

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, August 20, 2015
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 Wheeler, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

Present:

Sally Bompreszi, Councilmember	City of Madera
Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember, Vice Chair	City of Fresno
Dennis Brazil, Mayor*	City of Gustine
David Couch, Supervisor**	Kern County
Bob Elliott, Supervisor*	San Joaquin County
Virginia R. Gurrola, Councilmember	City of Porterville
Harold Hanson, Councilmember**	City of Bakersfield
William O'Brien, Supervisor*	Stanislaus County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs	Appointed by Governor
Hub Walsh, Supervisor*	Merced County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor, Chair	Madera County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County

* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

**Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office

Absent:

Buddy Mendes, Supervisor	Fresno County
John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 16 – 21): *These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public was 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, JUNE 18, 2015
17. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015
18. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR JUNE AND JULY 2015
19. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF JULY 31, 2015
20. REAPPOINT HEARING BOARD PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBERS TO SERVE A TERM OF THREE YEARS
21. RECEIVE AND FILE DRAFT 2015 ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION REPORT FOR DISTRICT RULE 9610 (SIP-CREDITABILITY OF EMISSION REDUCTIONS GENERATED THROUGH INCENTIVE PROGRAMS)

Public Comment: None

Moved: Bompreszi

Seconded: Walsh

Ayes: Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Wheeler

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 16 - 21

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: *The following persons provided public comment:*
- Linda Urotta, Kern COG
 - Genevieve Gale, Young Fresnans for the Environment, CVAQ
5. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES – Chris McGlothlin, Fresno County Industry/Ag Alternate gave the highlights from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting held on August 4, 2015, which included updates from Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO on the record breaking clean summer and end of summer public outreach strategy for call to action to maintain the Valley's clean air trend; drought relief measures and use of

enforcement discretion to avoid excessive use of water for dust control at construction sites and agricultural roads; the possibility that the District may pursue actions to have EPA take over planning and enforcement of PM2.5 regulations if EPA without justification disapproves the District's 2015 PM2.5 Plan; and the District's extensive advocacy effort to secure the Valley's fair share of Cap and Trade funds.

In addition, Mr. McGlothlin reported CAC members received an update regarding the new public engagement initiative for development of the 2016 Ozone Plan and the creation of the new Public Advisory Workgroup. The new workgroup includes representatives from regulated entities, community advocates, the federal EPA and state ARB, including three members from each CAC interest group and three EJAG members. Members also received an update on the implementation of the new residential wood burning Rule 4901 amendments approved by the District Governing Board in September 2014.

6. REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP ACTIVITIES – Derek Williams, Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Tulare County At-large member provide the highlights of the EJAG meeting held on June 25, 2015. Mr. Williams reported that Esperanza Vielma (San Joaquin County At-large) was elected as Chair and he was elected as Vice-Chair. EJAG members received detailed information on the comprehensive action plan approved by the Board at the May 2015 Study Session for ensuring that the San Joaquin Valley receives its fair share of Cap and Trade funding. In discussions leading to unanimous EJAG support for the District's Cap and Trade action plan, EJAG members discussed the difficulties faced by smaller agencies and communities in obtaining Cap and Trade funding. Members also received a summary on the incentive grant programs available for bicycle infrastructure.

Mr. Sadredin asked for direction from the Board on EJAG's recommendation to provide smaller agencies and communities in the Valley with the tools needed to be able to compete for Cap and Trade funds. Supervisor Worthley asked if the District would be applying for funds on behalf of these entities. Mr. Sadredin said that option was discussed previously and the Board directed the staff to do so provided there was someone on the ground in those communities ready to implement the projects. Supervisor Pedersen suggested providing outreach to these communities to make them aware of the funding opportunities. Mr. Sadredin agreed and stated that the District is fully engaged in outreach to these communities through the EJAG, CAC, Governing Board and additional activities scheduled throughout the coming year. Councilmember Gurrola agreed that many smaller communities are disadvantaged due to staffing issues and asked about the amount of staff time that would be spent assisting with these efforts. Mr. Sadredin responded the District has a history of finding the most efficient way possible to compete for funding, and mentioned Cap and Trade funding opportunities are bringing unlikely allies together to achieve a common goal of securing funding for the betterment of the community.

