

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

**August 18, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m.**

***Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with public health recommendations and Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast.***

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Chair, Vito Chiesa, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

*Present:*

Drew M. Bessinger, Councilmember	City of Clovis
Vito Chiesa, Supervisor, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Stanislaus County
David Couch, Supervisor*	Kern County
Christina Fugazi, Vice Mayor	City of Stockton
Deborah Lewis, Councilmember	City of Los Banos
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor	Fresno County
Tania Pacheco-Werner, Ph.D.**	Appointed by Governor
Lloyd Pareira, Supervisor	Merced County
Alvaro Preciado, Mayor	City of Avenal
Robert Rickman, Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Alexander Sherriffs, M.D.	Appointed by Governor
Amy Shuklian, Supervisor***	Tulare County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor	Madera County

*Absent:*

Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
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\*arrived at 9:30 a.m.

\*\*arrived at 9:09 a.m.

\*\*\*arrived at 9:57 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Numbers (17 - 23):

17. ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND DISTRICT REMOTE TELECONFERENCE UPDATE
18. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING REVIEW OF 2022-23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET OF THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
19. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
20. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2022
21. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATIONS STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR MAY 2022
22. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF MAY 31, 2022
23. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH PRICE, PAIGE & COMPANY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

Public Comment: None

Moved: Pareira  
Seconded: Mendes  
Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Fugazi, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Preciado, Rickman, Sherriffs, Wheeler  
Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar (Items 17-23).***

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following individuals provided public comments at this meeting:*

- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League (NFL)
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)
- Veronica Aguirre, resident
- Janet Dietzkamei, resident

5. APPOINT VICE-CHAIR – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, reported that consistent with the Governing Board Officer Selection Policies, Supervisor Chiesa has assumed the office of Chair for the remainder of the year due to the

departure of Monte Reyes. This has created a vacancy in the office of Vice Chair. Supervisor Chiesa recommended that former Chair, Supervisor Mendes, be elected to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of the year.

*Moved:* Pareira  
*Seconded:* Wheeler  
*Ayes:* Bessinger, Chiesa, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner,  
Pareira, Preciado, Rickman, Sherriffs, Wheeler  
*Nays:* None

*Lewis arrived at 9:15 a.m.*

***Motion unanimously carried to appoint Supervisor Mendes as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year.***

6. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES– Manuel Cunha, Citizens Advisory Committee Chair, reported on activities from the CAC and thanked those who assisted with CAC membership.

Public Comment: None

7. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect) – Chenecua Dixon, Director of Personnel, recognized the following staff members for reaching a service milestone during the second quarter of 2022:

**Five Years of Service**

Michael Haire, Air Quality Instrument Specialist  
Seth Lane, Program Manager

**Ten Years of Service**

Ana Stone, Air Quality Education Representative Bilingual

**Fifteen Years of Service**

Janet Goode, Air Quality Inspector  
Tina Frederick, Air Quality Inspector

**Twenty Years of Service**

Charlene Cano, Air Quality Specialist  
James Harader, Supervising Air Quality Engineer

**Thirty Years of Service**

Fred Cruz, Air Quality Engineer

8. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FISCAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT – Ryan Buchanan, Controller, presented the results of the California Department of Finance fiscal compliance audit of the District. The audit covered approximately 500 million dollars of funding across 8 air pollution

reduction programs over a ten year period. The audit was a clean audit with no deficiencies.

Dr. Sherriff's recognized staff and the finance team for the audit which he said speaks to the District's transparency and established public trust.

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

- Chris McGlothlin, CA Cotton Ginners and Growers Association; Western Ag Processors Association (CCGGAWAPA)
- Manuel Cunha, NFL

Moved: Pareira

Seconded: Mendes

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Couch, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Rickman, Preciado, Sherriffs, Wheeler

Nays: None

*Couch arrived at 9:30 a.m.*

***Motion unanimously carried to receive and file the California Department of Finance Fiscal Compliance Audit.***

9. APPROVE PROJECT PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS WITHIN AB 617 COMMUNITIES OF SHAFTER AND STOCKTON  
- Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants & Incentives, presented this item seeking the Board's approval for several project plans for the implementation of incentive programs within the Shafter and Stockton AB 617 communities. The Board previously adopted Community Emission Reduction Programs that dedicated funding for a variety of measures aimed to reduce air pollution within these AB617 communities. The Shafter CERP includes road, sidewalk and bike lane improvements, and transit vehicle replacement measures. The Stockton CERP includes a car share program measure.

Mr. Pareira inquired about the length of time the District can subsidize the cost of the car sharing program. Mr. DeYoung stated the program would be funded for a minimum of 2 years and committed to continuously monitoring the effectiveness of the program.

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

- Esperanza Vielma, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water; AB617 Stockton Community Steering Committee (CSC)
- Mary Valgo, resident
- Sandy Pavin, Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin
- Alexa Kolosky, AB617 Shafter CSC
- Gustavo Aguirre Jr., Central California Environmental Justice Network; AB617 Shafter CSC
- Janet Dietzkamei, resident

- Cynthia Pinto-Cabrera, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ)
- Michele McManus, resident
- Destiny Rivas, San Joaquin Urban Native Council
- Lynda Martin, AB617 Shafter CSC
- Steve Esselman, City of Shafter Planning Director
- Veronica Aguirre, Healthy Environment of All Lives

Moved: Fugazi

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Couch, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Preciado, Rickman, Sherriffs, Shuklian, Wheeler

Nays: None

Shuklian arrived at 9:30 a.m.

