

Action Summary Minutes

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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

Thursday, October 18, 2018

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 Mendes, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

Present:

David Ayers, Mayor	City of Hanford
Drew M. Bessinger, Councilmember	City of Clovis
John Capitman, Ph.D	Appointed by Governor
David Couch, Supervisor	Kern County
Christina Fugazi, Councilmember**	City of Stockton
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor, Chair	Fresno County
Kristin Olsen, Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Lloyd Pareira, Supervisor**	Merced County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Monte Reyes, Councilmember	City of Porterville
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs	Appointed by Governor
Chris Vierra, Mayor	City of Ceres
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor	Madera County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor, Vice Chair	Tulare County

Absent:

Bob Elliott, Supervisor	San Joaquin County
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**attended in Southern Region Office*

***attended in Northern Region Office*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Numbers (20 – 25): *These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to any action by the board, the public was given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.*

20. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2018

21. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD STUDY SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, 2018

22. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2018

23. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATIONS STATISTICS SUMMARIES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2018

24. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

25. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S INDIRECT SOURCE REVIEW PROGRAM

Public Comment: None

Moved: Wheeler

Seconded: Pedersen

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Couch, Fugazi, Olsen, Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 20 – 25

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following persons provided comment during this item:*

- Connie Young, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)

6. STAR RECOGNITION (SERVICE, TEAMWORK, ATTITUDE, RESPECT) – Chenecua Dixon, Personnel Director, formally recognized the following District employees who reached a service milestone during the third quarter of 2018:

Five Years of Service

Jacob Felton, Supervising Air Quality Inspector
Julie Rey, Personnel Administrator
Anton Simanov, Air Quality Education Web Specialist

Ten Years of Service

Michael Hamaguchi, Supervising Air Quality Inspector
Steve Miller, Senior Air Quality Inspector
Nai Saelee, Accountant
Aleah Zapf, Air Quality Inspector

Twenty Years of Service

Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist
Nick Pierce, Permit Services Manager
Homero Ramirez, Air Quality Engineer
Errol Villegas, Permit Services Manager

Twenty Five Years of Service

Ester Davila, Supervising Air Quality Specialist
Michael Oldershaw, Air Quality Compliance Manager

7. RECOGNIZE JACOB FELTON FOR RECEIVING THE 2018 RODNEY SWARTZENDRUBER OUTSTANDING INSPECTOR AWARD – The Board and Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO recognized Jacob Felton, Supervising Air Quality Inspector, on being awarded the 2018 Rodney Swartzendruber Outstanding Inspector Award by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA). The award was created in 2003 by CAPCOA in honor of a Valley Air District inspector who gave his life in the line of duty.

Mr. Sheikh added that Mr. Felton was selected for the award for his outstanding performance and service provided to the public in his role at the District and his contributions which have benefited air pollution control district efforts across the state.

8. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES – Chris McGlothlin, Industry/Agriculture Alternate member from Fresno County, reported on the highlights from the CAC meeting held on October 2, 2018.

9. APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES – Mr. Sheikh said the Board first adopted the District's Mission Statement, Vision Statement and a comprehensive suite of Core Values in October of 2006. He said together, these guide District actions by providing a solid foundation and framework for strategic decision-making and the conduct of the District's day-to-day business under the Board's direction. He said the most recent review was at the Governing Board Study Session in September 2018. During that meeting, the Board made several suggestions to amend and enhance the Mission Statement and Core Values, and directed staff to bring back proposed language to implement these suggestions at a future Board meeting. He reviewed the proposed changes with the Board and asked for their feedback.

Dr. Capitman said he missed the original conversation at the Study Session, and he agreed with the proposed additional language to Core Value number two, **seeking to improve the Valley's economic prosperity**. At the same time, he said he felt it was important to express a commitment to equal opportunity and growing opportunity for all Valley residents. He suggested further amending the proposed language to read **improve the Valley's economic prosperity and grow opportunities for all Valley residents**.