Dr. Sherriffs asked for District contacts regarding securing this funding. Mr. Sadredin responded Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor and Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO are the key District contacts. Considering input provided by the Board, Supervisor Wheeler declared there was consensus from the Board to pursue the EJAG's recommendation to provide assistance to smaller communities throughout the Valley to compete for Cap and Trade funds.

Public Comment - None

7. SEASONAL AIR QUALITY DATA AND END OF SUMMER PUBLIC OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR CALL TO ACTION TO MAINTAIN THE VALLEY'S CLEAN AIR TREND

– Mr. Sadredin said the Valley has enjoyed a record-breaking ozone season to date. In addition, he said it is important to get the message out to the public on what they can do to continue this trend through the end of summer and early fall. He introduced Jon Klassen, Program Manager and Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, who gave the presentation on this item. Mr. Klassen reported the San Joaquin Valley is on the verge of completing a record setting clean air season for ozone. This is unprecedented given the severe drought, strings of triple digit temperatures and multiple wildfires that are impacting the Valley. Approaching the beginning of the school season, maintaining this clean air pace requires diligence by the public in minimizing vehicular emissions associated with back-to-school traffic.

Ms. Holt reported the District began this year's ozone season public messaging campaign in mid-August and it will intensify and continue through September. The campaign will urge the public to take action to minimize vehicular and other polluting activities. The District will also issue Air Alerts if high peak ozone concentrations are anticipated. She said the theme for this year's ozone season messaging will be "We the People Pledge to Do Our Part" and reported on the various ways the message will be disseminated.

Councilmember Baines asked about the District's outreach to disadvantaged communities. Ms. Holt responded the District has a variety of unique distribution partners, including community newspapers such as The California Advocate along with Hispanic and Hmong outreach, including carteles posters. Councilmember Baines observed outreach in ethnic media can make a big difference. Dr. Sherriffs suggested outreach should include thanking the public for their support and efforts toward improving air quality. Mr. Sadredin responded part of the District's strategy is keeping the messages fresh from year to year, and thanking the public was the main theme of last year's campaign. He said this year's concept includes a patriotic theme that has been well received.

Supervisor Wheeler thanked Ms. Holt and Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Administrator, for their interviews with local media, saying they do a good job for the District. Mr. Sadredin added his gratitude for Ms. Holt, Ms. Heinks and Anthony Presto, Air Quality Education Representative in the Northern

Region, for all of their work on a successful press conference on this matter held the prior day in all three regions. Mr. Sadredin also asked Board members in the Northern Region to provide feedback on outreach efforts in their region, as staff has changed the focus from broadcast to cable television stations in that area at the Board's direction. He said staff is preparing a Board Briefing memo detailing the broadcast dates and times of the District's advertising efforts. Supervisor Wheeler commented on the success of District media outreach, including targeted regional advertising, noting he receives numerous comments from constituents on the value of the District's messaging.

Public Comment: None

8. ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF JOINING CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AS A VENUE TO DISSEMINATE DISTRICT'S CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGNS TO VALLEY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES – Mr. Sadredin said at the May 2015 Governing Board Study Session, while discussing opportunities to further enhance the District's outreach activities and strategic objectives, the possibility of joining Chambers of Commerce was suggested by some Board members. The Board directed staff to investigate the costs and potential benefits that may be realized by joining Chambers as an outreach venue for distributing District messages to Valley residents and businesses. After reviewing the costs and potential member benefits associated with joining the various Chambers in the Valley, Mr. Sadredin reported staff found that although the benefits may provide venues for District outreach efforts, the limited gains from formal membership may not justify the cost, anticipated to be as high at \$20,000 per year.

