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DATE: April 17, 2014

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board

FROM: Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO  
Project Coordinator: Michelle Franco

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 17: APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY  
MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY  
UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2014**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached Action Summary Minutes.

**DISCUSSION:**

The following Action Summary Minutes summarize the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board Meeting of Thursday, March 20, 2014.

**Attachment:**

*Action Summary Minutes, SJVUAPCD Governing Board Meeting, March 20, 2014 (12 pages)*

## 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, March 20, 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 9:05 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
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
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
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County

\* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

\*\* Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office

\*\*\* Arrived at 10:29 a.m.

*Absent:*

Skip Barwick, Councilmember	City of Tulare
David Couch, Supervisor	Kern County

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 16 – 19) *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.*
16. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
17. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2014
18. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2014
19. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Public Comment: None

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

***Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 16 - 19***

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: *The following persons provided comment at this meeting:*
- Valarie Garaspi, Delano Resident
  - Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League
5. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES – Manuel Cunha, CAC Industry/Ag Interest Group Chair, gave a report on the CAC meeting held March 4, 2014. He stated CAC members from all three interest groups voted unanimously to support recommendations regarding ARB truck rule implementation that were adopted by the District Governing Board in February. He noted the CAC vote follows another vote of support for the recommendations by the District's Environmental Justice Advisory Group, which was also unanimous. He also reported letters of support for the recommendations signed by the CAC and EJAG chairs have been sent to ARB Executive Officer, Richard Corey, for consideration prior to the April ARB meeting on the issue.

Mr. Cunha also reported CAC members received a report from Dave Warner, Permits Services Director, on a new Compliance Assistance Bulletin aimed at helping farmers and well drillers comply with permitting requirements during the current drought emergency, while also promoting the use of zero emissions

electric motors for irrigation water pumping. Lastly, Mr. Cunha reported that CAC members received a presentation on the District's Annual Air Toxics Report from Arnaud Marjollet, Permit Services Manager.

6. DISTRICT'S ANNUAL AIR TOXICS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013 – Mr. Warner gave the presentation on this item, which described efforts undertaken to reduce air toxics from existing sources of pollution and to prevent the creation of new air toxic risks from new and expanding facilities. He reported the District implements an efficient air toxics program that integrates local, state and federal air toxics mandates. Under this program, the District has quantified toxic emissions and performed public health risk analysis for more than 5,000 facilities throughout the Valley. Mr. Warner also reported the District held neighborhood meetings to communicate potential risk, discuss potential means for reducing risk, and receive public input regarding facilities that were initially designated as high risk. He noted all high-risk facilities implemented risk-reduction measures and there are no longer any facilities in the San Joaquin Valley that are considered high risk.

Councilmember Baines asked if the District examines the cumulative risk of the medium risk facilities. Mr. Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), responded there are several programs, including the AB2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program, that are targeted at the total risk. He noted that program that most comprehensively addresses cumulative risk is the state's Air Toxic Contaminant Control Program, under which the state adopts Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) to regulate contaminants from industries cumulatively determined to be causing higher risk to the public. Councilmember Baines stated it was important to environmental justice communities to be able to quantify the risk. Mr. Sadredin responded that lead agencies have a huge role in that process. Dr. Sherriffs commented it is important to consider the cumulative health risks of these facilities. He asked how industrial accidents are accounted for in the reporting process. Mr. Sadredin responded there is a whole set of risk management requirements for facilities to follow and a body of federal law that covers accidental releases and emergency actions.

Dr. Capitman voiced his elated appreciation for the report in terms of clarifying the amazing complexity of federal and state decisions that staff has developed into an integrated strategy. He stated it would be great to have a description of the sample facilities covered by the report. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively. Dr. Capitman suggested including information on how the number of emitters is gauged and tracked over time, which would communicate to the public the comprehensiveness of the District's review. Mr. Sadredin responded state law specifies which facilities are subject to this program and that risk from facilities is tracked rather than a smaller subset. Mr. Warner commented it is a wide cross-section of facility types and captures just about every emission source throughout the Valley. Supervisor Worthley commented a map illustrating the cumulative analysis would be helpful to illustrate the health risk. Supervisor Elliott asked about the difference between high-priority facilities and high-risk facilities. Mr. Sadredin responded high-priority facilities have the potential for risk, and high-

risk means the risk assessment has already been completed and shown a level of actual risk.

