

Action Summary Minutes  
**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**February 7, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

***Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast.***

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair, Manuel Cunha, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts /EIG (P)	Fresno
	Mary Fast / CIG (P)	Fresno
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)	Fresno
	Kalish Morrow CIG (P)	Fresno
Madera	Donald Horal / IAIG (P)	Fresno
Merced	Julie Connel / EIG (P)	Modesto
	Amy Lopes / IAIG (A)	Modesto
San Joaquin	Ned Leiba / EIG (P)	Modesto
	Roger Hoffdahl / IAIG (P)	Modesto
Stanislaus	Jami Aggers / EIG (P)	Modesto
	Richard O'Brien / CIG (P)	Modesto
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Dennis Mederos / CIG (P)	Fresno

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

3. **APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2022** – Mr. Cunha asked for member comments on the minutes from the previous CAC meeting. With the correction of comments from Mr. Williams, he declared the minutes approved.

Mary Fast commented that she made public comments during the meeting expressing the same concerns on the pesticide measure in the State SIP Strategy as Mr. Williams.

Public Comment: none

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha welcomed the committee members and staff.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided the CAC members with an update on the following items:
  - During the December Governing Board meeting, the board elected new officers for the year. Supervisor Vito Chiesa from Stanislaus County will serve as Chair and City Councilmember Deborah Lewis from Los Banos will serve as Vice Chair.
  - The District was once again recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association and received a certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's annual comprehensive financial report. This is the highest form of recognition for governmental fiscal reporting. This was the ninth consecutive year the District received this award.
  - In January 2023, the Governing Board adopted the 2023 Legislative Platform. The platform guides the District's legislative advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level.

Mr. Cunha commended the District for the GFOA award and gave his accolades to all of the staff for the great job the District continues to do with the large amounts of money they handle.

Public Comment: none

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Emily Kneeland, Program Manager of Air Quality Planning, provided an update on the District's planning and rule development efforts.

Ms. Deming inquired if there are any workshop dates for CMP scheduled. Ms. Kneeland responded there are no workshop dates currently scheduled.

Mr. Clark expressed a concern about the impact the new rules will have on businesses in the Valley.

Mr. Cunha shared his thoughts on how the attainment plans are going to be challenging for the small farmers in the Valley.

Public Comment: none

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

Mr. Cunha asked if there was any discussion about the state truck regulation and the impact it is having on small businesses. Ms. Carr responded that the truck regulation was not on the agenda, so it was not a topic of discussion.

Public Comment: none

9. OVERVIEW OF MEETINGS RULES OF ORDER – Annette Ballatore, District Counsel, presented an overview of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Mr. Mederos commented that Robert’s Rules can be cumbersome for this type of committee.

Mr. Clark remarked that having served on several boards, common sense is most important.

Public Comment: none

10. REVIEW THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the committee members.

Mr. Williams inquired about CAC’s role in the development of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group’s annual goals and objectives. Mr. Lambert commented that the CAC has three members who serve on EJAG and aid in developing EJAG’s recommendations for their annual goals and objectives, which are ultimately approved by the District’s Executive Director.

Mr. Clark reminded the members of their responsibility to take the information given into their communities and share.

Mr. Cunha concurred with Mr. Clark.

Public Comment: none

11. PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update on the District’s planning efforts for the federal air quality standards.

Ms. Brown asked for clarification on page six regarding the 1987 eight-hour standard and wildfire impacts. Mr. Klassen explained that there wildfire emissions can directly affect PM2.5 concentrations and wildfire emissions can include NOx and VOC, that impact ozone as well.

Mr. Cunha responded to Ms. Brown by asking if she was expressing that the SIP needs to include language regarding wildfires. Ms. Clark clarified that she was asking if the progress that was presented in the graphs included the wildfire impacts.

Mr. Klassen explained that EPA has a process to document “exceptional events” and if the documentation is approved by EPA, the impacted data can be excluded from the attainment demonstration calculations. Mr. Klassen also added that the trends are tracked carefully and without those impacts, we are very close to attaining 1997 standards.

Mr. Leiba commented that the readings from the Valley appear to have been meeting the 12 microgram per meter cubed standard in most locations and he is also alarmed that EPA is going to reject the SIP based on ammonia.

Mr. O'Brien inquired if there can be exceptions for wildfires, would it be possible to make an exception for trucks outside of California. Mr. Klassen responded that EPA does get recommendations for things that could be added as an exceptional event, and it is possible it could be considered, but they would likely determine that would be an emission source that is controllable.

Mr. Cunha asked if there was guidance from EPA on contingency plans. Mr. Klassen responded that EPA would be coming out with contingency plan guidance sometime in the coming months.

Public Comment: none

12. UPDATE ON DISTRICT NSR AND ERC BANKING RULE AMMENDMENTS – Brian Clements, Director of Permit Services provided an update on the District current rule making efforts associated with NSR and ERC banking.

Public Comment: none

13. AB617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES – Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided an update along with Brian Moore, CARB representative, on the ongoing implementation of AB 617.

Mr. Mederos asked for clarification on how the four Valley communities were chosen for the AB617. Ms. Olsen explained the way the Air Districts work to determine which communities were disproportionately affected by air pollution and she explained the process in which those communities were submitted to CARB.

Public Comment: none

14. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS – Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Manager shared that the District will be at the Ag Expo next week and will be having AB617 fireplace show and tell in Stockton.
15. CAC MEMBER COMMENT  
Mr. Mederos echoed Ms. Heinks invitation to come to the Ag Expo on behalf of the City of Tulare.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING -  
Mr. Cunha volunteered to present the CAC report to the Governing Board at their next meeting on February 16, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.