Councilmember Baines said he agreed with staff's analysis and recommendations. Councilmember Gurrola also agreed saying it is better to engage and work with the chambers but not join them. Supervisor Pedersen also agreed. Supervisor Wheeler said the chambers provide a good presence and perhaps the District should limit membership to those in the major cities in the Valley. Councilmember Bomprezzi voiced agreement with Supervisor Wheeler. Mr. Sadredin responded the District could engage various chambers without becoming members. Mayor Brazil commented it would be sending the wrong message to join some chambers and not all of them. He suggested sending a letter to all chambers outlining potential means by which the District could work with the chambers. Supervisor Worthley voiced agreement for staff's recommendation and suggested revisiting this item next year.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Baines
Seconded: Gurrola
Ayes: Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola,
Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley
Nays: Wheeler

Motion carried to accept staff's recommendation that it is not feasible to join Chambers of Commerce as a venue to disseminate the District's clean air campaigns to Valley residents and businesses this year. The Board directed staff to continue the analysis and bring this item back to the Board at the 2016 Study Session.

9. UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF OEHHA'S REVISED AIR TOXICS HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO, stated that on September 19, 2013, in anticipation of the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA's) proposed changes to their Risk Assessment Guidelines, the Board provided direction to staff to develop revisions to the San Joaquin Valley Air District's risk management policies based on the following guiding principles:

- Incorporate all portions of the state OEHHA's revised Risk Assessment Guidelines designed to provide enhanced protection of infants and children.
- Adjust permitting risk thresholds, as necessary, to prevent unreasonable restrictions on permitting of stationary sources and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects while preventing any relaxations of current health protections.
- In order to enhance the public's right-to-know and health protections, retain the District's current public notification and health risk reduction thresholds used in implementing the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act.
- Incorporate all possible streamlining of the health risk assessment process to minimize administrative costs and burden to Valley businesses.
- Develop effective outreach tools and processes to communicate with communities and businesses regarding revised procedures and risk estimates.

Mr. Warner said in addition, the Board directed staff to collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders in implementing changes based on these principles. In response, after developing proposed revisions to the District's risk management policies, staff conducted a workshop to present, discuss, and receive comments on the revised policies. The District also met with smaller groups of industry and community groups to gather further input.

After considering and addressing all comments received, the District adopted its revised Risk Assessment Guidelines in May of 2015 and became the first air district in California to fully implement the changes recommended by OEHHA to provide additional health protections for children. Mr. Sadredin expressed his gratitude and commended Valley businesses and other stakeholders who have remained heavily engaged with the District throughout this process. Despite the fact that the District went with the most health-protective approach, businesses are very supportive of the District's streamlined approach with many asking other air districts across the state to adopt the District's approach.

Supervisor Walsh asked if any of the modeling has shown communities where the cumulative total of risk from all surrounding industry has reached the level to trigger risk reduction requirements. Mr. Sadredin responded that the District does utilize the cumulative risk of a facility in evaluating a project's requirements compared to other district's which evaluate risk on a project-by-project basis. The District also implements additional permitting requirements that consider the background concentrations and assure that a project doesn't cause a violation or contribute significantly to making an existing violation of ambient air quality standards worse. Dr. Sherriffs asked further questions regarding how the cumulative impacts of multiple sources at single location, such as a business park, are addressed. Mr. Sadredin responded that in addition to the District's toxic risk management programs, the District's very stringent New Source Review rule prevents new or modified sources for causing or contributing significantly to the violation of an ambient air quality standard. He further explained that at the end of the day, the local land-use agency must handle the broad community impact issues through the CEQA process. While the District comments on cumulative impact issues through the CEQA process, it is ultimately a local risk management decision by the land-use agency as to what is an acceptable risk in the context of broad community-wide cumulative impact. Mr. Sadredin clarified that the 20-in-a-million permitting threshold is not an acceptable "dosage" limit and is not a measure of acceptable cumulative risk from multiple facilities. The threshold was designed to be applied on a facility-by-facility basis to help minimize overall cumulative risk.

