar

Motion unanimously carried to approve Item 12 with the change to move the April Board Meeting to April 30, 2008.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT— Councilmember Brar entered the meeting at this time. Sandra McDowell stated her concerns about the West Park Project in Stanislaus County.
5. REPORT FROM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)—Mary-Michal Rawling, Chair of the CAC, presented the report. She stated the CAC elected her to succeed Dennis Tristao as Chair. She noted the CAC voted to have her represent the CAC at ARB's February 28, 2008 hearing to support District's request for additional allocation of Proposition 1B funds. The CAC members also supported the District's recommendation on the 1B funding, and members were urged to solicit support for the District.

6. AMEND THE DISTRICT'S 2008 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM TO INCLUDE A CLIMATE CHANGE SECTION—Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, presented the report. He stated Supervisor Case requested an addition to the Legislative Platform at the last Governing Board meeting to include the District's support for measures aimed at curbing climate change. Mr. Sadredin stated the District should support measures to reduce greenhouse gasses that also reduce criteria pollutants including ozone or particulate precursors. The District should not support measures that will reduce greenhouse gasses at the expense of smog formation or increase in toxic emissions. The District feels the immediate threat to public health from these pollutants should take precedence.

Mr. Sadredin stated staff is also proposing to oppose any efforts that would cause duplication or unfunded mandates for the District. He noted there was an instance recently where ARB was going to require annual reporting of emissions directly from stationary sources, something the District already requires. In this instance, ARB was willing to coordinate with the District to avoid duplicating reports. He stated the District would also ask that any additional mandates to the District come with the necessary funding. Additionally, Mr. Sadredin stated that AB32 has two potential regulatory structures. One is a cap-and-trade process that relies on market forces to dictate the most cost effective way to reduce emissions, and the other is a command and control approach requiring explicit controls. The District should support the cap-and-trade approach as it offers the necessary flexibility and optimum opportunities for cost-effective reductions of greenhouse gasses and criteria pollutants. An effective cap-and-trade program should also have necessary safeguards for enforcement and emissions trading.

Supervisor Dominici asked Supervisor Case if this proposal meets her concerns. Supervisor Case stated it did, and agreed that the cap-and-trade proposal is a viable concept. She also stated she would like the District to take a lead role in the education of Valley residents on the differences between greenhouse gasses and local emissions. Supervisor Worthley cautioned that reduction of CO2 emissions can have a negative impact on the pollutants the Board is tasked with reducing. He liked that this amendment to the Legislative Platform gives the District a way to evaluate greenhouse gas reducing proposals in a way that doesn't negatively impact our efforts to reduce criteria pollutants.

Moved: Case

Seconded: Dominici

Ayes: Brar, Case, Watson, Worthley, Dominici, Nelson,
Barba, O'Brien, Perea, Vierra, Ornellas

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to support staff's recommendation on the amendment to the District's 2008 Legislative Platform to include a climate change section.

turned off once they turn in their plans. He noted this signifies EPA's desire to enforce deadlines.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS—Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, noted 11 of the 15 districts that were not in attainment requested extensions and reclassification.³ He stated the District has been lobbying the Valley delegates to the California Senate and Assembly, and was able to obtain 16 signatures of the 18 delegates on a letter to ARB requesting a reexamination of the proposed Proposition 1B funding shares. Mr. Sadredin stated the Healthy Air Living, which the Board approved in concept, is holding Summits in Bakersfield on March 25th, Fresno on March 26th, and Modesto on March 27th. The District is undertaking a massive media outreach campaign to get the information into the public. Healthy Air Living week will be from July 7-12, 2008. Mr. Sadredin added he will attend an Air Pollution Transport Summit on February 22, 2008 with APCO's from Sacramento and the coastal areas to discuss how the districts can work together.

Supervisor Worthley noted the two delegates who did not sign the letter were Senators Florez and Machado. Councilmember Perea complimented staff on their League of California Cities Healthy Air Living presentation.

10. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS—Supervisor Dominici thanked Supervisor Case for serving on the ARB Board. Supervisor Nelson asked if the District had heard when the new Board members would be named. Mr. Sadredin stated the Governor's office is interviewing candidates for the appointments, and the League of California Cities is working on their appointments. Supervisor Worthley pointed to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle that seemed to indicate a higher rate of childhood asthma in the Bay Area.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.