

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, January 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 9:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

*Present:*

Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember, <b>Chair</b>	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
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Fresno County
William O'Brien, Supervisor*	Stanislaus County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs	Appointed by Governor
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor***	Madera County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County

\* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

\*\*Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office

\*\*\*Arrived at 9:23 a.m.

*Absent:*

John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
Hub Walsh, Supervisor	Merced County

3. RECOGNITION OF THE OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR, SUPERVISOR WHEELER AND THE OUTGOING SAN JOAQUIN VALLEYWIDE AIR POLLUTION STUDY AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR, SUPERVISOR WALSH – This item was tabled until later in the meeting
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 17 – 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.*
  17. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015
  18. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016
  19. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2015
  20. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015
  21. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Mendes  
*Seconded:* Worthley  
*Ayes:* Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Hanson, Mendes, O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Worthley, Baines  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 17 – 21***

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: *The following persons commented on this item:*

- Peter Dorian

12. RECEIVE AND FILE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 – Mehri Barati, Director of Incentives and Administrative Services, presented the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report which is prepared by the District's Finance Department and audited by its outside,

independent auditors, Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation (Brown Armstrong) on an annual basis. She recognized key players on the District's Finance team, including: Charlie Hemphill, District Controller, Kelly Taylor and Bryan Wong, Accounting Supervisors, and Justin Benavides, Accountant II for their hard and detailed work on this very comprehensive report. She briefly reviewed the auditing process and thanked the Board and Mr. Sadredin for their guidance and leadership, which allows the District to be transparent and do the work to the highest standard possible and obtain the best audit score possible.

Ms. Barati introduced Osvaldo Gutierrez, Audit Manager with Brown Armstrong, who presented a detailed report on the audit review process and subsequent results. He stated Brown Armstrong found no issues with the District's financial controls, which he said is rare in governmental operations and recognized the District for receiving the highest possible score in all areas. Once again the audit indicates that the District remains a Low Risk Auditee for federal purposes.

Mr. Sadredin expressed his gratitude to the Board, first and foremost, for giving staff the resources and fiduciary leadership. He also expressed his gratitude to the District's Finance team for doing a great job all year long to maintain the District's high standards for public transparency and financial controls.

Supervisor Worthley asked if Mr. Gutierrez foresees continuing problems with unfunded liability in retirement plans including Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA). Mr. Gutierrez responded that very few entities, especially local governmental agencies, are fully funded which will be an ongoing issue that will need to be monitored. He said Brown Armstrong will provide suggestions toward investing in the right securities, but sometimes funding issues are the result of a bad economy. He said ultimately it is up to the retirement Boards to give direction for the funds. Supervisor Couch said he sits on the KCERA Board and would be happy to arrange a presentation from the actuary at a future meeting if the Board desired. Supervisor Worthley responded affirmatively.

Supervisor Mendes commented that it is too bad the state and federal government cannot be as transparent as the District when it comes to finances. Councilmember Baines said he is truly impressed by the District's audit results and commented that several of City of Fresno's past audits looked nothing like this. He commended staff for a job well done.

*Supervisor Wheeler arrived at 9:23 a.m.*

Public Comment - None

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

***Motion unanimously carried to receive and file Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015***

*This item was taken out of order*

3. RECOGNITION OF THE OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR, SUPERVISOR WHEELER AND THE OUTGOING SAN JOAQUIN VALLEYWIDE AIR POLLUTION STUDY AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR, SUPERVISOR WALSH – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, thanked Supervisor Wheeler for his great leadership over the past year, as the District dealt with many difficult and sensitive issues and achieved very positive results. He thanked him for making the District look good as an agency and said his leadership would be missed. Councilmember Baines echoed Mr. Sadredin's comments, stating he knows firsthand the difficulty involved in leading various Boards, and voiced appreciation for Supervisor Wheeler's leadership and for keeping the meetings on track and guiding the Board.
  
6. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect) – Chenecua Dixon, Personnel Director, formally recognized District employees who reached a service milestone during the fourth quarter of 2015:

**Five Years of Service**

Donny Hockett, Air Quality Assistant  
Lily Liu, Programmer/Analyst II  
Cecelia Rocha, Programmer/Analyst II  
Bethany Whitney, Office Assistant II

**Fifteen Years of Service**

Patia Siong, Supervising Air Quality Specialist

Supervisor Pedersen commented that he had the chance to meet the staff members prior to the meeting and sent a special congratulatory shout out to them from the dais.

7. APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S 2016 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND ADOPT STRATEGY FOR MODERNIZING THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT – Mr. Sadredin said each year the Board adopts the District's Legislative Platform, which guides the District's activities in relationship to legislation and administrative policies encountered in Sacramento and Washington, DC. He

said since the Board only meets on a monthly basis, staff uses this platform to take positions on bills that are introduced and if issues arise that are not covered in this platform, staff will return to the Board for guidance on those specific issues.

Mr. Sadredin introduced Paul Yoder with Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, the District's legislative advocate in Sacramento, as well as Lynn Jacquez and Andrew Lusk, the District's federal legislative advocates with CJ Lake, LLC, who provided the Board with an overview of legislative conditions in Sacramento and Washington, DC, respectively.

Supervisor Worthley asked if the Administration has begun to work with federal sources to address the proliferation of dead trees in the state's forests. Mr. Yoder responded that advocacy from counties in the Valley on this issue has helped expedite this process. Regarding biomass, Mr. Yoder said the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) may be open to try and figure out something to assist plants that are still open and operational. Supervisor Mendes said the biomass issue is going to be the next big problem in the Valley and said it is very fixable if the government gets involved. Dr. Sherriffs asked for advice to help the District in their role to move the PUC along on this issue. Mr. Yoder responded the District must ensure the facts on the extent of the problem are widely known in Sacramento. He said his job is to take the information and broaden the coalition as much as possible, with the Board's help.

In relation to Dr. Sherriffs' question on how to move the PUC, Mr. Sadredin responded that an obstacle to PUC giving favorable rates to biomass facilities is that it does really not take into account the societal benefits that biomass plants provide. He said the District could highlight the societal benefits of properly managed biomass facilities and how they would reduce air pollution in the Valley. Mr. Yoder stated that at the end of the day, there are many obstacles to saving the biomass industry but any proposals by the District in this context would be beneficial and he believes, well received by the state because of their deep respect for the District. Mr. Sadredin said he received a call from the Governor's office yesterday, asking to meet and get the District's input on this particular issue.

Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided the Board with an overview of the District's 2016 Legislative Platform. The priority issues for 2016 include:

- Seek legislative improvements to the Federal Clean Air Act, as detailed in the District's Clean Air Act Modernization Proposal, retaining the core elements in the Act that serve to protect public health while streamlining the administrative requirements in the Act, and ensuring expeditious air quality improvement considering technological and economic feasibility. In addition to our legislative proposals, the District will continue to work with EPA to advance administrative changes to address certain implementation issues with the Clean Air Act, where possible.

- Support the “Commonsense Legislative Exceptional Events Reform” (CLEER) Act that brings much-needed reforms to the process under which the Environmental Protection Agency determines “exceptional events” under the Clean Air Act by requiring those determinations to be based upon established criteria and evidence, allowing for judicial appeals of decisions, and instituting timelines to provide regulatory certainty for states.
- The District receives State Subvention Funding to offset the costs of state mandated air quality programs. Despite significant increases in responsibilities and the impact of inflation, the funding level has not been adjusted for over 20 years. The District currently receives approximately \$900,000 per year which is less than 2% of the District’s operating budget. The District supports an increase in State Subvention Funding.
- The compliance regiment under the state’s Cap and Trade program may lead to increases in criteria and toxic emissions or missed opportunities to reduce such emissions in certain areas. Therefore, the District will advocate for policies that target a portion of Cap and Trade revenues to regions that are already overly impacted by criteria pollutant emissions with a greater focus on environmental justice communities.
- The District will oppose greenhouse gas measures that are detrimental to public health due to increases in criteria pollutant or toxic emissions, and support greenhouse gas measures that achieve criteria pollutant and toxic emissions reductions.
- When assessing state/federal policies concerning disadvantaged communities, the District considers poverty as a key factor contributing to diminished public health. The District will oppose efforts that lead to “redlining” these communities and inhibit economic growth. The District will support measures that improve quality of life and economic welfare by providing new state and federal resources. The District will oppose measures that dilute local control by diverting local revenues or the authority over the expenditure of local resources to the state or federal government.
- Seek funding and other support from the State Air Resources Board and federal Environmental Protection Agency to install and operate additional air quality monitoring instruments throughout San Joaquin Valley.
- Support efforts that provide for cost-effective alternatives to agricultural open burning, level the playing field and provide fair competition between biomass plants and other renewable sources of power, and additional research and development of alternatives to agricultural open burning.

