

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

December 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with public health recommendations and Assembly Bill 361, no physical location was provided for public attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Kevin Abernathy, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – was taken and a quorum was present to take action.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts / EIG (P)	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	VTC
	Dennis Tristao / CIG (P)	VTC
Madera	Brittney Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Kevin Abernathy / EIG (P)	VTC
	Paul Ward / CIG (P)	VTC
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	VTC
Stanislaus	Chris Savage / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	VTC
	Thomas Helme / EIG (A)	VTC
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC

** (P) = Primary, (A) = Alternate, IAIG = Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG = Environmental Interest Group, CIG = City Interest Group*

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2021 – Chairman Abernathy asked for member comments and corrections to the minutes from October 5, 2021. Hearing none, he deemed the minutes approved.

Public Comments - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, provided the CAC members with an update on the following items:

- The annual residential wood burning curtailment season began November 1st. As part of the District's comprehensive Residential Wood Smoke Reduction program, in the winter months the District prohibits wood burning on days with conditions that are conducive to the formation of poor air quality. As part of the strategy, the District also operates a successful incentive program to replace older wood-burning stoves and fireplaces with natural gas inserts and other technologies such as electric heat pumps.
- The District Governing Board recently took action to formally quantify, and submit into the State Implementation Plan, emission reductions from the Residential Wood Burning Device Change-Out Incentive Measure and from Agricultural Burning Phase-out Strategy required under District Rule 4103 (Open Burning).
- The District received the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mr. O'Brien said recent news articles/editorials have stated the air is getting worse than it has been over the last 30 years. He suggested District staff send out a press release detailing the many improvements in Valley air quality and measures the District is taking to continue that improvement. Mr. Sheikh said staff continually share information regarding ongoing air quality progress and efforts. He added that EPA recently announced that the Valley met the 65 microgram PM2.5 standard. Mr. Sheikh also explained the significant ongoing challenges and highlighted the ongoing work by residents, businesses, and agricultural community.

Mr. Cunha suggested the District's Annual Report to the Community would be a good informational piece to distribute to media and the community. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively and said the report is available in both English and Spanish, on the District's website and in printed form. Mr. Cunha suggested the District should continue

to participate in programming on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and other media.

Mr. Leiba echoed the comments made by Mayor O'Brien and Mr. Cunha that the District needs to explain the progress made as well as the problems and he shared suggestions on possible enforcement enhancements. Mr. Sheikh thanked Mr. Leiba for his suggestions and said both enforcement and education are important in the Residential Wood Burning Strategy. He said that Valley residents have been transitioning away from burning over the years as they better understand the health benefits from not burning wood during the winter months.

Public Comment: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessica Coria, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's planning and rule development efforts.

Public Comment: None

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD – Laura Carr, CARB representative, gave a brief update on recent and upcoming actions by CARB.

Public Comment: None

9. ELECT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM – Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Morgan Lambert, explained the CAC Chairmanship rotates between the City, Industry/Agriculture, and Environmental Interest Groups every two years. He said the next group up in the rotation was the Industry/Agriculture with the term set for 2022 – 2023. The Chair must be appointed by a majority vote of CAC members present at the meeting.

Mr. Clark nominated Mr. Cunha as Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Mr. Williams seconded the nomination.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Clark
Seconded: Williams
Ayes: Cunha, Clark, Brown, Hoffdahl, Savage, Williams, Auston-Tibbetts, Deming, Dyer, Abernathy, Leiba, Helme, Tristao, Ward, O'Brien
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to elect Manuel Cunha, IAIG Primary Representative from Fresno County, as Citizens Advisory Committee Chair for a two-year term.

10. AMENDMENTS TO RULE 4352 (SOLID FUEL-FIRED BOILERS) - Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, gave members an overview of proposed amendments to Rule 4352. Consistent with commitments in the District's 2018 PM2.5 Plan, the District is proposing to reduce NOx emissions for these source categories. In addition, the District is proposing to lower the PM and SOx emission standards for these source categories.
11. AMENDMENTS TO RULE 4354 (GLASS MELTING FURNACES) – Mr. Klassen gave members an overview of proposed amendments to Rule 4354. Consistent with commitments in the District's 2018 PM2.5 Plan, the District is proposing to reduce NOx emissions for these source categories. In addition, the District is proposing lowering the PM and SOx emission standards for these source categories.
12. AMENDMENTS TO RULE 4905 (NATURAL GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES) – Mr. Klassen provided an update on proposed amendments extend the emissions fee period of manufactured home furnaces to September 30, 2023. Manufacturers have successfully developed compliant technology for all other categories of furnaces regulated by the rule; however, supply chain issues and labor shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic have delayed the ability to develop and commercialize technologies in the manufactured home furnace category. These units make up a small fraction of total units sold. The extension would provide the time necessary for compliant units to be developed and made commercially available.
13. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –
 - a. Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. The District has continued to regularly meet with all four Community Steering Committees (CSCs) using online engagement platforms to design and implement the community-driven AB 617 process.

The newest community of Arvin/Lamont in southern Kern County has been meeting regularly as a CSC since May. The boundary, charter, and CSC membership has been finalized and the committee has begun the discussion around sources of air quality concern and health impacts in preparation for designing the community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs.
 - b. Vernon Hughes, Manager in the CARB Office of Community Air Protection, provided an update on efforts underway by CARB to implement AB 617. On the evening of December 7, 2021, CARB will hold a public workshop for the 2021 Community Recommendations and Selection Process for the Community Air Protection Program. In February 2020, CARB will determine which, if any, new communities will be added to the program for Year 4.

Public Comment: None

14. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on District outreach activities, including extensive outreach regarding the District’s Residential Wood Smoke Reduction season. She thanked CAC members for their comments on enhanced outreach and getting information out to Valley newspapers. She said her team has begun the process of updating the District’s website. Lastly, she announced the Kid’s Calendars would be arriving soon and her team would begin working on the Annual Report to the Community after the first of the year.

Public Comment: None

15. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Ms. Deming thanked Mr. Abernathy for serving as Chair and running effective meetings.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Abernathy volunteered to present the report during the Governing Board meeting on December 16, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on January 4, 2021. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).