

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, November 19, 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 9:03 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

Present:

Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember, Vice Chair ***	City of Fresno
Sally Bompreszi, Councilmember	City of Madera
Dennis Brazil, Mayor*	City of Gustine
John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
David Couch, Supervisor**	Kern County
Bob Elliott, Supervisor*	San Joaquin County
Virginia R. Gurrola, Councilmember**	City of Porterville
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor	Fresno County
William O'Brien, Supervisor*	Stanislaus County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs	Appointed by Governor
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

***Arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Absent:

Harold Hanson, Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Hub Walsh, Supervisor	Merced County

3. IN MEMORIAM OF DAVID LIGHTHALL, Ph.D., HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISOR – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, said District staff recently lost a good friend and colleague, David Lighthall, Ph.D., the District's Health Science Advisor. Mr. Sadredin thanked his widow, Mina, for being in attendance at the meeting and said Dr. Lighthall's contribution to the District was immense and valuable and his work leaves a major legacy, including quantifying health impacts from wood smoke and his work on transboundary ozone that elevated the District's stature and will continue to guide its activities in terms of science and research for many years to come. He said staff also miss some of his personal traits that endeared him to the staff. Mr. Sadredin said his intelligence, friendship and many contributions will remain with District staff and the Board for a long time and asked to observe a moment of silence in his memory.

Supervisor Worthley remembered the first time he met Dr. Lighthall and they discussed his new position at the District. He said he appreciated Dr. Lighthall's passion and enjoyment of his work and that he was a great asset to the District and would be missed. Dr. Capitman reminisced that he met Dr. Lighthall over ten years ago when he first moved to the Valley. He said he became a wonderful friend and his closest memories were of trying to keep up with him at various sporting events, including cross country skiing in the Sequoia National Forest. He also remembered his love of nature and appreciation of the spiritual value of improving the Valley's air quality and commitment to life.

Mayor Brazil said Dr. Lighthall was a walking, breathing history book on all aspects of air quality in the Valley and he was grateful for the time he spent sharing that information with him when first appointed to the Board. He said it was truly an honor to know him, the world was a much better place with him in it and he would truly be missed. Dr. Sherriffs said he had known Dr. Lighthall for years and would be forever grateful for his patient education on a variety of issues including air quality and asthma. He said we all owe a great deal of gratitude to him for the impact he made at the District and most importantly his lasting impact in terms of the contributions he made toward improving the health and quality of life for Valley residents. Supervisor Wheeler said Dr. Lighthall would be missed.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 19 – 27): *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.*

19. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

20. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015 and 2016

21. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015
22. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2015
23. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE IN SACRAMENTO
24. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$164,348.07 IN REVENUE FROM THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE CORCORAN AIR MONITORING SITE
25. RECEIVE AND FILE LISTING OF REFUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AND FISCAL YEAR 2014-15
26. NO-COST CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH UC DAVIS TO EXTEND FIELD RESEARCH ON TRANSBOUNDARY OZONE
27. AMEND 2015-16 NON-OPERATING BUDGET TO ADJUST ESTIMATED AMOUNTS TO ACTUAL AMOUNTS AS OF 6/30/2015

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Bomprezzi

Ayes: Baines, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Mendes, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Worthley, Wheeler

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 19 – 27

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
6. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect) – Chenecua Dixon, Personnel Director, formally recognized District employees who reached a service milestone:

Five Years of Service

Mehri Barati, Director of Administrative Services
Ashley Burrow, Air Quality Specialist II
Kimberley Crews, Air Quality Assistant
Erin Savino, Office Assistant II
Diane Gaitan, Office Assistant II

Ten Years of Service

Ross Badertscher, Air Quality Specialist II
Noemi Calderon, Office Assistant II
David Garner, Senior Air Quality Specialist
Theresa Haywood, Senior Office Assistant
Stephanie Hitchman, Senior Air Quality Specialist
Marissa Jeffers, Accounting Assistant II
Jerry Sandhu, Senior Air Quality Engineer
Georgia Stewart, Air Quality Specialist II

Fifteen Years of Service

Homero Ramirez, Air Quality Engineer II
David Nunes, Air Quality Specialist II
Dustin Brown, Senior Air Quality Engineer
Brian Clements, Program Manager
Jason Heerling, Senior Network Systems Analyst
Colette Kincaid, Senior Air Quality Specialist
Dan Klevann, Senior Air Quality Engineer

Twenty Years of Service

Ellyce Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector
Robert Garabedian, Air Quality Inspector II
Mike Oldershaw, Air Quality Compliance Manager
Robert Vinson, Senior Air Quality Inspector

7. **REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES** – Mr. Sadredin announced the CAC Chair was unavailable to deliver the report this month.
8. **REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP ACTIVITIES** – Kevin Hamilton, Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) member, reported on highlights from the August 27, 2015, EJAG meeting which included: Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, providing an update on the District's award winning Tune In Tune Up Program and new vehicle retirement/replacement funding for Valley residents; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, providing members with an update regarding the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) 3-year investment plan on how Cap and Trade monies should be spent; and, Ryan Hayashi, Compliance Director, providing a brief summary on Rule 9410, the District's employer based trip reduction strategy.