Supervisor Elliott asked for reassurance to the public that there is no increased risk indicated by the higher calculated numbers under the OEEHA's new risk assessment methodology. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively, noting that risk communication is complicated and that the District will emphasize this point while being cognizant of the fact that the volume of information must be balanced. Mr. Sadredin further emphasized the risk of public exposure is currently 90% less than 20 years ago. He also provided a brief explanation of the methodology used. He also stated the District is working on a website to provide facility-specific information to the public.

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

- Ingrid Bostrom, Center on Race, Poverty and Environment
- Cesar Campos, Central CA Environmental Justice Network
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

*Supervisor Case McNairy arrived at 10:29 a.m.*

*Moved:* Hanson

*Seconded:* Wheeler

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

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to receive the District's Annual Air Toxics Report for the Year 2013.***

7. REVIEW RESULTS FROM THE OZONE SATURATION STUDY IN THE ARVIN AREA AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO TO FINALIZE REPORT – Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Manager, gave the presentation on the ozone saturation study which was designed to build a scientific foundation for estimating ozone concentrations at the neighborhood level and to address issues related to the state Air Resources Board's action to relocate an old air monitoring station near the city of Arvin. He reported the District retained an independent contractor to install and operate a network of temporary, small-scale ozone monitors at 21 sites in Kern County with a focus around Arvin to collect ozone readings for approximately six weeks, 24 hours a day, during the 2013 summer ozone season. He noted data collected under this study has undergone rigorous quality assurance review by an independent contractor in accordance with established scientific protocols.

Mr. Villegas reported the saturation study demonstrates that the Arvin-Di Giorgio air monitoring station actually measures higher concentrations than the old Bear Mountain site and is representative of concentrations experienced in the city of Arvin. He stated the results show the Arvin-Di Giorgio site is more representative

than the Bear Mountain site.

Supervisor Wheeler thanked staff for the study and commented the results should answer concerns expressed about moving the site location.

Councilmember Hanson commented on the good news contained in the report and voiced hope that environmental interests groups would now support the new site location. Dr. Capitman stated this was a fascinating and compelling report that makes a convincing case for moving the air monitoring site. He asked staff to consider including heteroscedasticity analysis to eliminate the argument that there is a correlation of the error terms in the data. Mr. Sadredin responded this was an excellent suggestion and he would have staff add such analysis to bolster the report. Dr. Capitman stated he would like to see a paragraph added to the report that analyzes the data collected by ARB at the Arvin sites during the summer of 2010. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively and said staff will include information regarding the 2010 data in the report. Dr. Sherriffs voiced appreciation for the report and those who pushed for more information, noting it strengthens the case for attainment finding by EPA.

Public Comment – The following persons commented on this item:

- Tom Frantz, Shafter Resident

Councilmember Hanson made a motion to authorize Executive Director/APCO to finalize the report with the added enhancements requested by Dr. Capitman.

*Moved:* Hanson

*Seconded:* Worthley

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

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to review results from the Ozone Saturation Study in the Arvin area and authorize Executive Director/APCO to finalize report with the added enhancements requested by Dr. Capitman.***

8. APPROVE UP TO \$100,000 FOR A PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH THE TUNE-IN TUNE-UP PROGRAM TO REPLACE HIGH-POLLUTING VEHICLES – Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Manager, gave the presentation on this item which proposed to appropriate \$100,000 for a pilot program to replace high-polluting vehicles in the Valley's disadvantaged communities. He reported this pilot program would utilize the District's existing award-winning Tune-In Tune-Up weekend repair events to identify suitable candidates for replacement. He stated targeted vehicles would be identified using several key criteria, including model year, registration status and emissions level. He noted in lieu of vehicle repair, owners of identified vehicles would be offered up to \$5,000 to retire their existing vehicles and replace those vehicles with newer, cleaner vehicles from a participating dealership.

Mr. Sadredin introduced two of the District's partners in this program, Mike Martin, Valley Clean Air Now (CAN) Board member and Scott Rowland, Chief of Incentives and Technology Advancement at ARB. He stated a number of state legislators are looking at the District's program and noted it may set the standard for other similar programs. Mr. Martin thanked the District for their continuing support of this program. Mr. Rowland commented the proposed pilot program would provide valuable information to set up a framework for the overall state program that would enable the District to continue building on the established success of the Tune-In Tune-Up program. He stated the District's Tune-In Tune-Up program has done a terrific job of reaching and engaging the low income consumer and bringing them into a system in which otherwise they would not be a part. He noted the importance of making sure the program is sustainable for the participants.

