# 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, June 18, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Meeting held via Zoom Webinar and video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with the California Department of Public Health's recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, no physical location was provided for public attendance.

- 1. <u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</u> The Chair, Supervisor Pedersen, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

#### Present:

Drew M. Bessinger, Mayor
David Couch, Supervisor
Kuyler Crocker, Supervisor
Bob Elliott, Supervisor
Christina Fugazi, Councilmember
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor
Lloyd Pareira, Supervisor, Vice Chair
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor, Chair
Alvaro Preciado, Councilmember
Monte Reyes, Councilmember
Dr. Alexander Sherriffs
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor
Chris Vierra, Mayor

City of Clovis
Kern County
Tulare County
San Joaquin County
City of Stockton
Fresno County
Merced County
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Absent:

Kristin Olsen, Supervisor

Stanislaus County

City of Ceres

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR Item Numbers (21 25)</u>: 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.

- 21. <u>APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING: REVIEW OF 2020-21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020</u>
- 22. <u>APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN</u>
  <u>VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING</u>
  BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020
- 23. <u>RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2020</u>
- 24. <u>RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATIONS STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR MAY</u> 2020
- 25. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS MAY 31, 2020

Public Comment: None

Moved: Bessinger Seconded: Crocker

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

# Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 21 – 25

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT The following persons commented on this item:
  - Don Gaede, M.D., Fresno Madera Medical Society
- 6. ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2020-21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Sheikh said this was the second public hearing required by law to adopt the District's 2020-21 Recommended Budget, which was prepared with guidance and oversight by the Board's Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee. He said on May 21, 2020, the Board held a public hearing for the exclusive purpose of reviewing the Recommended Budget and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. The Board established this meeting for considering adoption of the Recommended Budget. He said based on positive feedback received from the Board, staff recommended adoption of the Recommended Budget today. Mr. Sheikh also thanked the Governing Board Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee members including Supervisor Pedersen, Supervisor Pareira, Supervisor Wheeler, Mayor Bessinger and Councilmember Preciado for their guidance with the Recommended Budget.

### Public Comment – None

Moved: Wheeler Seconded: Mendes

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira

Preciado, Reves, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

- 7. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES Kelly Deming, CAC Vice Chair, provided the Board with an update on the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held on June 2, 2020.
- 8. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$6,865,564 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND YARD TRUCKS Brian Clements, Program Manager, advised the Board that on February 25, 2020, the District submitted three proposals to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in response to the highly competitive Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) fiscal year 2020 National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. The three proposals focused on zero-emission battery electric yard trucks, Tier 4 agricultural tractors, and ultra-low-NOx heavy-duty trucks, respectively.

On May 22, 2020, EPA informed the District that two of the three proposals were selected for funding, with the District's projects ranking as the top proposals in Region 9. The District's yard truck replacement proposal was selected for funding in the amount of \$3,615,564; and the agricultural tractor replacement proposal was selected for funding in the amount of \$3,250,000. Approval of today's recommendations to accept and appropriate the new funding will increase the District's 2020-21 Budget by \$6,865,564 and authorize staff to use the existing District incentive program guidelines to administer these two DERA grants.

Supervisor Mendes asked how many tractors were in the queue waiting for funding. Mr. Clements responded approximately two thousand. Supervisor Mendes pointed out that while this new funding is much appreciated, it is a drop in the bucket compared to the overall need.

Dr. Sherriffs said we can take a great deal of pride in the quality of the District's submissions. He said 85 tractors may be a drop in the bucket, but it is a step in the right direction. He asked about how the District evaluates geographic distribution and how projects will impact hot spots and disadvantaged communities when making project selections. He also asked that future presentations clarify whether the emissions reductions are tons per year or per lifetime of the program. Mr. Sheikh said the figures presented referred to total tons over the life of the projects. He clarified that the funds would be distributed Valley wide through the District's existing Tractor Replacement program, which has several priorities that have been established based on the funding source

and variety of Board directions that staff have received over the years on how to implement that particular program. He said as those projects are evaluated and funded, staff are always looking at questions like whether the projects will benefit low-income, disadvantaged communities using either the CalEnviroScreen or other tools that are part of the framework of the funding streams that the District receives.