Supervisor O'Brien commented that perhaps OEHHA's findings should be challenged rather than adopting these stringent requirements. He voiced concerns that stricter regulations make it harder for businesses to move to the Valley. Mr. Sadredin responded that with the adjustments to the permitting go-no thresholds, businesses believe that they can cost-effectively comply with the requirements. There will be additional administrative work for facilities to undertake the prioritization and public right-to-know provisions of AB2588, but the Board's position was that the public has the right-to-know if the calculated risk from a facility is different from that previously communicated to them.

Councilmember Baines asked how the District communicates to the local land-use agency that an area in question may be a high-risk due the cumulative impacts of numerous facilities in the area. Mr. Sadredin said that the District

communicates concerns by providing comments to land-use agencies through the CEQA process to consider in their local risk management decisions.

Supervisor Elliott voiced concern with OEHHA's new methodologies and how the District has incorporated these changes into its risk management policies, especially in regards to the establishment of the new permitting thresholds and the potential effects on Valley businesses. Mr. Sadredin stated the District's approach was designed to create a level playing field for applicants, remove uncertainties and provide a clear and consistent path for businesses to navigate through the process to get permits. Businesses will be able to go through the process understanding up-front exactly what are the expectations and requirements for their project. Mr. Sadredin said that businesses statewide have supported this approach and have asked other air districts to implement the District's risk management policies.

Supervisor Worthley remarked that the quest for zero risk comes at a huge cost. He asked if the District would be precluded in the future from adopting OEHHA's recommendations that lower calculated risk by adopting the District's more health-protective approach. Mr. Sadredin responded that the answer is no under the current state of law as risk management is a local decision. Based on the input from Valley businesses, Supervisor Worthley voiced support for staff's recommendation but noted that the effects should be monitored to understand the actual impacts and this item should be revisited in the future if warranted.

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

- Genevieve Gale, Young Fresnans for the Environment and CVAQ
- Roger Isom, California Cotton Ginners and Growers and Western Agricultural Processors Association
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

Councilmember Baines reiterated the need to consider broad community-wide cumulative impacts and how they are communicated to the local land use agencies to utilize in their decision-making processes. Dr. Sherriffs commended staff for a difficult job of protecting the public's health, voicing support for staff recommendations and commented that it is real science that is driving an important discussion on the health of Valley residents.

Supervisor Elliott commented that while these are real figures, real people and real numbers, it is hard to say this is solid scientific evidence given the huge uncertainty factors boiled in to the risk assessment methodologies. Regarding concerns voiced by Supervisor Elliott, Mr. Sadredin said he believes staff has addressed them; however, he said at the Board's direction, staff could report back to the Board on the implementation of this assessment at the 2016 Governing Board Study Session and seek redirection if needed.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to affirm the proposal from staff, with the understanding that implementation will be monitored and staff will look at how the information is articulated and then report back to the Board at the 2016 Study Session.

Moved: Walsh
Seconded: Baines
Ayes: Baines, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Couch, Gurrola, Hanson, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Wheeler
Nays: Elliott
Abstain: O'Brien

Motion carried 11-1 with one abstention to affirm proposal from staff and direct staff to report to the Board at the 2016 Governing Board Study Session on the District's implementation of OEHHA's revised air toxics assessment

10. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS – Mr. Sadredin reported on June 15, 2015 the District submitted a grant proposal to the federal EPA in the amount of \$2,140,000 in response to the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) fiscal year 2015 National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. On July 9, 2015, EPA informed the District that its proposal for the DERA funded National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program was selected for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to replace approximately 75 agricultural tractors through a highly-competitive selection process. This award represents almost half of the \$2,140,000 available for all of Region 9, which includes California, Nevada, Arizona and the Pacific Islands. Mr. Sadredin thanked EPA for recognizing the work that needs to be done in the Valley. He also commended staff for putting together a very competitive application to be able to bring these dollars to the Valley.