Dr. Sherriffs voiced appreciation for Mr. Hamilton's report and the items he highlighted and also thanked him for his willingness to also serve on the Air Resources Board's Environmental Justice Advisory Group. Mr. Hamilton

thanked the Board for recognizing the contributions of his longtime friend, Dr. Lighthall, noting he was a champion who would be missed. Mr. Sadredin said he had a recent meeting with Rey Leon, an environmental justice advocate, who told him he had been contacted by a member of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, who asked him for the District's EJAG formation documents and said they would try and replicate it at South Coast. He thanked EJAG for all of their contributions to improving the Valley's air quality.

9. DEVASTATING HEALTH IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH AIR POLLUTION FROM WILDFIRES AND POTENTIAL ACTIONS BY THE DISTRICT AIMED AT REDUCING THE NUMBER AND INTENSITY OF WILDFIRES IN THE FUTURE

– Mr. Sadredin said this item was prepared at the Board's direction to return with a quantification of the impacts of the recent wildfires and any possible actions that could be taken by the District given the enormous devastation caused recently both in terms of public health and property. He said the emissions generated by the wildfires totally overwhelm everything else that takes place in the San Joaquin Valley. He said information would be presented that shows the emissions from just one wildfire can be up to 100 times more than all sources of PM 2.5 combined in all 8 counties. It is an important public health matter on which the District must take action. He said one of the key factors in the frequency and intensity of the wildfires is the fuel buildup resulting from the failure to properly manage lands and forests, of which there are a number of contributing factors. Under the Board's leadership, he said problem solving first begins by looking within to find out what the District can do differently, rather than placing blame on others. He also recommended that the District undertake targeted public outreach to educate residents of the devastating impact of wildfires. He introduced Shawn Ferreria, Senior Air Quality Specialist, and Jon Klassen, Program Manager, who gave the presentation on this item and made the following recommendations:

1. Develop potential changes to District's rules, policies, and procedures to facilitate more effective use of prescribed burning as a means to reduce the number and severity of future wildfires.
2. Work with local, state, and federal land managers and fire suppression agencies in an ongoing effort to identify gaps in land management and fire suppression policies and practices and develop solutions.
3. Support S. 235 (Wildfire Disaster Funding Act of 2015) and similar federal and state legislation to enhance and preserve funding for land and forest management.
4. Support and pursue legislative or administrative initiatives to allow for mechanical removal of forest fuel buildup in high hazard zones.
5. Develop a targeted public education campaign to increase public awareness of the enormous damage to public health due to wildfires and

build public support for increased prescribed burning that may help reduce the number and severity of future wildfires.

Mr. Sadredin said he recently had a meeting with federal and state land managers who are very receptive to the recommendations made by staff today. He introduced David Cooper, Fire Management Officer with the U.S. Forest Service who read a statement in support of staff recommendations on behalf of the agency.

Supervisor O'Brien commented it was important to recognize that current forest management is not going well and to continue going down the same path will incur the same results. He thanked staff for thinking outside the box. Supervisor Worthley said it was important to remember that historically, controlled burns were conducted on forests by natives and early settlers. He said the fuel loads are so great in the forests now that burning can be very difficult to control. He voiced support for staff recommendations in terms of providing more flexibility for controlled burns but noted there are hundreds of thousands of acres of fuel that need to be addressed and the scope and scale is going to be absolutely immense and a very long term process. He said there needs to be a combination of timber sales, mechanical removals or biomass, fuel reduction projects and controlled burns to begin to remedy this situation.

Supervisor Pedersen said he gets a little concerned with exempting fees for one faction. He asked about the amount of fees the District collects for this type of burning. Mr. Sadredin responded the District collects on average, approximately \$60 thousand per year and said the recommendation was not to reduce fees but to find different ways to allocate to various land managers based on emissions instead of charging them based on acreage. Supervisor Pedersen asked if the Forest Service is currently following the best management practices and if mechanical removals were a viable option. Mr. Cooper responded the Forest Service looks at every tool and option available to them based on funding and industry preferences. Supervisor Pedersen commented that lack of funding for the Forest Service appears to be the biggest issue.