Supervisor Elliott congratulated staff on submitting excellent applications, which were ranked number 1, 2, and 3 in the region. He asked, based on the District receiving awards in 2 of the 3 categories, if that set the District up for an inside foot in the door for subsequent awards in the 3rd category. Mr. Sheikh responded the funding amount is never enough for the District as we go out and seek additional funding. He added based on the strength of the truck proposal, staff is seeking additional federal funding. One of the areas they are pushing hard right now is the Targeted Airshed grant program, which the District was instrumental in establishing at the federal level. He said it was currently funded at the highest level we have ever seen. He said staff have submitted some very strong proposals in that process which includes funding for truck replacement projects. He said staff have not seen those awards announced yet, but they anticipate they will be announced very soon and the District will have a lot of success. He added hopefully staff will come back to the Board at their next meeting with some good news to report on that front as well. Supervisor Elliott responded to staff to keep up the great work.

Chairman Pedersen commented that during the District's annual lobbying trips to Washington, D.C., staff and the Board always work hard on DERA and Targeted Airshed funding. e said this funding is also being discussed by multiple agencies at the National Association of Counties' Annual Meeting. He gave kudos to staff for taking quick action on turning around contracts based on feedback he has received from his community.

Public Comment – The following persons commented on this item:

- Priscilla Rodriguez, Western Ag Processors Association and California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

Moved: Mendes Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$6,865,564 in additional revenue from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the replacement of agricultural tractors and yard trucks

9. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$1,402,471 IN CARL MOYER STATE RESERVE PROJECT FUNDING – Mr. Sheikh said the Carl Moyer Program provides grant funding for voluntary incentive programs aimed at accelerating the deployment of clean air technologies. While CARB is responsible for developing the Moyer Program Guidelines, the participating California air pollution control districts and air quality management districts are in charge of administering the program. Each year, the District has historically received between \$9 million and \$10 million in funding from this important program. The California Health and Safety Code also gives CARB the authority to reserve up to 10% of Carl Moyer Program funding to directly fund Moyer-eligible projects (State Reserve Project Funding).

He said for Fiscal Year 2020-21, CARB has allocated \$9.4 million in available State Reserve Project Funding for all Carl Moyer-eligible project categories. This year, the District was awarded \$1,402,471.00 in Moyer State Reserve Project Funding. The District will utilize this funding for the replacement of Moyer-eligible on-road heavy-duty trucks in the San Joaquin Valley through the District's existing Truck Replacement Program.

Public Comment - None

Moved: Fugazi Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reves, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to accept and appropriate \$1,402,471 in Carl Moyer State Reserve Project funding

10. ADOPT PROPOSED 2020 REASONABLY AVAILABLE CONTROL
TECHNOLOGY (RACT) DEMONSTRATION AND EMISSIONS STATEMENT
PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FOR THE 2015 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD —
Jessica Coria, Program Manager, reported that through the adoption of effective and efficient air quality strategies over the past several decades, emissions in the Valley have been significantly reduced, resulting in air quality benefits throughout the Valley. Despite substantial progress made to improve air quality in the Valley through the implementation of existing plans and clean air investments by Valley businesses and residents, the Valley continues to experience unique and significant air quality challenges in attaining EPA's increasingly stringent air quality standards.

On October 1, 2015, EPA strengthened the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-level ozone to 70 parts per billion (ppb). The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin is classified as an "extreme" ozone nonattainment area. As a result, the District is mandated by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to prepare a demonstration that shows that reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements are being implemented for all applicable emission sources.

Additionally, the District must review the existing emissions reporting program (implemented through District Rule 1160 – Emission Statements) to determine if the existing rule implements EPA requirements under the 2015 ozone standard.

The proposed 2020 RACT Demonstration fulfills CAA requirements and demonstrates that all federal RACT requirements continue to be satisfied in the Valley. District staff are also proposing to certify that the existing provisions of Rule 1160 meet the emissions statement requirements of the CAA through the submission of the proposed Emissions Statement Program Certification.

