

Action Summary Minutes

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

GOVERNING BOARD

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

Thursday, April 21, 2016
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, Councilmember Baines, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

Present:

Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember, Chair	City of Fresno
Dennis Brazil, Mayor*	City of Gustine
John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
Bob Elliott, Supervisor*	San Joaquin County
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
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County

* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

**Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office

Absent:

David Couch, Supervisor	Kern County
Virginia R. Gurrola, Councilmember	City of Porterville
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor, Vice Chair	Fresno County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor	Madera County

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER: COUNCILMEMBER DAVID AYERS – Chairman Baines welcomed Councilmember Ayers back to the Governing Board, noting he previously served on the Board in 2009-10. Councilmember Ayers, representing the City of Hanford, said he was happy to return

to the Board and enjoyed working with the District's professional and diligent staff. He said he looked forward to serving with the current members of the Governing Board.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 17 – 23): *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.*

17. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

18. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

19. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2016

20. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2016

21. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSIS & CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF NON-METHANE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$117,902

22. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSIS & CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF CARBONYL COMPOUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$28,740

23. NO-COST CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH BGV INTERNATIONAL TO EXTEND TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION OF BAKERSFIELD NEAR-ROAD AIR MONITORING SHELTER

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Baines

Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 17 – 23

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect) – Chenecua Dixon, Personnel Director, formally recognized employees who reached a service milestone during the first quarter of 2016.

Five Years of Service

Robert Gilles, Air Quality Engineer
Deu Moua, Air Quality Specialist
Jason Lawler, Senior Air Quality Inspector

Ten Years of Service

Adam Mumford, Air Quality Inspector
Nhia Vu, Supervising Air Quality Specialist
Amerjit Chahal, Air Quality Inspector
Tony Reyes, Accounting Assistant
Lester Day, Air Quality Field Assistant
Glenn Ramming, Senior Air Quality Inspector
Sajjad Ahmad, Air Quality Engineer

Fifteen Years of Service

Brian Clerico, Air Quality Engineer
Steve Davidson, Senior Air Quality Engineer
Aaron Tarango, Supervising Air Quality Specialist
Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategy & Incentives
Andrea Ogden, Air Quality Engineer

7. ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 4307 (BOILERS, STEAM GENERATORS, AND PROCESS HEATERS – 2.0 MMBTU/HR TO 5.0 MMBTU/HR) – Chay Thao, Program Manager, gave the presentation on this item which proposed amendments to Rule 4307 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – 2.0 MMBtu/hr to 5.0 MMBtu/hr) to clarify rule requirements. He explained that District Rule 4307 limits emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of sulfur (SO_x), and particulate matter 10 microns or less in diameter (PM₁₀) and is applicable to any gaseous fuel or liquid fired boiler, steam generator, or process heater with a total rated heat input of 2.0 MMBtu/hr up to and including 5.0 MMBtu/hr.

Mr. Thao explained Rule 4307 was last amended in 2011 and said the amendments incorporated tree nut pasteurizers into the rule as a separate type of unit to allow existing tree nut pasteurizing operations to continue meeting strict Food and Drug Administration (FDA) almond treatment requirements while maintaining compliance with Rule 4307 requirements. At that time, only one tree

nut pasteurizer was operating in the Valley and it used natural gas as a fuel. Although liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) as a fuel has similar emissions characteristics as natural gas, LPG was unintentionally omitted as an acceptable gaseous fuel for such units under Rule 4307 during the 2011 amendment. To align rule language with the intent of the 2011 rule amendments, he said the District is proposing to clarify Rule 4307 requirements to allow the use of LPG in tree nut pasteurizers in addition to natural gas. The proposed amendments would not result in any detrimental impact on air quality.

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

- Roger Isom, Western Agricultural Processors Association & California Cotton Ginners Association

Moved: Pedersen

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien,
Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to adopt proposed amendments to Rule 4307 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – 2.0 MMBTU/HR to 5.0 MMBTU/HR).

8. ACCEPT \$217,960 IN REVENUE FOR THE CARL MOYER MEMORIAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT PROGRAM FROM THE GREAT BASIN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, said he was happy to present that due to the Board's leadership and guidance in instituting a very successful incentive grants program, which has a great reputation statewide both in terms of the reductions it has been able to achieve as well as its cost effectiveness, the District has been approached by several neighboring air districts to either assist with the administration of their Carl Moyer Program funds or accept their unused funds as an alternative to sending those funds back to ARB. The most consistent partnership the District has had is with the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District. Since 2008, the District has partnered with the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District on an annual basis to accept their yearly allotment of Carl Moyer funds.