***Motion unanimously carried to (1) approve, consistent with District Board and CARB-approved CERPs, project plans for implementation a Car Share Program within the Stockton AB 617 community, a Road, Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvements within the Shafter AB 617 community, and a Transit Vehicle Replacement within the Shafter AB 617 community; (2) authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to execute agreements necessary for successful implementation of the programs; and (3) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to make administrative changes to the programs as necessary to ensure successful implementation of the programs.***

11. ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$12,900,000 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS WITH ZERO AND NEAR-ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGY – Todd DeYoung presented this item and recommended the Board accept and appropriate \$12.9 million in state funding for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero and near-zero emission technology through the District’s existing Truck Replacement Program.

While supporting the item, Supervisor Mendes expressed some concern for small trucking companies.

Dr. Sherriffs also expressed some concerns for the small truckers as well, but mentioned that this might allow for cleaner trucks being made available in the used truck market and another benefit would be additionally furthering the new technology.

Mr. Pareira asked if trading older trucks for newer trucks was still permitted along with trading in non-compliant trucks. Mr. DeYoung responded that trucks that are beyond their compliance deadline do not qualify under the current incentive program guidelines. Mr. Pareira recommended having a conversation with CARB

suggesting a trucker being able to trade up to a 2013, 2014, or 2015 model on a temporary basis until we are past the current issues they are facing.

Dr. Pacheco-Warner suggested it would be important for the Board to understand what the current numbers and data are communicating and suggested the District gather the current information from the State and CARB regarding this topic.

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

- Manuel Cunha, NFL
- Chris McGlothlin, CCGGA/WAPA
- Cynthia Pinto-Cabrera, CVAQ
- Janet Dietzkamei, CCL
- Guy Roger, Argo Chemical

Moved: Mendes

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira,  
Preciado, Rickman, Sherriffs, Shuklian, Wheeler

Nays: None

Bessinger left at 10:30 a.m.

Fugazi left at 10:33 a.m.

***Motion unanimously carried to (1) accept \$12,900,000 from the California Air Resources Board for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero and near-zero emission technology to be utilized in the District's existing Truck Replacement Program; and (2) approve Budget Resolution 22-08-10 to amend the 2022-23 District Budget to appropriate \$12,900,000 in additional revenue.***

10. UPDATE ON PLANNING EFFORTS FOR FEDERAL PARTICULATE MATTER AND OZONE STANDARDS – Jessi Fierro, Director of Planning, presented an update on District planning efforts underway to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act for particulate matter and ozone standards.

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

- Cynthia Pinto-Cabrera, CVAQ
- Janet Dietzkamei, resident

12. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT ON DISTRICT'S INDIRECT SOURCE REVIEW PROGRAM – Brian Clements, Director of Permit Services, presented the Board with the 2022 Annual Report on the District's Indirect Source Review Program.

Public comment: *The following person commented on this item:*

- Cynthia Pinto-Cabrera, CVAQ

Moved: Pareira  
Seconded: Mendes  
Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Lewis, Mendes, Pareira, Preciado, Rickman,  
Sherriffs, Shuklian, Wheeler  
Nays: None

*Pacheco-Werner left at approximately 11:30 a.m.*

***Motion unanimously carried to receive and file the 2022 Annual Report on the District's Indirect Source Review Program.***

13. APPROVE AMENDED EMISSION REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH KERN COUNTY TO OFFSET EMISSIONS FROM COUNTY-PERMITTED OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES – Morgan Lambert, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, presented the item. He recommended the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amended Oil and Gas Emission Reduction Agreement with the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Couch thanked Samir, the District staff, and Kern County staff for their work on this item.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Wheeler  
Seconded: Couch  
Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Lewis, Mendes, Pareira, Preciado, Rickman,  
Sherriffs, Shuklian, Wheeler  
Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amended Oil and Gas Emission Reduction Agreement with the Kern County Board of Supervisors.***

14. VERBAL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) ACTIVITIES – On behalf of Dr. Pacheco-Werner, Samir Sheikh reminded the Board of the detailed information in their packet.
15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh congratulated Dr. Pacheco-Werner on recently being reappointed by the Senate to the District Board, he thanked Chair Chiesa and Dr. Pacheco-Werner for their recent joint op-ed, and reminded the Board of the upcoming study session on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he mentioned the President signed the Inflation Reduction Act that includes a lot of funding and anticipates bringing an update to the Board at a future meeting.

16. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Preciado thanked the community members, businesses, and staff for the comments and work that make the community better.

Ms. Lewis gave recognition to Jaime Holt for her work at recent community events, mentioning specifically an event in Gustine and an upcoming meeting in Atwater on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Chiesa echoed Ms. Lewis' comments and encouraged others to get the message out of all the work being done.

**ADJOURN**

*Chair Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, September 15, 2022. 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 Zoom audio and video teleconference (VTC).*