Chairman Pedersen said the District has developed a number of these plans now and asked what this is going to cost to implement these plans over the next few years. Mr. Sheikh responded there is a range of potential costs, but said there is a large cost associated with achieving the very big reductions that are often called for in these plans.

Public Comment – The following persons commented on this item:

Janet Dietz Kamei, Fresno Resident

Dr. Sherriffs said this was very challenging but the goals are not arbitrary. They are driven by refinement of our understanding of the health effects and the health benefits of the work that we do. He said our engagement continues to be critical to work towards these really health-driven goals. He thanked Board members, the public and stakeholders for their efforts in this because it makes a difference in the lives of residents.

Moved: Sherriffs Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reves, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to adopt proposed 2020 RACT Demonstrations and Emissions Statement Certificate for 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard

- 11. <u>UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19</u> Mr. Sheikh gave an update on the District's proactive approach in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic based on directives, guidelines, and recommendations from local, state, and federal officials.
  - Dr. Sherriffs said he really appreciates staff diving into this and thinking more broadly about the lessons learned and how we can benefit from those lessons to do things differently in the future. He said this was intriguing because clearly the reduction in mobile source emissions is critical to air quality and health progress in the Valley. He said dramatic expansion of telework has given us a very different perspective about reducing vehicle miles traveled. He said the District

needs to even more innovative in focusing and encouraging businesses to retain high levels of telework.

Supervisor Mendes said this whole process has been a great stress test. It doesn't matter what industry or government agency you are in, what matters is how good is your IT department. He said the District's transition was pretty seamless, which shows how strong the IT department is and gave his kudos to the team for the great work.

Public Comment: The following persons commented on this item:

- Janet Dietz-Kamei, Fresno Resident
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby
- 12. <u>APPROVE THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TUNE IN TUNE UP VEHICLE REPAIR PROGRAM</u> Brian Dodds, Program Manager, presented this item which asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director/APCO to execute an agreement with Valley Clean Air Now for \$5,000,000 for the continued implementation of the District's Tune In Tune Up vehicle repair program.

Mr. Sheikh thanked the Board members for their continued support this program. Specifically, he thanked Mayor Bessinger and Councilmember Fugazi who have been active in working with the District to develop new options to continue operating the program under the restrictions put in place in response to COVID-19.

Mayor Bessinger said of all the programs at the District, he feels this is the one that has the most direct benefit to members of our community who are struggling financially. He said during his law enforcement career he has pulled over numerous vehicles for excessive smoke or expired registration. Most of the time, he said the reason the registration has expired it because the vehicle would not pass a smog test. He said it was the difference between getting their vehicle fixed, which this program allows them to do, or not being able to go to work and make money to feed their families. He said this is one of those no brainer, major benefit situations that really benefits residents who struggle financially and he supports anything the Board can do to continue this program.

Dr. Sherriffs said supports continuing to operate and enhance this program. He added it was a great example of the District's making adjustments in response to the COVID-19 situation. He said he looked forward to the collection of data because it sounded like we want to continue this new option and it is very important to understand the cost of this compared to putting on a weekend event.

Councilmember Fugazi said this program has absolutely been a godsend to many people. She said an entire family in her jurisdiction was able to take advantage of this program and get their vehicles fixed. They commented on the ease of using the online option and were very appreciative. She also mentioned the numerous benefits of the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program, and said many people in our Spanish speaking population were taking advantage of this program thanks to a bilingual auto dealership located in downtown Stockton that is helping residents navigate this program. She said if our goal is trying to clean up our air, this is one of the best mechanisms we have to get those gross polluting vehicles either off the road or repaired and back on the road.

Public Comment - None

Moved: Fugazi Seconded: Wheeler

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Wheeler, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the continued implementation of the Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair program

13. <u>UPDATE ON 2018 PLAN FOR THE 1997, 2006, AND 2012 PM2.5 STANDARDS</u>

– Jon Klassen, Director of Strategies and Incentives, provided the Board members an update on the status of the District's 2018 Plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM2.5 Standards.

