

## 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, April 17, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m.**

***Meeting held via teleconferencing 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 Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

*Present:*

Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember	City of Fresno
Tony Barba, Supervisor	Kings County
Skip Barwick, Councilmember	City of Tulare
Sally Bompreszi, Councilmember	City of Madera
Dennis Brazil, Mayor*	City of Gustine
John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
Judy Case McNairy, Supervisor	Fresno County
David Couch, Supervisor**	Kern County
Bob Elliott, Supervisor*	San Joaquin County
Harold Hanson, Councilmember**	City of Bakersfield
William O'Brien, Supervisor*	Stanislaus County
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs	Appointed by Governor
Hub Walsh, Supervisor, <b>Chair</b>	Merced County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Madera County

\* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

\*\*Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office

*Absent:*

J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor Tulare County

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 17 – 22) *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.*

17. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014
18. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2014
19. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2014
20. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2014
21. APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSIS & CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF NON-METHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$90,028
22. APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSIS & CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF CARBONYL COMPOUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$28,730

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Elliott noted for Item #17 APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, the next meeting date should be changed to reflect the correct date.

Moved: Wheeler  
Seconded: Case McNairy  
Ayes: Baines, Barba, Barwick, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Couch, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Walsh  
Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 17 - 22***

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
5. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect – Adriana Myovich, Personnel Director, gave the presentation on this item which formally recognized the employees who have reached a service milestone during the first quarter of 2014.

**Five Years of Service**

Olan Bailey, Air Quality Instrument Technician II

Durinda Montoya, Office Assistant II  
Ubaldo Rodriguez, Air Quality Assistant

**Ten Years of Service**

Catherine Redmond, Special Advisory Counsel

6. **REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES –**  
Lee Smith, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), gave the presentation on this item which provided highlights from the CAC meeting on April 1, 2014.

Mr. Smith reported CAC members received a presentation on the Pilot Program for Replacing High-Polluting Vehicles, which was recently approved by the Board. In addition, he reported they received a report from District staff on the District's effort to develop potential changes to the Wood Burning Strategy. Lastly, he reported on recent Environmental Justice Advisory Group activities including their vote to support CAC proposals as described by District staff for providing more incentive funding, more outreach, and more time to small truck fleet operators working to comply with the State regulations.

7. **END-OF-SEASON REPORT ON THE 2013-14 WOOD-BURNING SEASON –**  
District staff members, including Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives manager, Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, and Jessi Fierro, Program Manager/Legal Advisor, gave a comprehensive report on the 2013-2014 Check Before You Burn Season. They reported that due to the exceptionally severe weather conditions experienced during this past winter, the air basin and areas throughout California saw unusually high particulate matter concentrations, which overwhelmed strong air pollution control measures. Because of these elevated particulate levels, the air basin saw an increase in the number of wood-burning curtailment days.

This past winter saw another successful Check Before You Burn campaign, with Valley residents expressing significant interest in air quality with more than 670,000 "hits" to the District's wood-burning website page, 715 complaints for suspected wood-burning activity, and more than 40 media inquiries. Without the strength of the District's multi-faceted program that utilizes wood-burning curtailments, incentives, public education/outreach, and strong enforcement to reduce wood smoke, air quality would have deteriorated even more severely during this past winter under the exceptional weather conditions.

Supervisor O'Brien thanked staff for a very good report. He suggested that the District should incentivize the public's adoption of clean-burning residential wood burning devices by allowing them to use those devices on no burn days, especially if wood burning curtailment levels will be lowered. He commented that such an approach would provide more of an incentive than the financial grant programs. To enhance the effectiveness of the Blue Cleaner incentive program, Supervisor O'Brien suggested applying the wood burning incentives at the dealer

level, similar to factory rebates for a new car purchase.

Supervisor Wheeler asked about the level of outreach to foothill area residents on this issue. Mr. Sadredin responded that the Board directed staff to conduct a scientific study on the impacts of wood burning in foothill communities. He noted the study is complete and staff will present their findings to the Board at a future meeting, along with recommendations for increased public education and outreach in the future. The Board's direction at this point has been to take a non-regulatory approach to the issue and noted that public education, outreach and incentives will be the best means of reducing emissions in those communities.