Supervisor Worthley said he felt staff captured the Board members' comments very well and that he had no objection to Dr. Capitman's suggestion because the idea of prosperity is one that is inclusive of all, which is the goal.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Couch, Fugazi, Olsen, Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to adopt the proposed amendments to the District's Mission Statement and Core Values, with the addition of Dr. Capitman's suggested language to Core Value number two.

10. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$37,998,890- IN STATE CAP AND TRADE FUNDING FOR TWO ZERO AND NEAR-ZERO EMISSIONS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS – Brian Dodds, Program Manager, said in July 2018 the District submitted two proposals to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in response to the highly competitive Zero and Near-Zero Emission Freight Facilities Program solicitation. He said this program is funded with a combination of Low Carbon Transportation funding as well as Trade Corridor Enhancement Account funds. CARB's goal under the Zero-and Near-Zero Emission Freight Facility Project solicitation is to support bold, transformative

emission reduction strategies that can be emulated throughout freight facilities statewide.

He announced that in September, 2018, the District was notified by CARB that its two proposals were selected for full funding under this solicitation for a total of \$37,998,890 and were the highest ranked proposals in the entire state.

Dr. Sherriffs commended staff and said \$38 million is a lot of money being spent in the Valley and supporting Valley businesses. He added this project in and of itself would help with the Valley's criteria pollutant issues and is clearly a model for ways to approach concerns about greenhouse gas emissions. He said these programs would also work well with the District's hot spot strategy, as it would be brilliant to run zero emission equipment in targeted areas. He said it was terrific to have the District's work recognized.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Wheeler

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Couch, Fugazi, Olsen, Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$37,998,890 in state funding for two zero and near-zero emissions demonstration programs

11. APPROVE ADMINISTRATION OF STATEWIDE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT, SCHOOL, AND SHUTTLE BUSES FUNDED BY VOLKSWAGEN MITIGATION TRUST – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, said CARB has been designated as the lead agency to act on behalf of the State of California in implementing California's allocation of the Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Trust, which provides approximately \$423 for California to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions caused by VW's use of illegal defeat devices in certain diesel vehicles.

He said based on the District's reputation for administering effective and efficient voluntary incentive programs, CARB has sought the District's assistance to administer \$130,000,000 in funding from the Mitigation Trust for the replacement of older, higher polluting transit, school and shuttle buses with cleaner technology over the next ten years. If approved by the Board, the District will work in collaboration with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to administer the other allocations of Mitigation Trust funding throughout California.

Mr. Sheikh recognized the Board's efforts on achieving this funding and all of the other funding, including FARMER and AB 134. He said staff has come to the

Board for approval of these funds several times over the last six months, and now there is another round of funding that will come available soon. He said the District is evaluating these funding sources collectively along with the new funding that has not yet been accepted or acknowledged in the District's budgeting process. He said staff did not want to piecemeal the staffing and resources necessary to administer these new funding programs, as one of the proud aspects of the District's zero based budgeting process is figuring out ways to streamline and absorb programs using existing staff where possible. He said the District is expecting significant new funding from the state in the next couple of months. At that time, the District intends to evaluate the staffing and resource needs necessary to be in a position to spend the money as soon as possible, as most have funding deadlines. He said the Board may also need to appoint an ad hoc subcommittee at that time to look at infrastructure/facility issues resulting from the growth of the District's Incentives Program.

Supervisor Worthley said these numbers are mind boggling when thinking about where the District started years ago. He highlighted the numbers in CARB's VW funding category allocations, noting that the category achieving the largest tons of NOx emission reductions was being funded at the lowest level. He said if CARB really wanted to clean up the air, then significant additional funding should have been put in the diesel combustion freight and marine category. He added that CARB could have fixed a lot of diesel problems in the Valley if they had put the money where it would get the most cost-effective emission reductions.