Supervisor Pedersen commended staff for their work on this item.

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

- Genevieve Gale, Young Fresnans for the Environment, CVAQ
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

Moved: Worthley
Seconded: Bomprezzi
Ayes: Baines, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola,
Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley,
Wheeler
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$1,000,000 in additional revenue from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the replacement of agricultural tractors

11. ASSIGNING FEDERAL REDUCTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN UPCOMING ATTAINMENT PLANS – Mr. Sadredin said the degree of difficulty and the enormity of the challenge faced by the Valley in meeting the new federal ambient air quality standards are unmatched by any other region in the nation. Upcoming plans will require transformative measures and a full evaluation of all sources in order to attain this more stringent ozone standard. However, the bulk of emissions and opportunities to make meaningful reductions in emissions rest with sources that are outside the District's regulatory authority. In reviewing the three new attainment plans that the District must develop and adopt in 2016 to address new standards that approach background concentrations of pollutants, Mr. Sadredin said that attainment is not possible without significant reductions from non-stationary source emissions that fall under the federal regulatory authority. He said the purpose of this item is to discuss the feasibility of formally assigning emissions reduction responsibilities to the federal government in the upcoming plans, and if so desired to solicit the Board's instructions in the manner and extent by which the federal assignments should be pursued. Compelling the federal government to do its part in bringing the Valley into attainment through the control of sources under their regulatory authority may be pursued through several options.

- Option 1: Assign a specific quantity of emissions reductions to EPA as a legally binding measure listed in the attainment plan.
- Option 2: Identify a specific tailpipe standard to be applied to a class of vehicles or equipment under EPA jurisdiction and as a legally binding measure assigned to EPA in the attainment plan.
- Option 3: Identify a specific quantity of emissions or specific tailpipe standards from sources under federal authority and through advocacy beg for EPA's action to achieve those reductions with regulatory or incentive-based measures.

Supervisor Worthley commented in its most simplistic form, even if the District eliminated all sources over which it has jurisdiction we would come nowhere close to meeting any new standards set or proposed by the federal government. In light of that, he voiced agreement for the proposal by staff and urged other air districts to join in. Supervisor Pedersen asked about the status of the District's

Clean Air Act modernization efforts. Mr. Sadredin stated there have been recent meetings held with key legislators and business community members to begin a major push to get the legislation introduced. Mr. Sadredin commented that making this a national issue would gain more attention for these needed changes. Supervisor O'Brien said that option 2 makes the most amount of sense. He commented it is time for EPA to partner with the District to improve the health of Valley residents, which cannot be done without a reduction in tailpipe emissions. He said there should be a national tailpipe standard. Supervisor Elliott commented he is okay with options 1 or 2 but favors option 1. He suggested when the plans are submitted the case can be made that the only way to meet these goals is with help from EPA. Supervisor Walsh commented that pursuing today's recommendation is in keeping with the District's motto of leaving no stone unturned.

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

- Kevin Abernathy, Dairy Cares
- Colby Morrow, So Cal Gas
- Genevieve Gale, Young Fresnans for the Environment, CVAQ

Dr. Sherriffs commented the District should be strong advocates for tighter standards. Mr. Sadredin responded that at the state and federal level, climate change has become the number one topic with efforts to improve public health by attaining federal health-based standards taking a back seat. He added that measures aimed at addressing climate change, even the most drastic ones, fall short of what is needed to attain the federal standards for criteria pollutants. He suggested focusing on the federal government is the best way to shed light on what these mandates really call for and mean to everyone nationwide. Supervisor Wheeler commented it is important to make it known that 80% of the emissions are from sources that the District has no control over. Supervisor Pedersen commented that the burden of attaining federal standards should be imposed fairly.