Supervisor Crocker asked if staff was concerned that a final ruling might not be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Mr. Sheikh responded it was more of just understanding it was a possibility. He added, five years ago, the District was in a very similar position and had a plan that staff and the Board put together and submitted to EPA. He said they proposed approval, including an extension request and at that time EPA did not finalize their proposed action. This plan now has a 5% plan for that standard and addresses the issues that were related to that plan.

Supervisor Elliott commented on the District's experience a few years ago when no action was taken, which immediately put the Valley in non-compliance. He asked what staff is hearing from EPA this time. Mr. Sheikh responded that staff is hearing that they have proposed approval of the District's plan. Supervisor Elliott recommended staff remind them that we have been through this before and would like to continue close cooperation and collaboration to get this plan across the finish line. Mr. Sheik responded affirmatively and said there is no shortage of reminders and highlighting the importance of the approval of this plan.

Chairman Pedersen said while there another option if EPA does not ultimately approve the plan, the concern is the perception that people may have if EPA does not approve the plan. He said he just wanted to make sure the reflection of that isn't that the Board and staff did not do what was required of them. Mr. Sheikh said the Board has absolutely been active and bold in putting together a set of measures which are captured in this 2018 PM2.5 plan. The plan includes

an aggressive strategy that includes a lot of innovative actions to reduce emissions. One such measure was the enhancements to the District's residential wood burning rule and incentive program, which the Board adopted in June of 2019.

Public Comment: The following persons commented on this item:

• Janet Dietz-Kamei, Fresno Resident

Supervisor Wheeler left at 11:15 a.m.

14. REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE DRAFT "2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY" – Mr. Sheikh said the purpose of the District's Annual Report is to provide Valley residents with a detailed accounting of all of the work that this agency does over the preceding year. He said this report is really intended to capture an easier to understand format. He said it has been very well received in the past by stakeholders. And it's a really important outreach tool that we not only post on online, but we also have copies available upon request that we distribute every year and are happy to do so.

Mr. Sheikh thanked Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer and her team for putting together this very well done report. He reviewed the District's draft 2019-20 Annual Report to the Community with the Board and asked for feedback from Board members.

Public Comments: The following person commented on this item:

- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby
- 15. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR OUTREACH AND MARKETING AGENCY SERVICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, presented this item which asked the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Archer & Hound to implement comprehensive public education and outreach campaigns for key District programs including, but not limited to, the Healthy Air Living Program, Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) outreach, the Residential Wood-burning Curtailment Program and outreach related to the promotion of various grants and incentives.

Mayor Bessinger asked if the District does outreach in Punjabi to the large trucking community in the Valley. Ms. Holt responded the District generally conducts outreach in both English and Spanish, and also does targeted outreach in other languages including both Hmong and Punjabi when warranted. She said they also use a local Punjabi radio station that is listened to by a lot of the truckers when they are on the road. Mayor Bessinger said that anyone who is familiar with the trucking community realizes there is an increasingly large Sikh presence in the community.

Dr. Sherriffs asked Ms. Holt to comment a little more on how COVID-19 has changed the District's outreach efforts and what staff has learned that will help them going forward in terms of any new avenues. Ms. Holt said there are basically two different components to outreach in COVID-19. She said the District has a better opportunity to reach people because we know what they are doing and they are at home on screens. She said the method has been easier to track and see what people are up to, and the messaging has changed a little bit.

Ms. Holt said the best example is that the Valley is going into wildfire season right now, and one of the big conversation topics are the masks that everyone is being required to wear to protect against COVID-19, which are not the same masks that protect against wildfire smoke. She said there are a variety of different messages that the District is now incorporating into our overall air quality strategy that do take into account COVID-19 and things that people are already doing. She noted that Supervisor Couch and the Kern COG have been working with the District to encourage more teleworking, even hopefully a year from now when COVID-19 is no longer something that is forcing people to telework. She said staff is working on some strategies to roll out to incorporate a little bit more of that messaging as the District moves forward with its summer campaign.