Supervisor Olsen said she was curious as to whether staff feels there would be a reason that an agency wouldn't apply for these funds. She asked if not, and an overabundance of applications were expected, how the applications would be ranked and how would the funds be allocated. Mr. DeYoung said funds are expected to be allocated on a first come, first-serve basis. He said he envisions that this program will be oversubscribed soon after being opened for applications. He said he felt there will be tremendous interest in these programs, particularly with the transit and school bus fleets. He said the only reason people may not want to apply is the program will require an investment in infrastructure that is going to be necessary and depending on the transit agency or school district, the funding amounts are substantial to help compensate for that necessary investment. He said he felt there are enough agencies out there that will be interested in this new technology and there shouldn't be a problem allocating this funding.

Supervisor Olsen said she was concerned because this is a statewide program, and typically school districts outside the Valley are more sophisticated and have more staffing, manpower and the ability to apply for grants more expeditiously than a lot of Valley agencies do. She said she would hate to see all of this money awarded outside of the Valley, when our air is arguably worse than any other area in the state. She asked if the District could more aggressively market and perhaps assist Valley agencies, especially in hot spot areas. Mr. Sheikh responded staff has seen a need to really work with local transit agencies and

school districts to get them to think about these types of programs. He said well ahead of the whole Volkswagen conversation, the District began an engagement to look at the level of interest in zero and near-zero technology in the Valley. He said they have made a lot of gains to get districts ready for these opportunities with heavy outreach. Supervisor Olsen suggested staff could create a one page flyer with information on these programs for Board members to distribute to their constituents.

Supervisor Wheeler asked about the statewide workgroup meetings. Mr. DeYoung responded they are a requirement under the grant, and they are supposed to be located in one of six regions throughout the state including one in the Valley. He said the purpose of these meetings is to get public input into the process of administering the grant. He said the air districts would travel together to these locations throughout the state to present on all five categories at the same time.

Supervisor Pareira asked if all of the grant requirements have already been set by CARB. Mr. DeYoung said there are certain requirements already locked in the plan, such as funding amounts, but some are not set in stone which is why the workgroup meetings were designed to seek public input. Supervisor Pareira said here in the Valley, often there are buses running that are not full. He suggested the program could allow the purchase of passenger vans, in addition to transit buses.

Dr. Sherriffs clarified the workgroup meetings will take place early in 2019. He said he would love to see all the money for all of the projects coming to the Valley but noted this is a statewide program and it was important to focus on implementing a successful program now to ensure more funding in the future.

Chairman Mendes clarified the six workgroup meetings would be scoping meetings and voiced support for Supervisor Pareira's suggestion to allow purchase of passenger vans in addition to transit buses.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Sherriffs

Seconded: Pedersen

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Couch, Fugazi, Olsen,
Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler,
Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve administration of statewide incentive program for transit, school, and shuttle buses funded by Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

12. PM2.5 PLAN UPDATE – Mr. Sheikh provided an update on the District’s progress at developing the new PM2.5 Plan for the Valley. He said this has been a huge endeavor over a couple of years putting together the plan while working together through extensive public engagement with all Valley stakeholders and taking in a lot of input to put together what has ultimately been proposed as our PM2.5 Plan to address three PM2.5 standards. He gave Board members an update and overview on the process to take the plan to the Board, CARB, and EPA for final approval.

Supervisor Pedersen said he was thinking about where the biggest challenge may come and asked what would happen if the Valley was unable to meet the standards due to a lack of available funding down the road. Mr. Sheikh responded there is always a risk, especially when you have ambitious goals like are in this plan. He added the process does not stop with plan adoption as there would be frequent and extensive reporting and checks on how the plan is progressing. He added once CARB commits to achieving those tons of NOx reductions, the commitment is there and they must meet the emissions reductions specified in the Plan. Supervisor Pedersen said it was important to understand what the risks are if someone fails in the process.

Supervisor Worthley clarified this is a State Implementation Plan (SIP), and they are as committed as the District to implementing this plan.