Supervisor Wheeler asked about outreach efforts in targeted communities. Mr. Sadredin responded the Tune-In Tune-Up program has a proven track record of successful public outreach to the targeted communities. He noted the existing Tune-In Tune-Up program outreach will be leveraged with information on the pilot program being shared with participants at each event. Mr. Sadredin noted under AB118 there is \$3 million available for this type of program. Supervisor O'Brien asked how the money will be distributed in the pilot program. Mr. Sadredin stated he hoped the Board would give staff some flexibility with this pilot program so monies can be distributed as soon as possible on a first come first serve basis to allow feedback from the program to be provided to the state for crafting enhancements to the state's fleet modernization program. Supervisor O'Brien asked the maker of the motion to request staff to report back to the Board on how the monies were distributed throughout the Valley.

Dr. Sherriffs commented this appeared to be a program built on a solid foundation. He asked how to ensure participants stay in the cars and the cars stay in the Valley. He suggested looking at the number of vehicle emissions reductions achieved by this program. Mr. Sadredin responded participants must sign a legally-binding contract with the District to keep the vehicle in the Valley for the next three years. He stated there is ongoing reporting required through Valley CAN. He noted many questions will be answered through this pilot program and after completion, a more comprehensive program with substantial funding will be designed based on lessons learned from the pilot program. Supervisor Case McNairy asked how the unregistered vehicles would be located. Mr. Sadredin responded that a long-standing frustration with state programs is that they do not include unregistered vehicles in most of the reporting and emission inventory programs. He noted the Tune-In Tune-Up program and this pilot program are open to unregistered vehicles. Supervisor Case McNairy commended staff for doing an excellent job with ensuring public benefit from these programs. She encouraged other Board members to attend one of these events. She recommended spending the money on the first 18 participants who are ready to go regardless of their location. Mr. Sadredin commented if the pilot program is successful it could also plant the seed for additional, significant funding from the state of California. Supervisor Walsh suggested staff report

back on quantification of the air pollution benefit of this program.

Public Comment – None

*Moved:* Case McNairy

*Seconded:* Worthley

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

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve up to \$100,000 for a pilot program through the Tune-In Tune-Up Program to replace high-polluting vehicles and direct staff to report back to the Board on the how the monies were distributed in the Valley in addition to quantification of air pollution benefit of this program.***

9. REVIEW FINAL REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL WOOD BURNING, LAWN CARE, AND DRIVING HABITS OF VALLEY RESIDENTS AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, presented the report on a recent public opinion survey conducted by an independent contractor, Gomez Research. She stated one thousand telephone interviews with owners and renters of single-family homes throughout the Valley were conducted in English and Spanish. She noted the surveys were conducted during the middle of the worst winter on record for air quality. The survey focused on residential wood burning, lawn care, and driving habits among Valley residents. She noted the purpose of the survey was to evaluate and guide the District's outreach efforts regarding key activities throughout the air basin that affect the Valley's air quality.

Ms. Holt introduced Sophia Gomez, principal of Gomez Research, who along with Ms. Holt reported on survey highlights which included:

- 8 out of 10 respondents were aware of the District's Check Before You Burn Program.
- Of those respondents aware of the Check Before You Burn Program, 78 percent have reduced wood-burning activity in response to the program.
- While 32 percent of respondents reported having a wood-burning device, more than half of those households reported not using their device.
- The northern region (San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties) has the highest percentage of homes with wood burning devices at 37 percent compared to 28 percent in the other regions of the Valley.
- 29 percent of residents indicated willingness to upgrade to cleaner device if allowed to burn on certain "No-Burn" days.
- 24 percent indicated they would be willing to upgrade if they received up to a 50 percent rebate or incentive.
- 64 percent of Valley households take care of their own lawn and garden areas, as opposed to hiring a yard-care service.



- 73 percent of those who care for their own lawns and gardens use gas-powered equipment, most frequently walk-behind lawn mowers (84 percent), lawn edgers (39 percent), string trimmers (38 percent) and leaf blowers (35 percent).
- For those respondents with school-age children in the home, 46 percent reported that someone in the household drove the children to school.
- When asked why their children do not walk or bike to school, 77 percent reported that it was either too far to school or they were concerned about safety.
- Although nearly half of the respondents drive their children to school, 69 percent believe that idling is a source of air pollution affecting children.
- Of respondents who work outside the home, more than 70 percent responded that they drive to work alone, more than 20 percent carpool, bike or walk to work and about 3 percent use mass transit.
- The District also received positive marks from the public with 68 percent of respondents indicating a favorable opinion of the District.