Mayor Brazil commented staff did a great job on the report and thanked them for including a wealth of valuable information. He agreed with the idea of petitioning the EPA and charging fees by emission. He said the most important component is a partnership with land managers who are the experts in this field. Dr. Capitman said he lives near the location of the Rough Fire and is struck by the historical resonance and complexity of this problem and the District's sensitivity to it when outlining problems and solutions. He said it would be difficult to model the effects of prescribed burning on the Valley given the information available. He suggested gathering additional information before changing policies, including modeling different scenarios on the effects of various methods of forest management. He said he is very interested in the biomass plants use of wood to creating electricity for smaller areas.

Supervisor Elliott asked how staff would determine the fees for burning based on emissions versus acreage. Mr. Sadredin responded that suggestion is currently in conceptual form but noted it would be possible using the District's modeling. He suggested a better place to focus the Board's policy guidance is if they determine the District's fees are an impediment to the situation as currently structured. Supervisor Elliott said it's obvious that if one wildfire can overshadow emissions by 100 times in certain places, it makes common sense for the District to look at ways to mitigate that type of health risk. He voiced agreement for all of today's staff recommendations. Councilmember Gurrola voiced agreement with Supervisor Elliott's comment, noting the effects of the Rough Fire on area tourism and economics. She said any possible prevention methods should be considered.

Dr. Sherriffs voiced appreciation for the presentation and subsequent comments. He said this fire season focused a lot of attention on this situation and said it would be a shame if that were to wane due to improved weather conditions. He agreed with taking a collaborative approach to the wildfire situation and said it's clear that the policy of fire suppression for the past 100 years has been discredited. He said the Forest Service budget for prevention must be increased which takes a long term legislative vision and better scientific information is also needed. Supervisor Worthley commented the goal here should be to stop all forest fires as much as possible as they all impact the Valley's air quality, and it is important to look at long term, sustainable strategies for managing public lands so that all burning, including controlled burning, is minimized. He voiced support for the staff recommendations.

Supervisor Mendes voiced agreement with Supervisor Worthley's and Supervisor Elliott's comments. Supervisor Wheeler commented that forests are the most renewable resources around and are currently not managed properly. He commented on the lack of logging and management in the area. He noted the costs of a controlled burn are minute compared to the costs of a wildfire, and voiced agreement for writing letters of support for SB 235 and similar federal legislation. Councilmember Baines voiced support for the comments made and moved to accept staff's recommendations.

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

- Kevin Abernathy, Dairy CARES

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

Motion carried 12-0, with 1 abstention, to accept staff's recommendations on potential actions by the District aimed at reducing the number and intensity of wildfires in the future

10. ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF THE DIMINISHING OPTION AVAILABLE TO VALLEY FARMERS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE, PURSUE ACTIONS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING, AND ASSESS THE NEED FOR TEMPORARY AND LONG-TERM RELIEF MEASURES TO AVOID SEVERE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO VALLEY AGRICULTURE – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, gave the presentation on this item which recommended that the Board:

1. Assess the need for allowing agricultural open burning for certain crop categories through a class action stipulated order of abatement as an intermediate response to the current lack of feasible alternatives to dispose of agricultural wood waste.
2. Send a written request to the California Public Utilities Commission to extend Power Purchase Agreements with existing biomass facilities at current pricing levels similar to what is called for by the Governor's State of Emergency proclamation on the State's tree mortality epidemic for existing forest bioenergy facilities receiving feedstock from high hazard zones.
3. Convene a workgroup with agricultural representatives to explore and advance waste disposal techniques as alternatives to open burning and traditional biomass power plants.
4. Review the current state of the Valley's biomass power industry and available feasible waste disposal alternatives, and assess the need and feasibility for potential actions by the District to roll back current agricultural open burning restrictions for certain crops until technologically achievable and economically feasible alternatives are available.

Supervisor Worthley commented part of the importance of pursuing this is that combustion can occur in piles that are sitting around. Supervisor Mendes said this is a very critical problem and noted that there has been a tremendous amount of almonds planted in the Valley, which is a crop that gets rotated out every 20 to 25 years. He said this could make current issues even worse in the future and is a situation in need of common sense. Dr. Capitman said he is

comfortable with some of staff's recommendation and asked for a way to separate them out rather than take action in totality. He voiced concern for the recommendation to roll back the current restrictions and said more information is needed to make an informed decision.

Mayor Brazil said this is a very serious issue and the District needs to be proactive and get in front of the situation. He said this is a perfect example of leaving no stone unturned.