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

- Genevieve Gale, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition(CVAQ)
- Mark Rose, National Parks Conservatory
- Dolores Barajas-Weller, CVAQ
- Connie Young, CCL
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

13. SUMMARY OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF PM2.5 FILTER SAMPLES FROM THE BAKERSFIELD-PLANZ AIR MONITORING SITE – Jon Klassen, Program Manager, said as the San Joaquin Valley continues to plan and make progress towards attaining ever-tightening federal PM2.5 standards, the Bakersfield area has continued to record the peak fine particulate matter concentrations in the region, and has proven to be a challenge for PM2.5 air quality planning in the Valley. Despite major reductions in emissions throughout the Valley, the Bakersfield-Planz air monitoring site operated by CARB records some of the highest PM2.5 concentrations in the nation.

He said in light of this importance, on December 15, 2016, the Board authorized the District to retain analytical services for the evaluation of PM2.5 filter samples from the Bakersfield-Planz air monitoring site, with particular focus on evaluating the potential causes of an abnormally high reading of 167.3 µg/m³ recorded on May 5, 2013. Given the highly specialized nature of analytical work required under this study, the District contracted with the California Department of Public

Health's Environmental Health Laboratory (CDPH). CDPH has the specific and high precision equipment needed to complete the chemical speciation and particle sizing analysis for this project and also has experience conducting similar projects for other air agencies.

Mr. Sheikh reported that CDPH has now completed the study, and has concluded that the abnormally high PM2.5 reading recorded on May 5, 2013, at the Bakersfield-Planz site was caused by the air monitoring sampler being overwhelmed by larger particles during a high wind event, resulting in an erroneous recording that was unrepresentative of actual PM2.5 concentrations. An extremely large number of particles larger than PM2.5 bypassed the PM2.5-cut sampling mechanism and were deposited on the filter media, indicating some type of failure of sampling system. This failure resulted in the mass of these larger particles being measured as if they were PM2.5, causing an erroneous recording of PM2.5 concentration for the day.

Dr. Sherriffs said obviously CARB is interested seeing the District succeeding in attainment and protecting the SIP. He asked if there have been preliminary discussions in vetting the project with CARB staff and whether they are supportive of it. Mr. Klassen responded affirmatively, and said staff will send this report to CARB for their review.

Supervisor Worthley asked if CARB would be willing to reimburse the District for this study, as it took place at their air monitoring site. Mr. Sheikh responded that overall this has been a beneficial study and will serve to help convince CARB and EPA that this was an erroneous reading which should be excluded from the official data record. Mr. Sheikh added there are two main issues with the operation of the site, including the cleaning of the site due to a buildup of material that the wind could potentially push into the sampler. He said another issue is the frequency of collection of filter samples, and what happens when the collection is missed and can impact the District's design values. He said the District is discussing assuming operation of the site due to difficulties CARB has had in meeting the maintenance needs of the site. He said CARB is open to considering this change in operating responsibility of the site.

Supervisor Worthley asked if staff has thought about taking a portable monitor to that region, but not near the airport and run it concurrently at the same time to give a truer picture of the ambient air quality in that region. Supervisor Pedersen commented this is a prime example of the District's Mission Statement and Core Values at work.

Supervisor Pareira left at 10:41 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Sherriffs
Seconded: Reyes
Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Couch, Fugazi, Olsen,
Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Worthley, Mendes
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried receive and file the summary of laboratory analysis of PM2.5 filter samples from the Bakersfield-Planz air monitoring site.

14. AUTHORIZE USE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST WITH AB 617 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEES – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, said through implementation of the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program, new resources have been committed to the Valley to reduce air pollution, improve quality of life, and help the region meet its clean air objectives. Building on the Valley's clean air efforts and investments to date, the District will continue its work to better understand the concerns of the selected communities and identify additional opportunities for working together with local partners to further reduce air pollution and improve quality of life.