Ms. Holt commented the Board and staff can take a lot of pride in the results that indicated the majority of respondents indicated a favorable opinion of the District and its programs. Supervisor Worthley commented this is great information to refine the District's approach on woodburning devices. He suggested direct outreach targeted at larger emitters and just not dealers. Supervisor Case McNairy asked about the Burn Cleaner program question. Ms. Gomez responded the results indicate a stronger incentive would increase program participants. Supervisor Case McNairy commented on a county ordinance that does not allow new woodburning devices. She suggested other cities and counties in the Valley follow suit. Mr. Sadredin commented the District's wood burning rule prohibits new woodburning devices for nearly all new developments. He noted some cities and counties have expanded on the District's rule. She also suggested expanding outreach aimed at burning trash. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively.

Dr. Capitman noted a focus on public education and information is key to the District's work. He commented on the need to do a better job in getting people to see the improvements made. He stated the biggest challenge is finding out how people understand about air quality. He suggested drilling down into sample sizes, for example, targeting fireplace users as opposed to owners. Mr. Sadredin responded a strong case can be made that this information will be useful in designing the District's programs and incentives. Regarding more communication to the public about air quality, Mr. Sadredin noted that EPA's changing goalposts and messaging by environmental interest groups provide challenges in educating the public regarding air quality improvements.

Supervisor Walsh suggested drilling down to areas that would achieve the most benefit in air quality improvement.

Public Comment: None

10. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH JEFFREY SCOTT ADVERTISING (JSA) FOR OUTREACH AND MARKETING AGENCY REPRESENTATION TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE, MULTILINGUAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS – Ms. Holt gave the presentation on this item which proposed to approve the contract between the District and Jeffrey Scott Advertising (JSA) to implement comprehensive public education and outreach campaigns for key District programs including, but not limited to, the Healthy Air Living program, Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) outreach, the Woodburning Curtailment program and potential outreach related to the promotion of various grants and incentives.

Councilmember Hanson commented that he has received a number of compliments regarding the great work that JSA does. He asked if this item would normally go through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Mr. Sadredin commented that JSA did go through an RFP process and this is year 4 of a 5-year option provided under the last RFP.

*Supervisor Elliott left at 11:50 a.m.*

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Hanson

*Seconded:* Worthley

*Ayes:* Baines, Barba, Bompreszi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy, Hanson, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Worthley, Walsh

*Nays:* O'Brien

***Motion carried 11-1 to approve contract with Jeffrey Scott Advertising (JSA) for outreach and marketing agency representation to implement comprehensive, multilingual public education and outreach campaigns***

11. AGENDA FOR THE MAY 2014 GOVERNING BOARD STUDY SESSION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PURPOSES – Mr. Sadredin gave the presentation on this item which reviewed proposed agenda topics for the May 2014 Study Session including:

1. District's Action Plan for Promoting the Use of Clean Passenger Vehicles in the San Joaquin Valley
2. Potential Changes to Air Alert Program in Light of 1-Hour Ozone Attainment
3. Progress Report and Next Course of Action for the District Commitment to Provide Neighborhood by Neighborhood Air Quality Information to the Public
4. Consider Options for Integrating Flag Program and Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) to Enhance Public Education and Outreach

5. Develop a Workplan to Receive Input and Suggestions from Key Stakeholders for Use in Formulating an Action Plan to Encourage Vehicle Emission Reductions at Schools
6. Discuss Potential Ways for Sharing District's Successful STAR Culture as a model for other Agencies
7. Consider Potential Measures that may be Triggered Under Extreme Weather Conditions
8. Update on Upcoming Ozone and Particulate Matter Attainment Plans
9. District Funding/Support for Energy Efficiency Projects
10. Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness in the District's Commenting Role under CEQA
11. Biomass Industry in Jeopardy – What Can the District Do to Help?
12. Discuss Potential Feasibility of Generating Additional Income via Renting Unused Modesto Office Space

At the urging of Councilmember Baines Mr. Sadredin suggested adding an agenda item to discuss the possibility of giving financial compliance assistance to businesses that want to move or expand in the San Joaquin Valley. Dr. Sherriffs suggested looking more broadly at things the District might do in dealing with mobile source issues and decreasing vehicle miles traveled, as a part of agenda item #1. Supervisor Case McNairy voiced reservation at expanding the agenda in the interest of time. Dr. Capitman asked if items #2 and #8 could be streamlined together. Mr. Sadredin responded the two items are not related in that item 8 is simply an update on the upcoming and pending federal requirements, whereas item #2 is a policy discussion and action item on the future scope and design of the Air Alert program. Supervisor O'Brien commented he would be abstaining from this item as he will not be able to attend the Study Session. Supervisor Walsh asked that the District agendaize an informational item on the District's emissions reductions credits banking system at a future regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

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

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Abrea O'Connor, Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment

Mr. Sadredin commented the item that Councilmember Baines suggested could be added to the agenda and still stay within the meeting timeframe.