Mr. Sadredin stated that at the end of the day it doesn't appear the District can save the biomass industry given the major changes in the energy policy at the state level. He said the District would do its best to keep them going in the short term but ultimately the best solution may be that farmers themselves become energy producers through gasification and a host of other activities. He clarified today's recommendations do not roll back the District's agricultural burning regulations but ensure the entire picture is taken into consideration. Any major changes would be required to go through a public process and ultimately come back to the Board for a final determination. State law requires that if farmers do not have an economically feasible alternative, the District is prohibited from banning the open burning of those materials. He said currently there are 11 farmers that are at risk of losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in crop loss if they are unable to find a way to dispose of that material.

Councilmember Baines said he was supportive of looking at the total picture and doing a proper assessment. Dr. Capitman said his concern was particularly granting the short-term abatement order without more information about the impacts and asked for that item to be considered separately. Councilmember Baines said he was supportive of the approach to ensure the District has all of the information needed to make an informed long-term decision.

Mr. Sadredin added that in his discussions with agricultural representatives they do not want to roll back the burning restrictions. He said the entire range of options must be considered to make an informed decision to resolve this situation. Dr. Sherriffs asked for clarifications on staff's recommendations. Mr. Sadredin responded that if the Board approves these recommendations today, they are not authorizing the abatement orders. The abatement orders can only be issued by one of the District's Board-appointed Hearing Boards at a publicly noticed hearing. Today's recommendation is to allow that process to take place and if approved require them to pay a penalty equal to what it would have cost to take the materials to the biomass plant. There is no circumvention of costs or regulations in this proposal. In addition, this burning would only be allowed under the District's comprehensive Smoke Management System on days where impacts to air quality are not expected.

Supervisor Pedersen asked if the federal government were to come in under emergency conditions such as diseased trees, would they be allowed to supersede the air quality regulations. Mr. Sadredin responded there are

allowances in the existing regulations for such conditions.

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

- Gary Stockel, Tuolumne County APCD
- Roger Isom, Almond Processors Association
- Julie Malansky Ball, Biomass Association
- Chris Valadez, Fresh Fruit Association

In response to a question by a member of the public, Mr. Sadredin said farmers would not be charged 100% of the costs involved, but the costs they would avoid by not using the biomass facility. He said funds collected would be used at the discretion of the Board. Dr. Capitman asked if there was some existing legislation that required this way of computing the penalty. Mr. Sadredin responded state law gives the APCO discretion when it comes to enforcement in terms of the appropriate penalty to assess. He said maximum penalties are outlined in state law. Dr. Capitman said it would be helpful to know the relative costs to the farmers and the District by charging based on cost avoided versus mitigation costs. Supervisor Worthley commented there are emissions generated using the current system. He said it may be appropriate to segregate these funds to use for incentive programs to get further emission reductions. Mr. Sadredin said this was an excellent suggestion if the Board approves staff recommendation and asked for the option also to use the penalties to develop other alternatives to open burning for emission reductions.

<i>Moved:</i>	Worthley
<i>Seconded:</i>	Mendes
<i>Ayes:</i>	Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Mendes, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Worthley, Wheeler
<i>Nays:</i>	None
<i>Abstain:</i>	Capitman

Motion carried 12-0, with 1 abstention, to pursue actions to secure additional feasible alternatives to open burning, and assess the need for temporary and long-term relief measures to avoid severe economic impact to Valley agriculture. In addition, if the abatement orders are granted, resulting penalties would be segregated for use in achieving further mitigation either for use in the District's existing programs or in scientific research or pilot programs to develop alternatives to open burning that would allow for further emissions reductions.

11. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S INDIRECT SOURCE REVIEW PROGRAM – This item was tabled at the Chair's discretion.

12. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TO PERFORM AIR QUALITY PERMITTING SERVICES AND BE REIMBURSED FOR THOSE SERVICES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) – Mr. Sadredin said on August 21, 2014, the Board authorized the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Ventura approving the use of District staff and resources to perform specialized air quality permitting services related to the review of an application for a new power plant project proposed in Ventura County. Based on the positive experience with the District's service to date, and the District's extensive expertise and knowledge in evaluating such applications, Ventura has asked the District to extend these services to evaluate a second application.

Supervisor Elliott left at 11:30 a.m.