- Support state and federal funding of technology advancement projects to help develop technologies to meet federal air quality standards. Potential areas for funding include zero and near-zero emission mobile source projects, renewable energy projects, and projects to eliminate emissions associated with waste disposal.
- Given the devastating public health impact that the Valley suffers from wildfires, support measures that can help reduce the intensity and frequency of wildfires including those that promote effective and expanded use of prescribed burns and mechanical treatment to reduce fuel build-up.

Mr. Jordan said the final section of the Legislative Platform provides general principles that will guide the District when taking positions on legislative proposals that will impact the District or the ability of the District to achieve its goals. The general principles have been updated to be consistent with the current goals of the District.

Mr. Sadredin said that failure to find a solution that protects the environment while allowing the Valley to remain economically viable, such as the District's Clean Air Act Modernization Proposal, could have devastating impacts on the welfare of Valley residents, particularly those in economically disadvantaged areas. He acknowledged the numerous outreach efforts conducted by the District, including presentations at previous Governing Board meetings, public meetings, Citizens Advisory Committee and Environmental Justice Advisory Group meetings to educate and seek input on the District's legislative proposal.

Mr. Sadredin detailed the reasoning for the District's Clean Air Act Modernization Proposal along with the summary of the proposed legislation as follows:

1. Eliminate duplicative requirements, confusion, and costly bureaucratic red tape by synchronizing progress milestones when a new standard is published by EPA.
2. In establishing deadlines and milestones, require control measures that lead to the most expeditious attainment while considering technological achievability and economic feasibility.
3. Allow states to focus efforts on meeting new standards in the most expeditious fashion through deployment of scarce resources in a manner that provides the utmost benefit to public health (e.g. greater weight for NO<sub>x</sub> reductions).
4. Eliminate the requirement for contingency measures in areas classified as "extreme" non-attainment.
5. Allow states to take credit for all transportation control measures and strategies and not punish areas that have implemented transportation control measures and strategies that have achieved early reductions in emissions.

Mr. Sadredin recommended seeking a bipartisan introduction of the bill, with hopes of bringing members of the environmental community on board to help introduce the proposal as a stand-alone measure. He also recommended holding additional discussions with CAC and EJAG members, as the clear majority of CAC members are supportive of this measure but there has not yet been a consensus formed by EJAG members. If that fails, he said there will be no choice other than to link the District's proposal with the other, more conservative bills that have been introduced and have the potential to move through congress.

Supervisor Pedersen suggested a punitive response to state and federal agencies' mismanagement of forests and national parks. Mr. Sadredin said at the Board's direction, staff can explore the possibility of writing a regulation to regulate state and federal land management agencies in relation to activities that relate to wildfres. Supervisor Worthley commented the approach of a punitive response might be difficult as it could not be enforced if agencies did nothing. He commented even if the government were to allocate all dollars used to fight wildfires to forest management, he is not confident it would be handled appropriately.

Supervisor Wheeler said he was struck by the amount of support the District received from every single person they talked to about the Clean Air Act Modernization proposal from all facets of the political arena during the last legislative trip to Washington, DC.