Supervisor Case McNairy asked if a more stringent VOC reduction program is needed to bring emissions down. Mr. Sadredin responded the Board has adopted very stringent regulations, which have reduced VOC emissions by 90%. He noted studies have showed that reducing VOCs or ammonia will not help reduce PM2.5 concentrations because of the chemistry and their contribution to the formation of those pollutants in the Valley. Ms. Case McNairy commented it was necessary to stay committed to the reduction of wood burning emissions and how they impact public health. She noted for clean burning devices there seems to be a mix of effectiveness in terms of heating a room. Councilmember Barwick stated he agreed with Supervisor Case McNairy's comments. He suggested finding another way to target low income residents for the Burn Cleaner incentive program. He stated his belief that the days of open-hearth fireplaces may be at an end due to their negative impact on public health. Councilmember Baines also suggested increasing outreach to low income residents.

Dr. Capitman voiced appreciation for the report. He stated the recommendations to increase the number of no burn days along with incentives sounded like a great solution. Dr. Capitman suggested that including the predictive power of the underlying model would enhance the results of report. Mr. Sadredin noted that in addition to the modeling, actual readings are included in the reductions reported.

Dr. Sherriffs commended staff in terms of public education, noting the message is getting more nuanced. He commented he hoped to get analysis of the wood burning impact in foothill communities. He stated other strategies to deal with NOx are needed, especially during times of stagnant air quality. He asked about the amount of smoke emitted from the highest-tier certified stove. Mr. Sadredin responded there are some that are clean enough to not show visible emissions. He noted maintenance of the unit is important. Dr. Sherriffs noted the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) would be a good resource to help target incentives to low income communities.

Councilmember Barwick reiterated that targeting low-income residents was important for the incentive program. Ms. Holt responded staff is looking into challenges faced by low-income residents including difficulty paying the costs upfront, and working to address them. Supervisor Walsh suggested finding a connection between housing authorities and those who provide rental subsidies as a way of facilitating property owners to move in this direction. Supervisor

Couch suggested exploring the possibility of establishing agreements with counties to allow residents to finance the purchase of clean burning stoves on their property tax bills, similar to other property improvements.

Mr. Sadredin stated staff will explore the great ideas offered by Board members. He commented that the greatest obstacle for low-income residents is a lack of financial resources required to participate in the current programs. He asked the Board for direction on the balancing act to achieve the most cost-effective emission reductions while enhancing penetration in low-income communities. He stated it is the District's intent that any additional allowances will be made for units that reduce emissions to a certain pre-specified level and those that are effective at heating homes. He noted the District is at the beginning of the public process, noting at the first scoping meeting the ratio was 10-to-1 in favor of residents opposing any additional restrictions. He noted some have been vocal at other public meetings calling for a ban on all wood burning. He stated staff believes they can craft a rule that will be more stringent, while providing almost unrestricted ability to burn for those with certified clean burning units. He noted the threshold for non-certified units will likely be reduced to 20 micrograms, which will allow very limited use. He also noted this will serve as a major incentive for residents to switch to certified clean-burning units, which will in turn lead to increased emission reductions even on days where wood burning is permitted. A registration program for the individuals wishing to take advantage burn day allowances for certified clean-burning units would be necessary for enforcement purposes, which could be a point of contention for some. Supervisor Wheeler asked if there would be a charge to register the units. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively, noting the costs associated with administering the registration process will be minimal.

Public Comment – *The following persons provided comment on this item:*

- Cesar Campos, Central CA Environmental Justice Network

*Moved:* Baines

*Seconded:* Barwick

*Ayes:* Baines, Barba, Barwick, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Couch, Elliott, O'Brien, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Walsh

*Nays:* None

*\*Note: Councilmember Hanson was not present for this vote*

***Motion unanimously carried to receive and file the End-of-Season Report on the 2013-14 Wood-Burning Season.***

8. EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ASSIST WITH DROUGHT RELIEF ACTIONS BY WATER DISTRICTS AND FARMERS – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO, gave the presentation on this item, explaining the District has been approached for assistance with unusual drought-related situations several times in recent

months. He reported water delivery systems are being modified to move water in ways not previously considered, water-well drilling activity is at an all-time high, and water used for dust suppression is becoming scarcer. Mr. Warner discussed the potential air quality impacts on the Valley which include increased particulate emissions from significantly increased fallowed land and reduced water for dust suppression, the potential for overwhelming air quality impacts from wildfires, and increased NOx and other pollutants from internal combustion engines used for irrigation and for municipal and agricultural water transfers. Regarding economic impacts, he reported one water agency industry group estimates up to \$5 billion in losses to the Valley's agriculture economy, in direct costs to farmers and associated indirect losses to farm workers, processing plants and other ag-related economic sectors.