Public Comment – None

Moved: Mendes
Seconded: Pedersen
Ayes: Baines, Bompreszi, Brazil, Capitman, Couch, Gurrola, Mendes, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Worthley, Wheeler
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to authorize the Executive Director/APCO to sign revised Memorandum of Understanding with Ventura County Air Pollution Control District for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to perform air quality permitting services and be reimbursed for those services for a total amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)

13. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$4,967,215.50 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND WOOD BURNING DEVICES – Mr. Sadredin said on May 28, 2015, the District submitted four grant proposals to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in response to the Targeted Air Shed Grant Program. The four applications proposed to do the following: replace agricultural tractors that have uncontrolled or Tier 1 engines with new agricultural tractors that have Tier 3 or cleaner engines; replace on-road heavy duty class 7 and 8 trucks that have 2006 or older engines with trucks that have 2010 or newer engines; repair high polluting passenger vehicles using the District's award winning Tune In Tune Up Program; and change out open-hearth fireplaces or old wood burning devices with new cleaner-emitting gas or wood-burning devices using the District's highly successful Burn Cleaner Program. On September 16, 2015, EPA informed the District that the Agricultural Tractor Replacement proposal and the Wood Burning Device Change Out proposal for the Targeted Air Shed Grant Program were each selected for funding in the amount of \$2,483,607.75, for a total award of \$4,967,215.50. These awards represent nearly half of the \$10,000,000 available

for the entire country.

Mr. Sadredin expressed his gratitude to EPA for the award and to Supervisor Worthley and Supervisor Mendes for attending a recent press conference at the Fresno office along with Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator of EPA Region 9. He also thanked Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer and her staff for doing a great job informing the public of the available funds. Since the press event, the District has received over 700 new applications for the Burn Cleaner program.

Public Comment – None

<i>Moved:</i>	Mendes
<i>Seconded:</i>	Bomprezzi
<i>Ayes:</i>	Baines, Bomprezzi, Brazil, Capitman, Couch, Gurrola, Mendes, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Worthley, Wheeler
<i>Nays:</i>	None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$4,967,215.50 in additional revenue from the USEPA to fund replacement of agricultural tractors and wood burning devices

14. RECEIVE THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING – Mr. Sadredin said the Board has always emphasized the importance of transparency and public accountability in exercising the District's fiduciary responsibilities. He announced that for the second year in a row the District had been awarded the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. He introduced Mehri Barati, the Director of Incentives and Administrative Services, and thanked her and her staff for doing such a great job. Ms. Barati recognized Charlie Hemphill, Controller and the rest of the Finance team for all of their hard work and Mr. Sadredin for his hard work and leadership. She noted Mr. Sadredin has written various programs which help staff to better prepare information and become more efficient. She also thanked the Board for their guidance, leadership and commitment to the District's principles and Core Values of transparency and public accountability.
15. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs reported on highlights of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) meetings of September 24 and 25, 2015. He said the Board adopted a new Low Carbon Fuels Standard (LCFS) regulation to replace the existing LCFS regulation adopted by ARB in 2009; adopted a regulation governing the commercialization of diesel fuel substitutes for mobile vehicles; approved the final Prop 1B grant awards for local agency projects to reduce freight-related emissions in

California's four priority trade corridors; and adopted Funding Guidelines for agencies administering investments from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

On October 22, 2015, the Board accepted both Kings County's and Tulare County's Association of Governments' determinations that their 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies, if implemented, would achieve the counties per capita greenhouse emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035; approved a reduction to the Fiscal Year 2015-15 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program, to account for lower than expected legislative appropriation of funds for the year; and received a presentation on the mobile source strategy and measure concepts described in the "Mobile Source Strategy Discussion Draft".

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sadredin reported that Mayor Brazil was recently reappointed to the Board for an additional 3-year term by the San Joaquin Valley-wide Special City Selection Committee. He also reported that his recent trip to Washington, D.C. to testify before a congressional committee regarding the new ozone standard went well, and his comments were targeted toward the legislation the Board has been working to advance in Washington. He said he received good feedback on his comments from the committee and also took the time to meet with other legislators to discuss the District's proposed legislation. He said he received positive feedback almost across the board, and said even those who do not want to introduce legislation from an environmental interest told him privately that they appreciate the modest proposal by the District but feared that any attempt to modify the Clean Air Act would lead to broad changes that they cannot support.
17. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –Supervisor Pedersen thanked staff and Supervisor Worthley for attending a recent press event held at a dairy in Kings County to highlight ways to improve air quality in the dairy industry. Mayor Brazil commented that he was honored to be reappointed to the Board for an additional 3-year term. Supervisor Wheeler commented Mayor Brazil is a great member of the Board and his input is highly valued. Councilmember Gurrola thanked staff for providing an update on the Valley legislative efforts to modernize the Clean Air Act to the Council of Cities in Tulare County.
18. CLOSED SESSION – Annette Ballatore-Williamson, District Counsel announced the Board would adjourn to Closed Session followed by adjournment and called for public comments. There were none.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, January 21, 2016. 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.