Mayor Brazil echoed earlier comments made by Board members and said the District must keep the pressure on as one of the most recognized air districts in the nation. He commented on the improvement in air quality in the Valley over the last 20 years and commended the Board, staff and the District for a job well done. He asked for a current status on the biomass issue. Mr. Sadredin responded two more plants are scheduled to shut down before the end of the year. He said as Mr. Yoder mentioned, he senses a state of urgency at the state level to address this issue. He said it is important to point out that the District is also working with farmers to pursue other alternatives to open burning, including gasification of wood waste on the farm. He said it is important to be able to develop these other technologies over the next 2 or 3 years since we may not be able to save the bio-mass power plants that currently accept agricultural wood waste.

Councilmember Gurrola commented on the improvement of the Valley's air quality and the need to continue in that direction. She suggested communicating with members of the environmental community to get them on board with this proposal, as following one plan makes much more sense and that we must be cognizant of the economic impact on Valley communities. Supervisor O'Brien said it is important to get a Valley-wide proposal that all parties can agree on, in order to accomplish this goal. He voiced support for attaching the District's proposal to one of the other bills if necessary. He said extreme politics seems to



be the only thing getting attention these days. The air quality progress in the Valley over the past 20 years has been amazing and he suggested exploring necessary tweaks to the proposal to obtain one voice for the Valley. He also said the District owes it to the Valley residents to explain to them the devastating health impacts from wildfires.

Dr. Sherriffs asked for clarification on the District's recommendation to convene meetings to bring the environmental community on board. Mr. Sadredin responded there may be room for tweaks to the proposal, but the key directions he is taking from the Board is that the legislation must remove the mandate for multiple plans with duplicative requirements, and that technological achievability and economic feasibility must be factored in establishing milestones and deadlines. He said if the Board approves today's recommendations, the District would continue its work in Washington to build some momentum with the legislators, while continuing to work with CAC and EJAG if the process is fruitful in the hopes of achieving the Board's guiding principles of streamlining the Act, eliminating formulaic deadlines that are impossible to meet, while placing the burden of on the District to routinely demonstrate that it is doing everything possible to meet the standards.

Supervisor Elliott said the goal in all of this is to inject some common sense into the Clean Air Act. He said the District should support all of these bills which address changes that ought to be made. He said it does not make sense to impose even more stringent requirements when the last set of standards has not been met yet. It is important to consider the economic impacts of the District's policies. The District owes it to its constituents to create an environment where everyone has a chance and opportunity to succeed. His position is that the District should go in from the get-go supporting the CASE, CLEER, and ORDEAL Acts as well as the District's Clean Air Act Modernization Proposal, which is a middle of the road, very minimal approach to the issues. Supervisor Wheeler commented that EPA also voiced agreement with the District's message in their discussions in Washington, DC.

Councilmember Baines voiced agreement with the overall message, and said he appreciates the dialogue today. He said while there is no clear solution, it is clear that changes need to be made to the Clean Air Act.

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

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League
- Alisa Rochholtz, Kern Oil and Refining

Supervisor Worthley made a motion to approve staff recommendations. He said the Board vetted this entire process last year and he feels it is time to move forward while continuing to talk to CAC and EJAG as time is of the essence. He clarified his motion was to authorize staff to move forward with the District's

Clean Air Act Modernization Proposal, while continuing to engage in conversations with CAC and EJAG to obtain more support. Dr. Sherriffs clarified that he is very much in support of parts of this effort, including streamlining the redundant requirements, making a major effort to obtain more funds, supporting technologies and incentives, and regulations that are going to obtain results. He said as a physician, he likes the tried and true methods, and before he can support something new he would like assurance that it is going to help achieve what is needed. With regards to the proposal, he said he would like some assurance that these proposed changes would help the District actually achieve its goals. Councilmember Gurrola said it was important to continue the dialogue with the environmental groups regardless of the comments made today by the CVAQ representative. She asked when the Board would receive an update on these efforts, if approved today. Mr. Sadredin said staff would report back to the Board as part of the Governing Board Study Session in early May.