She said CARB announced on September 27, 2018, that two communities, South Central Fresno (including Calwa and Malaga) and the City of Shafter, would be the first Valley communities prioritized for investment of additional resources under AB 617, with additional communities to be selected under AB 617 in the coming years. This CARB action begins an extensive and quickly-developing process for the District to solicit feedback and ultimately prepare community emission reduction programs and monitoring plans for your Board's consideration and adoption within one year. As mandated in the legislation and as directed by the Board in September 2018, the District has announced the establishment of a consultative steering committee process for each selected community. Under AB 617, the District must hold the first steering committee meetings within 60 days of community identification by CARB.

She added that to ensure that this new and extensive community engagement process is successful and meets your Board's expectations, the use of services to assist the District may be necessary. Given the short timeframe under state law, District staff is seeking the Board's approval to contract with experienced service providers to assist in the facilitation of these steering committees and with community outreach and participation.

Mr. Sheikh said there is a bit of a void in required skills that would better move this process forward, including interpretation and facilitation of these meetings. He said having someone who would work closely with staff to run effective meetings is very important to the process, and there is funding available under AB 617 to pay for these services.

Dr. Sherriffs commented that these community meetings are a daunting task,

which has never been done before. He said we are recognizing the expertise at the community level and how that can guide the District in its work.

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

- Genevieve Gale, CVAQ

Supervisor Couch left at 11:07 a.m.

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Wheeler

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Fugazi, Olsen,
Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler,
Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to authorize use of service providers as necessary to assist with AB 617 Community Steering Committees

15. UPDATE ON CONTINGENCY MEASURES FOR THE 2016 PLAN FOR THE 2008 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD – Mr. Sheikh said the Board adopted the *2016 Plan for the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard (2016 Ozone Plan)* on June 16, 2016, with an attainment deadline of 2031. Shortly after this adoption, the September 2016 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Bahr v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Bahr decision)* determined that EPA had erred in approving an already-implemented contingency measure for the Maricopa County, Arizona nonattainment area. In response, EPA has now directed that contingency measures must include a future action to be triggered only if and when EPA makes a finding that an area fails to satisfy a regulatory requirement necessitating implementation of a contingency measure. Prior to this decision, EPA guidance had allowed areas to fulfill contingency measure requirements by demonstrating that implementation of the ongoing control programs provided extra emission reductions into the future. Since the *Bahr* decision only affects states in the Ninth Circuit, the rest of the country still follows EPA's original policy.

To address this new interpretation, EPA has requested that CARB and the District provide additional contingency measures with trigger mechanisms for the *2016 Ozone Plan* in order to make the plan approvable. Based on review of potential measures, District staff is recommending a contingency measure that, if triggered, would remove the exemption in District Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) for coatings sold in small containers (volume of one liter or less) for specific categories of coatings. The removal of the exemption would only be triggered should EPA issue a final rulemaking that the Valley failed to meet a regulatory requirement necessitating implementation of a contingency measure.

He asked the Board to consider approval of the initiation of the process to amend District Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) as feasible to add a contingency measure for the 2016 Ozone Plan that, if triggered, would remove the exemption for small containers of specific categories of coatings. He added that any regulatory amendments would be brought to the Board for consideration and approval at a future hearing.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Pedersen

Ayes: Ayers, Bessinger, Capitman, Fugazi, Olsen,
Pareira, Pedersen, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler,
Worthley, Mendes

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to consider approval of the initiation of the process to amend District rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) as feasible to add a contingency measure for the 2016 Ozone Plan that, if triggered, would remove the exemption for small containers of specific categories of coatings.