Supervisor Worthley said he appreciated the history that was included in the staff report and said Mr. Sadredin was very generous giving kudos to the Board for this achievement when actually it was staff that made this happen and made the effort to assist the other district with their program. He thanked staff for their proactive stance and making this happen. Supervisor Pedersen echoed Supervisor Worthley's comments and remarked on the expense involved with this type of agricultural equipment.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley
Seconded: Pedersen
Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien,
Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept \$217,960 in revenue for the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program from the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District.

9. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$500,000 IN CAP AND TRADE FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO FUND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT TRADE-UP PILOT PROJECT – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, said on May 6, 2015 the Board approved a comprehensive action plan for securing the Valley's fair share of Cap and Trade funds. After this plan was approved, there has been significant progress on implementing the plan and ensuring that the Valley effectively competes for Cap and Trade funding. To date the District and its partners have secured nearly \$50 million in Cap and Trade funding for a variety of projects in the Valley.

He reported the District submitted a grant proposal to ARB for \$500,000 in response to a Low-Carbon Transportation Greenhouse Gas Reduction solicitation for funding an off-road mobile agricultural equipment trade-up pilot project. Utilizing the District's previous experience with similar projects, the District proposed a series of approximately twenty (20) two-tiered transactions where new, clean tractors are purchased, cleaner, emission-controlled used tractors are refurbished and traded up and dirty, uncontrolled tractors are ultimately destroyed. On March 4, 2016, ARB informed the District that its proposal was selected for full funding at \$500,000, the maximum award available under this solicitation.

Supervisor O'Brien commented this is a great program and commended staff and ARB for having a policy shift and allowing this type of program. Supervisor Pedersen asked how vehicles would be identified from a liability standpoint, citing the high cost of repairs of faulty equipment. Annette Ballatore-Williamson, District Counsel, explained the equipment would be inspected and certain repairs would be specified in the contracts, which would also contain language to disclaim warranties and protect the District from liability. Dr. Capitman congratulated Mr. Sadredin and staff on the award for such a great program. He asked about the process to evaluate the success of the program. Mr. Sadredin responded this is a pilot program and all aspects would be evaluated. Dr. Capitman asked about distribution of funding to environmental justice (EJ) communities. Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO, responded that ARB is currently developing the inventory for agricultural equipment and added that there is a broad distribution across the Valley and its disadvantaged communities.

Supervisor Worthley commended staff for their hard work on this program. He said this type of equipment is very expensive, and the program components will make these grant dollars go further. He said this is another example of the District leaving no stone unturned. Dr. Sherriffs asked how EJ communities would be prioritized in this program. Mr. Sadredin responded that those communities have always been a priority for the District and the Board. He said he would make a commitment that if there are multiple candidates for funding, those from EJ communities would be given priority. Supervisor Pedersen commented that the real goal is replacing polluting tractors that are running the most hours with clean tractors. Councilmember Baines thanked District staff for being innovative and thinking outside the box. Mr. Sadredin said it is the Board's documented and repeated position that when it comes to public outreach and plans for spending grant dollars, EJ communities should be a priority. Dr. Sherriffs commented he did not want to burden the pilot program, nor the people that are applying but said it would be a good idea to collect this information from the applicants. Supervisor Worthley commented this project by its nature is aimed at low income residents, but agreed that it should be left to the discretion of staff during this pilot phase of the program.

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

- Kevin Hamilton, Central CA Asthma Collaborative
- Roger Isom, Western Agricultural Processors Association and California Cotton Ginners Association
- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Kevin Abernathy, Dairy Cares

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Pedersen

Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien,
Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$500,000 in Cap and Trade funds from the California Air Resources Board to fund Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Pilot Project

10. REVIEW CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT ON VALLEY AIR DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SEND AUDITOR LETTER OF APPRECIATION – Mr. Sadredin said he was happy to present the results of a recent state audit, conducted at the request of Assemblymember Cooper (D - Elk Grove), which once again validates and commends the great care taken by the Board as they exercise their fiduciary responsibilities and provide great leadership to the staff so they may do their work in the most cost effective and productive fashion. He said the District always welcomes audits because they believe that a well-crafted audit serves as a catalyst to enhance accountability, transparency and good governance. He remarked that audits always make the

District look good. At the Board's direction, the District is always working towards continuous improvement, and if an audit brings about any enhancements that staff can incorporate into what they do, those opportunities are welcomed. The Board has always received high marks for efficiency and productivity of the work done at the District, low overhead costs, low administrative overhead, high effectiveness and achievement, and public transparency. He said the District has always done well in previous audits, and this one also validates past experiences the District has had.