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

***Motion carried 11-1 to approve the District's 2016 Legislative Platform and adopt strategy for modernizing the Federal Clean Air Act***

8. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI) SCALE FOR THE 2015 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD – Jon Klassen, Program Manager, presented staff recommendations regarding the new Air Quality Index (AQI) scale for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard including:
1. As required by federal law, adopt the new ozone AQI scale (based on new 8-hour ozone standard of 70 ppb) for use in reporting and forecasting.
  2. Engage in a focused public education effort through the media and other outreach means aimed at achieving a greater public understanding of the AQI, the Valley's air quality progress to date, and the air quality information tools provided by the District that can be used to protect public health.
  3. Discuss options for addressing potential changes to the action levels under the District's Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) program for ozone in light of the newly established ambient air quality standard for ozone by EPA, and direct staff to return with specific recommendations to be considered by the Governing Board.

Supervisor Gurrola commented on the importance of continuing to engage Valley

schools. Supervisor O'Brien said the final determination should be made about the same time that the new neighborhood RAAN system is in place and made a motion to approve all of staff's recommendations.

Public Comment: None

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

***Motion unanimously carried to approve staff recommendations regarding implementation of the new Air Quality Index (AQI) scale for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard***

9. RENEW CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ASTHMA COLLABORATIVE TO EXECUTE THE HEALTHY AIR LIVING SCHOOLS PROGRAM – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, said partnerships between the District and Valley schools are very important to the District's public education and outreach goals, and bring about significant benefits, most importantly the significant benefit of protection of a very sensitive population of children. She said children can be very effective air quality ambassadors as they are very tuned in with issues that happen in the Valley and can help get the message out to the community.

She gave an overview of staff recommendations to approve and authorize an agreement with the Central California Asthma Collaborative (CCAC) to work with schools and county asthma coalitions to promote the Healthy Air Living Schools (HALS) program, the District's Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), the school-based No-Idling/ Alternative Transportation Campaign and the school-based Clean Air Champions program.

Mayor Brazil commended staff on the report and said he was honored and excited to participate in the program at the Walter Brown School in Turlock. He said he received a tremendous amount of feedback from both children and school staff who voiced support for transition to RAAN along with a visual cue. He suggested using an LED light that was connected by Bluetooth, similar to the "O'Brien's Orb" suggested last year. Dr. Sherriffs this program results in a lot of value for the dollar, both in terms of health and getting the word out about air quality. Supervisor Elliott asked about the wide variation of the school goals between counties. Ms. Holt responded some of it is based on involvement by the asthma coalition, for example there are really strong coalitions in the north who have done additional outreach. She said for the most part, the District has tried to base the goals per county on the population and the number of schools and number of students in those schools.

Public Comment: None

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

***Motion unanimously carried to renew contract with the Central California Asthma Collaborative to execute the Healthy Air Living Schools program***

10. ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 2201 (NEW AND MODIFIED STATIONARY SOURCE REVIEW RULE) – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO presented staff recommendations on proposed amendments to Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule) to address the District's reclassification from Moderate to Serious nonattainment for the 1997 and 2006 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS, or standards) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 microns (PM2.5).

In response to late comments received from US EPA, Mr. Warner said staff recommends the Board consider additional amendments to clarify the District's longstanding position that any replacement that is a federal major modification cannot qualify for the application shield for replacement emissions units. He said if the Board deems the rule approvable with these additional amendments, staff recommended withholding final rule adoption until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board.

Supervisor Wheeler asked about public review of the proposed amendments. Mr. Warner responded the public has been informed of the proposed amendments absent the additional proposed amendments and staff preferred to give the public additional time to absorb these changes. Supervisor Pedersen asked if there were any pending applications that might be delayed by this action. Mr. Warner responding this action would not have any impact on any pending permits. Mayor Brazil said he liked the approach of giving the public additional time to react to late changes.