16. APPOINT AD HOC GOVERNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2019 GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

– Mr. Sheikh said consistent with the Governing Board Officer Selection Policies, the Board needs to appoint an Ad Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee to nominate candidates for the 2019 Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair. He added in appointing the Ad Hoc Governing Board Office Nomination Subcommittee, the Board may wish to direct the Subcommittee to consider one or more of the following District priorities in evaluating nominees and recommending one candidate each for Chair and Vice Chair:

- Completing the PM2.5 plan and seeking approval from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Air Resources Board
- Working with Valley residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to develop new regulatory and incentive-based strategies included in the new PM2.5 plan
- Work with the communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter to develop and implement Community Emission Reduction Plans and Monitoring Plans as mandated under AB 617
- Evaluation and nomination of AB 617 Year 2 communities for consideration by the state Air Resources Board
- Development and implementation of incentive program spending plan taking advantage of the new funding under the recently enacted Cap and Trade extension legislation, in accordance with the needs expressed in the District's attainment plans

- Advocacy at the state and federal level for additional funding required to implement incentive-based strategies to expedite reductions in emissions and facilitate timely attainment of the federal standards
- Work with cities and counties throughout the Valley to integrate District's clean air objectives with state climate change mandates, facilitate greater participation by municipalities in District grant programs, and forge alliances to advocate for the Valley's needs at the state and federal level

Chairman Mendes said it was convenient for him to be located near the District office to sign documents and meet with staff when necessary and volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Board for another year and noted Supervisor Worthley would be retiring at the end of the year, so a new Vice Chair would be needed. He appointed Supervisor Couch, Councilmember Reyes, Dr. Capitman, Supervisor Pareira, Councilmember Fugazi, and himself to serve on the Ad Hoc Governing Board Nomination Subcommittee.

17. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES - Dr. Sherriffs reported on highlights from the Air Resources Board meetings of September 27 and 28, 2018, including:

- The Board approved the program requirements to implement community monitoring, community emission reduction programs, and community selection guidelines contained in the proposed Community Air Protection Blueprint for implementing AB 617. After receiving significant public comment during the meeting, the Board made minor changes to the proposed Blueprint.
- The Board adopted amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulation to extend it through 2030. The proposed amendments look to increase deployment of zero-emission vehicles and adopt a credit generating protocol for carbon capture and sequestration, among other changes. The Board also adopted amendments to the Alternative Diesel Fuels regulation based on a supplemental environmental analysis related to the mitigation of NOx emission increases caused by the regulation.
- The Board considered the new proposed Innovative Clean Transit Regulation that would require California transit agencies to gradually transition their buses to zero-emission technologies while enhancing services.

18. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sheikh said staff is working to put together a report on ozone air quality over the past year. He said he was happy to report the Valley has continued to see ozone air quality improvements, experiencing a record year as far as ozone progress and said it is looking like our design value is the lowest the Valley has ever seen. The Valley has had the lowest number of exceedance days for both the 84 ppb and 75 ppb standards which is notable considering the significant wildfire emissions and impacts. He

said staff is planning to bring a comprehensive report to the Board later this year, which is consistent with the District's Core Value that was just adopted to make sure the public is aware of all of the air quality improvements that come about with all of the investments that are being made.

19. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilmember Fugazi thanked District staff and Valley Clean Air Now for an upcoming Tune In Tune Up event in Stockton, and said there would be a “Ride and Drive EV” concurrent with the emissions testing for residents to test drive electric vehicles onsite. She said she is excited for that event and that Mr. Sheikh would be attending as well. She invited all of the Board members to attend. Chairman Mendes commented that he saw a video of Councilmember Fugazi promoting the event and complimented her great energy and enthusiasm.

Councilmember Reyes mentioned that there are now 2 electric buses on the road in Porterville from Green Power Motor Company, with help from CARB and the District. He said it is great to see the logo on the side of the buses and said they are expecting more buses by the end of the year. He mentioned there is an additional project underway for additional EV charging infrastructure for the buses in cooperation with Southern California Edison, to the tune of three quarters of a million dollars of funding. He said these types of projects are possible for every city in the Valley and encouraged all to look into these programs.

ADJOURN

The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: November 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.