Mr. Warner presented the following recommendations for Board member consideration including:

1. Review and provide direction on the following measures developed by the District to address air quality requirements related to implementation of drought relief projects during the current emergency:
  - a. Expedite permitting processes for temporary installation of generators to produce power to run electric pumps for which the utility has not yet been able to deliver electric service.
  - b. Expedite local portable equipment registration option for projects failing to find suitable engines under the state portable equipment registration program.
  - c. Authorize the Executive Director/APCO to enter into and execute timely Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreements (VERAs) to mitigate air quality impacts from urgent drought relief projects.
2. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Governor supporting requests by Lead Agencies under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to expand the Governor's Drought Emergency Executive Order to waive CEQA requirements for specific drought relief projects.
3. Support water districts and farmers by providing material assistance, education, and consultation in finding cost effective and expeditious options to satisfy applicable air quality requirements.
4. Work with affected agricultural operations to promote the use of currently available less water-intensive measures to comply with the District's Conservation Management Practices (CMP) regulations and to develop additional dust control measures, if necessary. Also work with the agricultural community to streamline methods to revise existing CMP plans.
5. Authorize the Executive Director/APCO to investigate potential streamlining changes to the District's Portable Equipment Registration rule, as necessary

for emergency actions, and to prepare such amendments for the Governing Board's consideration through an expedited rule development process.

Supervisor Barba asked about similar provisions for construction and demolition companies. Mr. Sadredin responded the District has not yet been approached by those groups regarding water application for dust control. He asked the Board to direct anyone in the construction industry with concerns to contact the District. Supervisor Wheeler thanked staff for the great report. He commented the Cal Fire stations are now manned and the possibility of big fires is very real. He noted the water levels at Bass Lake are at the lowest ever on record, noting Willow Creek is only running at 20% capacity. Supervisor Case McNairy noted the fire concerns will have a huge impact on the Valley's air quality. She commended staff for being proactive in this approach, noting the conditions are very serious. She voiced appreciation for the hard work by water districts to try and address the drought issues. She commented on the negative economic impacts from the drought, and voiced support for these measures.

Councilmember Barwick commented one of the biggest contributions to clean air in the Valley has been the planting of trees on fallow land. He noted unfortunately one of the side effects of the drought situation is the number of trees that will be lost. He suggested stopping the pumping of groundwater that is being sent to the L.A. basin from certain farming entities to save energy and improve air quality. Dr. Sherriffs thanked staff for being proactive with the drought situation and their comprehensive work addressing this issue. He asked if the permits for temporary engine installations would be time limited. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively.

Supervisor Wheeler commented there are 5 hydroelectric stations in the Valley that will not be operating due to current drought conditions. Councilmember Baines also commended staff for their proactive approach. He asked if staff is contemplating that the current weather patterns could no longer be unique. Mr. Sadredin responded the state of science on that issue is debatable. Councilmember Baines commented on the negative impact of the drought on the Valley's air quality. Dr. Capitman asked if adequate staff resources were in place to process the expedited permits. Mr. Sadredin responded thanks to the zero-based budgeting approach used by the District, and the automation provided by the Board, the additional workload can be absorbed without an increase in staffing. Dr. Capitman asked if the VERAs entered into as a result of draft conditions will be comparable to those under normal conditions. Mr. Sadredin responded by his estimate these VERAs will be of a smaller amount, perhaps in the \$100,000 - \$500,000 range. He clarified VERAs do not dictate what an operation can or cannot do, but will mitigate what the permit allows. Supervisor Elliott commended staff for their forward-thinking approach. He said it was important to keep track of how well these measures worked, to know which measures to deploy in future situations. Supervisor Walsh echoed support of staff's approach to these emergency measures.