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

- Richard Harriman

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

***Motion unanimously carried to approve proposed amendments to Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review) and postpone adoption until the next scheduled Governing Board meeting.***

11. RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S CHARGE UP! ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND APPROVE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS – Mr. Sadredin said mobile sources make up a big part of the air quality challenges in the Valley, accounting for over 80% of emissions. Although the Board does not have jurisdiction over tailpipe emissions, they wanted to do what they can to reduce air pollution in the Valley including increasing the use of zero-emission vehicles. This was a topic of discussion at the last Governing Board Study Session, where the Board agreed that a lack of infrastructure was a huge obstacle to increasing the use of these vehicles. He said there has been great response to the District's Charge Up! Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program and gave an overview of staff recommendations that the Board approve the following enhancements to the program:
- a. Amend Charge Up! guidelines to include funding for solar electric vehicle charging systems at the same incentive level as traditional hard-wired chargers.
  - b. Incorporate standardized evaluation criteria developed through the case-by-case approval process for level 3 chargers into the Charge Up! guidelines to streamline future approvals for projects that conform to the District's approved Electric Vehicle Charger Siting Analysis.

Supervisor Pedersen asked if there are more requests for units than money. Mr. Sadredin responded not yet, but the goal is to obtain more funding for this program through Cap and Trade. Todd DeYoung, Program Manager said there was originally \$2 million put into this program and so far \$1.4 million has been allocated to projects. He said the District's funding is being used to leverage Cap and Trade funding which will expand the network quite a bit. Supervisor Pedersen asked about the requirement for public access to charging stations to take advantage of the program's funding. Mr. Sadredin responded that the public must have access to these charging stations at least 8 hours per day to qualify for the incentive.

Dr. Sherriffs asked how these recommendations fit with getting chargers placed in multi-family dwellings such as apartments. Mr. Sadredin responded the only

requirements are public accessibility and geographic location. He said an apartment complex could qualify for this program, depending on availability to the public. He said it would be a good idea to conduct outreach in this area. Supervisor Elliott asked why the number of charging stations installed in the north is so much lower than other regions. Mr. Sadredin responded that the dollar amounts per charger were actually higher up north, as there is a bigger mix of the more expensive level 3 charging stations versus level 2. He said no one who has applied in the northern region has been rejected. He recommended engaging in additional outreach in all 3 regions, and asked Board members to help notify other organizations and constituents in their respective areas. Supervisor Wheeler asked about school districts and electric vehicles. Mr. DeYoung responded the District's Public Benefits grants program provides specific incentives for schools to purchase the vehicles themselves, and many districts have been taking advantage of the program.

*Supervisor Worthley left at 12:14 p.m.*

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Gurrola  
*Seconded:* Pedersen  
*Ayes:* Brazil, Couch, Elliott, Gurrola, Hanson, Mendes,  
O'Brien, Pedersen, Sherriffs, Wheeler, Baines  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to receive progress report on the implementation of the District's Charge Up! Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program and approve program enhancements***

13. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs reviewed highlights from the ARB Board meeting of December 17, 2015 including: the Board voted to support the draft Second Investment Plan for Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds for the Fiscal Years 2016-17 through 2018-19. He said the Department of Finance will forward the draft Plan later this year to the Legislature which has final approval authority over the Plan, per Assembly Bill 1532. In addition he reviewed a list of upcoming matters before ARB including: at a future meeting in the spring of 2016, ARB staff is expected to present to the Air Resources Board for their consideration proposed amendments to the AB 2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots Emission Inventory Criteria and Guidelines Regulation and Fee Regulation to address changes to the OEHHA risk guidelines; the Board is expected to hear and consider adoption of a new regulatory effort 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; also, the Board will hear and consider adoption of amendments to the fleet rule for transit agencies to achieve additional Particulate Matter, Nitrogen Oxide, and Greenhouse Gas emissions reductions from transit fleets.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – None
15. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Mendes commended Councilmember Baines for doing a great job running the meeting. Supervisor Wheeler thanked the Board and staff for helping him get through the past year as Chair and wished Councilmember Baines the best. He said District staff is the best there is and he brags about them all the time at his Board of Supervisor meetings.
16. CLOSED SESSION – The Chair announced that the Closed Session item has been removed from the agenda and would not be heard.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, February 18, 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.*