Moved: Baines
Seconded: Pedersen
Ayes: Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola,
Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Walsh, Worthley, Wheeler
Nays: Sherriffs

Motion carried 12-1 to accept staff's recommendation of option 2 to identify a specific tailpipe standard to be applied to a class of vehicles or equipment under EPA jurisdiction and as a legally binding measure assigned to EPA in the upcoming attainment plan(s).

12. RECEIVE AND AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF THE STAR (SERVICE, TEAMWORK, ATTITUDE, AND RESPECT) OUTREACH DOCUMENT – Mr. Sadredin said the District Governing Board has consistently recognized the

effectiveness of the District's STAR work culture in promoting excellent customer service, positive staff morale, outstanding attitude, and exceptionally high level of productivity and innovation. The Board has also expressed interest in sharing the District's work culture with other agencies.

At the May 2015 Study Session, he said the Board reviewed and approved the STAR outreach document to serve as a vehicle for introducing STAR and beginning a dialogue with agencies that might be interested and he was pleased to present the final version of the outreach document. Supervisor Worthley asked who the contact person would be at the District for this program. Mr. Sadredin responded that interested parties could contact him for more information. Mr. Worthley asked that the document include contact person information.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Bompreszi

Ayes: Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Wheeler

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried receive and authorize distribution of the STAR (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, and Respect) outreach document.

13. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs reported on the following highlights from ARB Board meetings held on June 25, 2015 and July 23, 2013: At the June 25th meeting, the Board approved changes to the *Proposition 1B (Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Guidelines)* to direct future expenditures of the remaining \$220 million in Prop 1B grant dollars available for funding emissions reductions from goods movement equipment; approved the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Funding Plan for allocating funding from two state funding sources, \$350 million from the Low Carbon Transportation Investments Program and \$23 million from the Air Quality Improvement Program; adopted amendments to the Cap and Trade regulation in the form of a new Compliance Offset Protocol for Rice Cultivation and updates to an existing protocol for US Forest Projects; and approved the Stanislaus Council of Governments' determination that implementing its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will achieve the region's 2020 and 2035 per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the Air Resources Board.

On July 23rd, the Board approved two components of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) that are essential requirements for EPA approval the San Joaquin Valley's 2015 Attainment Plan for the 1997 PM2.5 Standard (new Transportation Conformity Budgets for the year 2018 for the San Joaquin Valley 2015 PM2.5 Plan, and a list of all applicable federal waivers and other authorizations that

provided California exceptions to the federal preemption from the regulation of emissions from mobile and off-road sources). The Board also approved the Kern Council of Governments' determination that implementing its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will achieve the region's 2020 and 2035 per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and approved a guidance document on risk management policy that was jointly developed by the Air Resources Board staff and the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – With respect to the so called “nuclear option” if EPA does not approve the District’s pending PM2.5 Plan, Mr. Sadredin said at the last meeting the Board gave him some discretion as to when the item needed to come back to the Board. He said he was happy to report that indications are that EPA appears to be headed in the direction of approving the District’s plan. He said staff has been working closely to address any concerns they have raised along the way. He also reported he received a letter from the Legislative Joint Committee on Audits stating they have received a request by someone to audit the District’s finances and he plans to testify before the committee next week on the District’s budgetary practices, streamlining and efficiency efforts and how the District’s fees are the lowest in the state. He said he would encourage them to audit the District which will be helpful in promoting the District’s transparent financial practices and good business practices.
15. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Worthley gave an update on the Rough Fire at Hume Lake. He commented it is a very, very serious fire. Councilmember Bompreszi thanked District staff for awarding the City of Madera funds to purchase clean CNG vehicles. Supervisor Pedersen highlighted a joint powers agreement addressing water issues. Dr. Sherriffs congratulated the Board on their support of the Green Team to help them come to Fresno to aid small businesses in reducing costs and promoting environmental leadership. He said yesterday marked the first Fresno business, Ortiz LED, to receive Green Certification. He commented this is an extremely valuable program.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, September 17, 2015. The 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.