Moved: Baines  
Seconded: Wheeler  
Ayes: Baines, Barba, Bompreszi, Brazil, Capitman, Case McNairy,  
Hanson, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Worthley, Walsh  
Nays: None  
Abstain: O'Brien

***Motion carried 11-0 with one abstention, to approve the Agenda for the May 2014 Governing Board Study Session for Educational and Strategic Planning Purposes with the addition of an item on giving compliance assistance to businesses that want to move or expand in the San Joaquin Valley.***

12. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs gave the report on the Air Resources Board (ARB) meeting of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He stated ARB staff provided an update on the science of Ozone and PM2.5 formation in the San Joaquin Valley and South Coast Air Basins. He noted the update was based on the most recent atmospheric modeling and field studies performed by scientists and researchers. He also reported staff provided a progress report on development of the 2014 Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan. He reported at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will consider amendments to the state Truck and Bus Rule.

Mr. Sadredin shared his planned testimony and asked for the Board's permission to testify at the ARB Board meeting in April on the state Truck and Bus Rule in support of the proposed changes. He stated ARB is worlds away from where they started in August thanks to the thoughtful feedback by the Board and others. He noted ARB staff is proposing to grant extensions in exchange for doing some earlier reductions and other things suggested by the Board. He stated three additional suggestions made by the District will be incorporated at the April meeting, including granting one additional year for some of the trucks to allow time for truckers to take advantage of Proposition 1B programs. In addition, he asked for an extension for owner/operators that is not contingent on loan denial and instead requires ongoing reporting and compliance verification. He also noted these amendments will provide the District the opportunity to spend the remainder of its Prop 1B funding on trucks, noting initially ARB wanted the money to go to electric trucks or marine vehicles. Supervisor Walsh responded affirmatively with consensus from the Board.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sadredin commented that many District employees were present for this item to pay their final tribute to Rick McVaigh, retiring Deputy APCO, on his last day at the District. He stated Mr. McVaigh has been a key part of everything the District has accomplished and he is a quiet but strong force at the District. He presented Mr. McVaigh with a Good Air Quality Flag in honor of his 22 years of service and contributions to the Valley's air quality improvements.

Mr. McVaigh commented he is a huge fan of what this Board, Mr. Sadredin and

the staff do to help improve air quality. He cited a statement that “great organizations have great values and character that is shared at all levels of the organization” and noted this describes the District very well. He commented the District is a great place to work and thanked Mr. Sadredin and the Board for all of the opportunities he has been given throughout his career. He also thanked staff for the show of support.

Supervisor Case McNairy thanked Mr. McVaigh for his numerous contributions to the District noting it is a great organization because of the people who are here, their work and commitment. She wished him the best moving forward.

Supervisor Worthley commented Mr. McVaigh is a very good person who does an excellent job every day. He thanked him for his years of service to the District and the Board. Supervisor Walsh stated Mr. McVaigh conveys a message not only of technical expertise but also how important values and commitment to those values are. He thanked Mr. McVaigh for his service, noting he will be missed.

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

- Johnnie Siliznoff, Ag Industry
- Ted Strauss, USDA/NRCS
- Colby Morrow, So Cal Gas
- Leland Villavazo, SJVAPCD Permits Supervisor

Mr. Sadredin introduced the three new Deputy APCOs: Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO for Compliance Assistance and Resources; Dave Warner, Deputy APCO for Permits and Information Management; and Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO for Strategies and Finance. He also introduced their replacements Sheraz Gill, new Strategies and Incentives Director; Arnaud Marjollet, new Permits Services Director; and Ryan Hayashi, new Compliance Director.

14. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None

17. CLOSED SESSION – Annette Ballatore-Williamson, District Counsel, reported the Board considered whether to join as Amici in the pending California Supreme Court Case, California Building Industry Association vs. Bay Area Air Quality Management District. She reported the Board declined, followed by adjournment.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, April 17, 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.*