Public Comment – *The following persons commented on this item:*

- Greg Hammett, Kern County
- Rob Goth, South Valley Grower
- John Martin, Tehachapi Cummings Water District
- Kevin Abernathy, Milk Producers Council and Dairy CARES
- Dale Melville, Westside Irrigation
- Cesar Campos, CCEJN
- Dennis Tristao, Kings County Farm Bureau
- Roger Isom, CA Cotton Ginners, WAPA
- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Dawn Marple, Provost and Pritchard

Dr. Capitman commented he was interested in the effects of the drought on the Valley's farmworkers. He asked if any other Board members were interested in researching this information. Ms. Case McNairy responded the District should stay focused on the air quality aspect and suggested the Board members follow up with their individual counties and vanpool programs. Supervisor Barba noted Kings County has a robust vanpool program. Dr. Sherriffs echoed his support for Dr. Capitman's comments, suggesting the District look at the drought situation in broader terms at a benefit to public health and air quality. Supervisor Walsh noted part of the permit process outlined includes a discussion of local and regional impact and other local agencies would be involved in the process. He thanked Dr. Capitman for his suggestion. Mr. Sadredin responded the District's vanpool program is working well, with a big focus on farmworkers. He noted any additional focus on the effects of the drought on farmworkers could encroach on OSHA responsibilities and other requirements. Dr. Capitman commented there are real opportunities for public education surrounding the drought issue. Mr. Sadredin responded the CAC and EJAG will follow up on this issue, along with a planned Symposium on the Valley's drought situation.

*Moved:* Wheeler

*Seconded:* Couch

*Ayes:* Baines, Barba, Barwick, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Couch, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Walsh

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to adopt Emergency Measures to Assist with Drought Relief Actions by Water Districts and Farmers.***

9. APPROVE STUDY OF TRANSBOUNDARY OZONE IMPACTS ON SURFACE OZONE LEVELS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY – David Lighthall, Ph.D., the District's Health Science Advisor, gave the presentation on this item which recommended the Board approve a \$91,245 research contract with the University of California, Davis to sustain measurement of long-distance transboundary flows of ozone at a mountaintop field station on the Central Coast



for the 2014 and 2015 summer ozone seasons.

Councilmember Barwick voiced his support for this item, noting it has been a great advantage to the District to compile comprehensive data on this issue. Dr. Sherriffs stated this is a very important item, noting the District's responsibility is to the health of the Valley's residents. He asked how soon the compiled information would be available. Mr. Sadredin responded the portion of the information related to the District's attainment demonstration is already in the public domain and will be submitted to ARB and EPA shortly. Dr. Lighthall responded there is a large body of information available, noting it is up to individual air districts to make measurements that are contextual to their region.

Public Comment – *The following persons provided comment on this item:*

- Dennis Tristao, Kings County Farm Bureau

*Moved:* Barwick

*Seconded:* Wheeler

*Ayes:* Baines, Barba, Barwick, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Couch, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Walsh

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve study of Transboundary Ozone Impacts on Surface Ozone Levels in the San Joaquin Valley.***

10. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SIP FOR THE 2008 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD – This item was tabled until the June 19, 2014 Governing Board meeting.

11. CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR NON-REPRESENTED DISTRICT EMPLOYEES – Mr. Sadredin gave the presentation on this item which proposed to amend the District's Administrative Code to create a Cell Phone Allowance Option for non-represented employees to receive a cell phone allowance in lieu of a District-provided cell phone for conducting District business. He noted there would be no pensionable compensation to any employee as a result of this item.

Supervisor Case McNairy commented she appreciated that the District was able to develop this program without the allowance being pensionable. She suggested the allowance should also be made available to the APCO position. Supervisor Wheeler asked if the District receives many requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively. District Counsel, Ms. Ballatore-Williamson cited a recent appellate court decision which held that emails, texts, and voicemail messages stored on a private electronic device, and which aren't housed on the agency's servers, are not considered public record under the Public Records Act. Furthermore Ms. Ballatore-Williamson noted that while they are not discloseable under the Public Records Act, they could be if relevant to a court matter.

Supervisor Elliott asked if any allowance would be made for represented employees. Mr. Sadredin responded that the allowance would be limited to non-represented employees as represented employees are not responsible for being accessible 24 hours per day.

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Couch

*Seconded:* Baines

*Ayes:* Baines, Barba, Barwick, Bompreszi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Couch, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Walsh

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve cell phone allowance for non-represented District employees with the additional designation of the APCO position as eligible for this program.***

12. CONSIDER DATE FOR THE MAY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND SET A NEW DATE IF NECESSARY – Mr. Sadredin asked the board to consider a potential conflict with the currently scheduled date for the May Governing Board meeting and set a new date for the May meeting, if necessary. He pointed out that the May 15<sup>th</sup> date is also the scheduled date for the District's Special Public Hearing to Review the Recommended 2014-15 Budget, noting that hearing must take place sometime in May. Supervisor Walsh commented he has a seat on the California State Association of Counties Board and there is a Board of Directors meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Elliott commented that he has the same conflict. Mr. Sadredin responded staff is planning to hold only the Special Public Hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He offered an earlier start time to avoid the conflict. Noting the preference of the Board to keep the scheduled May 15, 2014 date, Supervisor Walsh stated he and Supervisor Elliott would accommodate accordingly. No action was taken on this item.