Mr. Sadredin reported that he testified before the Joint Legislative Audit Committee last August, when the audit request was being considered, to welcome the opportunity and suggest it be enhanced to look at other agencies that do the same work as the District in order to establish benchmarks. He also requested that the results of this audit be workshopped around the state so all 35 air districts could learn from the many good business practices that would be identified or any suggestions for improvement. Unfortunately, Mr. Sadredin said none of his suggestions were incorporated into this audit. This audit consisted of three focus areas, which included ensuring the District's fees are properly and lawfully set, looking at expenditures to see how dollars are spent and if there is a good tracking system in place to ensure that fees charged do not exceed costs and examining the District's policy for requiring indemnification agreements and letters of credit for projects that involve potential litigation.

Mr. Sadredin said the comprehensive audit findings were included in the staff report, highlighting findings that said the District's fees are low and set legally, and staff routinely analyzes the District's expenditures and implements measures to reduce costs. The findings also concluded that the District lawfully utilizes supplemental revenues. Regarding indemnification agreements and letters of credit, the District only requires an average of 15 per year out of an average of 4600 permits issued. In addition, the audit found that the District does not require bonds, as was characterized in Assemblymember Cooper's audit request. The audit findings showed the District's practices regarding indemnification agreements and letters of credit are legally permissible. Ironically, he said the auditors found the District should have required 5 more letters of credit based on the auditors interpretation of the District's policy. While the District doesn't necessarily agree with that finding, Mr. Sadredin said staff has already added additional language to the existing policy to provide clarification based on the auditors' recommendations.

In an answer to questions by some regarding whether the District should raise its fees based on the results of this audit, Mr. Sadredin commented that minimizing operating costs has been a top priority for the District. In fact, as a previous audit conducted by environmental groups showed, the District spends 76% less than other air districts in terms of salary and benefits per ton of emissions reduced. In addition, the District's administrative costs are more than 20% lower than other air districts examined. The District's zero-based budgeting practices are also unusual for government agencies, but have contributed extensively to the

District's low operating costs and lower fees. He pointed out the District's budgets are always balanced, have adequate reserves, and staff are fairly compensated. In all other areas, the District is achieving its goals of reducing emissions in the Valley as 2015 was the cleanest year for air quality on record, both for ozone and particulate matter. At this point, Mr. Sadredin recommended that fees are where they need to be, and do not need to be raised at this time.

Supervisor O'Brien suggested sending a thank you letter to Assemblymember Cooper for bringing the District's excellent business practices to the state's attention. Councilmember Hanson congratulated Mr. Sadredin and staff for a job well done. He said the District runs more like a private sector business than any other government agency that he is aware of. He said he was appalled by the amount of state dollars wasted to conduct this audit and is disturbed that other agencies would not use the District's practices as a benchmark. He commended Mr. Sadredin for his excellent leadership. Supervisor Elliott agreed with Supervisor O'Brien's suggestion to send a letter to Assemblymember Cooper. He suggested reoffering Mr. Sadredin's suggestion to the Committee to workshop the results of this audit across the state so that other agencies can learn from the District.

Dr. Sherriffs said this was very good news and should be heavily publicized. He commented on the District's focus on continuous improvement and whether raising fees in the future might be an option. Supervisor Worthley commented that fees are designed to cover actual costs and the District has access to supplemental funds to assist with these costs. He expressed frustration with unnecessary fees that are charged as a revenue raising function. He said he would not support raising the District's fees unless absolutely necessary. Dr. Capitman offered kudos to Mr. Sadredin and staff for demonstrating enormous efficiency in the use of public funds. He said it is an empirical question as to whether fees are too low or not and it might be possible to raise fees to a level that would be middle ground and not impact economic activity, so as to accomplish more reductions in emissions through inventive grant programs. Supervisor Walsh complimented the Board, Mr. Sadredin and staff for the outcome of this audit. He said raising fees in anticipation of something that has not yet happened is not a good idea. Councilmember Hanson voiced agreement with Supervisor Worthley's comments.