Public Comment: The following person commented on this item:

- Janet Dietz Kamei, Fresno Resident
- Cynthia Pinto, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ)
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby

Moved: Mendes Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve contract for outreach and marketing agency services for comprehensive public education and outreach

16. <u>UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT SYSTEM</u> – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided Board members with an overview of the California Air Resources Board's final report on their review of the District's Emission Reduction Credit System.

Mr. Sheikh highlighted the CARB Board meeting scheduled for the following week and said he planned on providing comments at that meeting. He highlighted the importance of the local process commitments that the District has made to look at some of these opportunities and recommendations that came out

of the CARB report. He added District staff always strive for ways to enhance transparency and continuously improve programs. He said often with these reviews, the focus is only on the recommendations which do not generally focus on the strengths of the program. He also reiterated that this is in the review is in the context of a very strong regulatory program.

Dr. Sherriffs reinforced Mr. Sheikh's comments that some very important local District steps have come out of this collaboration, and some important commitments. He added that is why it is so important in terms of the transparency. He said development is important to making this more digestible to the public in terms of the public's confidence and trust in this process has been pointed out. He said it can be very murky when feeling like you really have to be an air quality professional to get through this and the commitment to more rigor in this is very important because our reputation is at stake and this is very important.

Dr. Sherriffs asked if the District is unable to demonstrate equivalency and ERCs are valued at their time of use, did that only apply to ERCs moving forward or is it built into the system that it is retroactive. Mr. Lambert responded that, if the system was unable to demonstrate equivalency, all projects finalized after the point would only be able to utilize ERCs valued at time of use. This means that ERCs previously banked would need to be re-valued and would only be able to be used as offsets for new projects if they continue to have time of use value at the time the project was finalized.

Supervisor Pareira thanked Dr. Sherriffs for his comments and encouraged him to advocate for the District at the state level. Chairman Pedersen said local process and development of the program was important.

Public Comment: The following persons commented on this item:

- Cynthia Pinto, CVAQ
- Christine Zimmerman, Western States Petroleum Association
- 17. <u>AUTHORIZE USE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT AB 617 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u> Mr. Sheikh presented this item and recommended the Board to authorize Executive Director/APCO to enter into agreements with expert service providers to assist in ensuring an inclusive, balanced, and effective public engagement process under AB 617.

Public Comment: The following persons commented on this item:

Janet Dietz Kamei, Fresno Resident

Councilmember Fugazi said Stockton has had an amazing turnout with anywhere from 80 to 100 people participating online. Knowing we have individuals who are hearing impaired or Spanish speaking, these are services that we need to

provide if we truly want to have public input on what is going to work in our community.

Moved: Fugazi Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Couch, Crocker, Elliott, Fugazi, Mendes, Pareira,

Preciado, Reyes, Sherriffs, Vierra, Pedersen

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to authorize use of service providers as necessary to support AB 617 community engagement

- 18. <u>VERBAL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES</u> Dr. Sherriffs reported on California Air Resources Board meeting held on May 28, 2020, along with a list of upcoming matters before CARB.
- 19. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS</u> Mr. Sheikh reminded the Board that we are dark in July and the next Board meeting will take place on August 20, 2020. He said staff would issue a press release on the start of wildfire season and hope for the best in terms of where we are this summer.
- 20. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS Dr. Sherriffs said in relation to COVID-19, everyone has to be safe and it was great seeing the attention to distancing and mask wearing at the meeting. He said we are far from normal as hospitalizations are increasing in Fresno County. He added that as we work to open up, this clearly does not mean a return to normal. Opening up is using what we learned in the past 3 or 4 months to more safely venture beyond our sheltering in place. He said while wearing a mask may not be comfortable, it is one of the important ways to protect ourselves and in many ways, more importantly, it is how we protect the people around us. He said it bears repeating because we need to continue to be vigilant. He reiterated the need to wash and sanitize your hands. Lastly, he gave kudos to the leadership the District has shown and responding to COVID-19 with all of the conflicting recommendations across the jurisdictions we serve.

### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Pedersen adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

NO MEETING IN JULY. The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: <u>Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.</u>. 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.