Public Comment: None

13. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs gave the report on recent activities by the ARB Governing Board including that ARB will consider the District's proposals to amend the State Truck and Bus Regulation on April 24-25, 2014. He noted the proposed amendments would ensure that the expected emission reductions are achieved by providing increased flexibility for small fleets and low mileage fleets in exchange for earlier reduction deadlines. In addition, Dr. Sherriffs reported that in May 2014, the Board will consider proposed updates to the AB32 Climate Change Scoping Plan that was originally adopted in 2008. No action was taken.
14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sadredin gave the Board members a quick update on the recent Washington, D.C. trip, stating a detailed

Board Briefing Memo would be forthcoming as progress is made on those issues. He thanked the Board members who were able to make the trip, including Councilmember Barwick, Councilmember Baines, Dr. Sherriffs, and Supervisor Worthley. He also thanked Les Clark of the Independent Oil Producers Association, and Kevin Abernathy of the Milk Producers Council and Dairy Cares for traveling with the group as they opened many doors for the District's delegation to tell their story. He noted there were four items of discussion, including a meeting with EPA. He stated they also met with Senator Flake from Arizona about the severe drought conditions in the Western states and about requesting EPA to consider severe droughts as exceptional events.

He said one item discussed was the implementation rule proposed by EPA for the 8-Hour Ozone Plan, in which a number of the Board's recommendations in relation to the health risk were incorporated. He stated Congressman McCarthy has taken the lead on crafting a bipartisan letter to EPA, to give them some encouragement to work with the recommendations. He said Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, is also working on a letter to EPA on that issue. He noted staff is also sending a similar letter regarding the current drought conditions to EPA requesting they consider them as exceptional events. He stated they also pushed for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding and also worked with the Energy Department, USDA, and NRCS to find alternative energy options for disposal of ag waste to address current issues with biomass plants struggling to stay in business.

Regarding the San Joaquin Valley Special City Selection Committee, Mr. Sadredin informed the Board that he has received several concerns that the current 3-year term for City seat Governing Board members is too short given the learning curve they must engage in to serve on the Board. He noted the term is set in the state law, along with the Committee who makes the appointments to those seats. He noted four of the current City seat Board members' terms expire this year. He said as Administrative Secretary for the Special City Selection Committee, with the Board's approval, he would like to request the 59 members to meet to consider a proposal to extend the current City seat terms. Mr. Walsh responded affirmatively.

15. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Mayor Brazil commented that he will be attending the upcoming ARB Board meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Sadredin to address proposed changes to the State Truck Rule. Councilmember Baines reported on the recent legislative trip to Washington, D.C., stating it was an eye opening experience for him. He stated he was impressed by how well respected the District's Governing Board is in the nation's capital. He said it was a testament to the work of the Board and staff, noting he was encouraged by all conversations the group had with the Valley's delegates. He also stated there is a general willingness to work together to get things done, especially with Valley delegates. Furthermore, he was struck by EPA staff and how bright they were and so willing to work with the District. In addition, he commented on the excellent staff at the Department of Agriculture and the great meeting that took place. He thanked Mr. Sadredin and Mr. Jordan for being such great guides and

commented on the professionalism of the District's lobbying firm. He encouraged all Board members to take advantage of the opportunity to attend. Lastly, he commented on the impact of Councilmember Barwick on the trip, noting he encouraged all to visit the Valley to have a first-hand look at the issues faced by Valley residents. Supervisor Walsh thanked the members who attended. Dr. Sherriffs said he was asked by the American Lung Association to appear at their upcoming press conference as a practicing physician only, not a representative of the District or ARB.

16. CLOSED SESSION – Ms. Ballatore-Williamson announced the Board met in Closed Session to decide whether to join as amicus in the case of Imperial County vs. Imperial Irrigation District, CA Court of Appeal, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Case Number C074592. She stated it was the decision of the Board to not join as amicus in that lawsuit, followed by adjournment.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, May 15, 2014. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., in the Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating via VTC.*