Responding to Dr. Capitman's comments, Mr. Sadredin said under state law, most of the District's revenue sources specify funds can only be spent on designated programs and specific expenditures and stationary sources cannot be charged to fund grant programs. Mr. Sadredin added that in comparing the District's revenues to costs, the audit report compared the permit fees to the total operating costs. Some of these costs, such as grant program administration, are not eligible for offsetting by permit fees. Dr. Capitman stated that this was an important point that was missing from the auditor's report. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the auditor's report, and to authorize Chair to send the auditor a letter of appreciation, as well as send the requestor of the audit a letter

of appreciation, and to authorize staff to prepare a press release regarding the findings of this audit.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Walsh
Seconded: Worthley
Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien,
Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept the results of the audit, authorize Chair to send California State Auditor a letter of appreciation, to send requestor of audit a letter of appreciation, and to authorize staff to prepare a press release regarding the findings of this audit

11. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING AGENCY REPRESENTATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE, MULTILINGUAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, said the District has had a commitment to public education for many years, beginning with direction from the Board to Mr. Sadredin in 2005-06 to put renewed energy into the District's outreach programs. Each year, the District retains an advertising agency to research, develop and implement multi-lingual public outreach campaigns for programs such as Healthy Air Living, Check Before You Burn, the Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), Air Alerts and various grant programs.

Over the past thirteen years, Jeffery Scott Advertising (JSA) has been retained as the advertising agency for the District. Working with JSA the District's comprehensive multilingual public education and outreach program has been enormously successful in engaging the public to voluntarily take action to reduce air pollution and to take advantage of the services and air quality information provided by the District.

Consistent with the District's core values, which call for continuous improvement, the District always strives to gain added value and effectiveness in all facets of our operations. Towards that end, on January 30, 2016, the District released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for comprehensive, multilingual public education and outreach with the intent of receiving even more value and performance from our advertising agency partner. After careful review and evaluation of all proposals received, District staff has determined that the proposal by Archer and Hound Advertising offers the best value and content.

Supervisor O'Brien expressed his gratitude to JSA for all that they have accomplished on behalf of the District over the past 13 years. He challenged Archer and Hound to have a greater impact on the Northern Region of the District, as they are getting bombarded with messages from other air districts. He suggested partnering with other Districts on a combined message in the

Northern Region. Mayor Brazil thanked Ms. Holt and staff for putting this together and complimented JSA on their work. He voiced agreement with Supervisor O'Brien's comments. Councilmember Baines thanked JSA for all of their hard work, stating the District would not be where they are now without their help. Supervisor Elliott thanked staff for their efforts in putting this item out for proposal to ensure the District is able to get the most bang for the buck in the spirit of continuous improvement.

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

- Jessica Blanchfield, Archer and Hound

Moved: Elliott

Seconded: O'Brien

Ayes: Ayers, Brazil, Capitman, Elliott, Hanson, O'Brien,
Pedersen, Sherriffs, Walsh, Worthley, Baines

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve contract for advertising and marketing agency representation for comprehensive, multilingual public education and outreach with Archer and Hound Advertising.

11. END-OF-SEASON REPORT ON THE 2015-16 WOOD BURNING SEASON – Mr. Sadredin said every year at the end of wood burning season, staff reports to the Board on what is one of the most cost-effective air pollution control programs ever implemented by the District. He gave a quick overview of the previous winter, including that the Valley enjoyed its cleanest season for particulate matter ever. He said based on data and feedback, this program is becoming very well received and accepted by the public. He introduced Jon Klassen, Program Manager, who presented information on the District's end-of-season report on the 2015-16 wood burning season detailing the following:

- Historic clean PM2.5 season with a number of new clean air records across a variety of metrics
- Meteorology and air quality during the 2015-2016 wood burning season
- Second winter season under recently amended Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters)
- Public health benefits from the implementation of Rule 4901
- "Check Before You Burn" outreach efforts
- Overview of the District's Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-out Program (Burn Cleaner program) and summary of results

- Enforcement and compliance assistance activities

Dr. Sherriffs thanked staff for the comprehensive report and congratulated them on their astonishing successes with this program. Dr. Sherriffs commented that perhaps thanks to the District's robust outreach programs, residents are more aware of the wood burning programs and ways to burn cleaner. He suggested conducting another scientific survey to assess the reasons behind this change in behavior of Valley residents. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively, stating it would also be a valuable way to assess the District's current incentive thresholds. Supervisor Worthley asked about the vendors that participate in the District's incentive program and asked if the District has reached out to seasonal vendors, such as Tractor Supply stores. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively. Ms. Holt said the District works with the Hearth, Patio and BBQ Association to find potential partners, but is open to working with any type of vendor. Dr. Capitman commented on the very positive results of this program. He said it would be incredibly helpful to have a technical appendix that describes the modeling used. He also said it would be helpful to have a benchmark and sensitivity analysis. Mayor Brazil said this is great news on a very attractive program. He asked if the District provides outreach materials for placement in retail stores during the wood burning season. Ms. Holt responded affirmatively, and described the materials provided by the District. Dr. Sherriffs highlighted the low-income participation level and suggested finding ways to increase the level even more. Mr. Sadredin responded that based on Dr. Capitman's suggestion, the District's Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) is looking at ways to improve participation from low-income residents.

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

- John Barnett, Resident
- Dolores Weller, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition

12. CONSIDER COMBINING THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS TO ACCOMMODATE A REQUEST FROM THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO HOST THEIR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES ON OCTOBER 20, 2016 – Mr. Sadredin said recently the District was approached by ARB and asked to accommodate their request to host a satellite ARB Governing Board meeting during the month of October 2016. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider adopting the District's 2016 Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard. Supervisor O'Brien said he supports moving the October Board meeting date to accommodate ARB but not cancelling the meeting. Councilmember Baines asked about alternate dates for the October Board meeting. Mr. Sadredin said at the Board's request, staff would poll the Board to find the best alternate date. He said typically the District does not hold a Board meeting during either October or November due to the Holidays and potential date conflicts with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). He said

he recommended choosing an alternate date in November with the proviso that if there is something critical that requires Board action, a meeting would be convened earlier in October. Dr. Sherriffs responded affirmatively. Supervisor Walsh suggested sticking with the already scheduled November 17th date. Supervisor Elliott responded he would prefer either November 4th or 10th. Chairman Baines said it was the consensus of the Board to grant this request to cancel the District's October Board meeting and combine the meeting to meet on November 17th. Mr. Sadredin said if needed the Board would schedule an alternate October meeting date.

13. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs reported on highlights from the ARB Board meetings held on March 17 and 24, 2016. The Board heard an overview of the comprehensive process involved in implementing mobile source regulations, including a multiyear coordination process with manufacturers prior to regular adoption. The Board also considered a recommendation by ARB staff to consolidate the ARB's Southern California testing facilities and offices to a single location. As for upcoming matters before the Board, he said in April 2016, staff is expected to present for Air Resources Board consideration updates to procedures for evaluation and approval of aftermarket diesel particulate filters for 2007 to 2009 heavy duty diesel engines. In May of 2016, the Air Resources Board is expected to hear an update on a new regulatory effort, scheduled for late 2016 adoption, to reduce GHG emissions from the oil and gas production and processing industries by establishing a series of operating practices, equipment design standards and control strategies.
15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sadredin reminded Board members about the upcoming Study Session at Bass Lake on May 4th and 5th. He reported on the recent Washington, DC trip and expressed his gratitude to Chairman Baines, Supervisor Worthley and Supervisor Elliott for attending many important meetings, including Mr. Sadredin's testimony on the legislation that is incorporating many of the District's suggested modernizations to the federal Clean Air Act. He also said Councilmember Baines has the attention of the White House on this issue.
16. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Elliott commented that he believed the meetings in Washington were very productive, and in addition to Mr. Sadredin's testimony, there were meetings with Senator Costa and Congressman Valadao, both of which were very supportive of the District's efforts. He noted at the conclusion of the meeting with Senator Costa he mentioned the District was interested in making common sense adjustments in the Clean Air Act, and within an hour of the meeting, Senator Costa was on board as a supporter. Supervisor Worthley commented that the Chairman of the Subcommittee quoted and referenced the District's information and was struck by how much the District had accomplished in the Valley. First and foremost, he said that Mr. Sadredin did a wonderful job with his testimony. Councilmember Baines echoed the sentiments of Supervisors Worthley and Elliott and said Mr.

Sadredin did an amazing job testifying and doing everything in his power educate Congress on the issues. He said he spent several more days in Washington DC with the Fresno COG advocating for Fresno and the Valley. He said the hearing was very successful but he has no illusion that it would be quick on the senate side. He recommended keeping the pressure up on the senate side to ensure that the District's common sense measures make it through as part of the legislation. He said they got the attention of several senior-level White House staffers who took great interest in what the District is asking for and that he and Mr. Sadredin have a call scheduled this afternoon to pursue this administratively.

Mayor Brazil said he has received numerous phone calls regarding truck filter replacements required by ARB that are catching on fire and said he wanted to ensure staff and Dr. Sherriffs are aware of this issue.

17. **ADJOURN**
Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

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