

## 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 16, 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 Vice Chair, Vito Chiesa, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Alvaro Preciado, Mayor	City of Avenal
Robert Rickman, Supervisor**	San Joaquin County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor	Madera County

*Absent:*

Alexander Sherriffs, M.D.	Appointed by Governor
Amy Shuklian, Supervisor	Tulare County
Monte Reyes, Councilmember, <b>Chair</b>	City of Porterville

\*arrived at 9:26 a.m.

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3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Numbers (17 - 23): *These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the board, the public was given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.*
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: Pedersen

Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Couch, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pedersen, Preciado, 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:*
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)
  - Manuel Cuhna, Nisei Farmers League
  - Mike Stovall, Clawson Motor Sports

5. RECOGNITION OF RICHARD CORRY, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON HIS RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE VALLEY – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, recognized Richard Corey for his 37 years of public service at the California Resource Air Board. Mr. Sheikh congratulated Mr. Corey on his well-earned retirement and offers best wishes to him and his family.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner, Ms. Fugazi, Mr. Mendes, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Preciado shared their appreciation and thanked Mr. Corey for his commitment and dedication to working collaboratively with the District to improve air quality and public health in the Valley.

Mr. Corey expressed that it has been his honor working with District. He was proud and privileged to have worked collectively and collaboratively with Mr. Sheikh and the District in delivering healthy air quality for all residents in the Valley.

6. ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2022-23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET– Samir Sheikh said this was the second public hearing required by state law to adopt the District's 2022-23 Recommended Budget, which was prepared with guidance and oversight by the Board's Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee. He said on May 19, 2022, 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 date to consider adoption of the Recommended Budget.

*Pareira arrived at 9:26 a.m.*

Dr. Pacheco-Werner expressed her appreciation for the work that staff is doing, and she appreciates that the budget reflects some of the community comments that has been heard over the last year. For example, the additional community support staff will help with the many programs, including AB 617.

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

- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League
- Pedro Hernandez, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition

*Moved:* Pedersen

*Seconded:* Wheeler

*Ayes:* Bessinger, Chiesa, Couch, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Pedersen, Preciado, Wheeler

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 22-06-06 establishing the District' 2022-23 Budget.***

7. APPROVE THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S DRIVE CLEAN IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VEHICLE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS – Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, presented this item which recommended the Board to execute agreements with Valley Clean Air Now to continue implementing the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Repair and Replacement Programs.

*Rickman arrived at 9:59 a.m.*

Councilmember Bessinger said this program is one of his favorite programs because it helps residents who are struggling financially to get a car so they can get to work. He said it is a good program as it shows where our heart is and where our priorities are to help the people who really need it.

Mr. Wheeler asked for clarification on which programs the \$8,100,000 funding would support. Mr. DeYoung responded that the \$8.1 million that was recently received in state funding was for the vehicle replacement program.

Ms. Fugazi is happy to hear about the continued success of this program and the fact that we have such high demand for it. She suggested that the District needs to continue to look to support battery replacements on hybrid and electric vehicles. In addition to working with partners to ensure that there is enough infrastructure to support all of these vehicles that are being put out into communities.

Ms. Lewis asked if the program was available to smaller surroundings communities within the county. Mr. DeYoung responded that anyone from the Valley is welcomed at any event. He mentions that the majority of the District's outreach targets those surrounding cities to ensure the communities have an understanding of the program.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner added her support and appreciation for the program. She mentioned that other parts of the state do not target disadvantaged communities in the way that we do. She believes that it's the most important part in making the program successful.

Mr. Chiesa echoed the comments for this program. He made a shout out to Valley CAN for always putting out well organized Tune in Tune up events.

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

- Tom Knox, Valley Clean Air Now
- Manuel Cuhna, Nisei Farmers League

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

***Motion unanimously carried to (1) authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to execute an agreement with Valley Clean Air Now for the continued implementation of the District's Tune In Tune Up vehicle repair program for up to \$11,000,000 allocated for this program in the 2022-23 fiscal year; (2) accept up to \$8,100,000 in additional funding from the California Air Resources Board and authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to execute an agreement with Valley Clean Air Now for up to \$8,100,000 for the continued implementation of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin vehicle replacement program; and (3) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to make administrative changes to the programs, in order to ensure successful implementation of program funding.***

8. REVIEW AND APPROVE COMMENT ON THE DRAFT 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY – Mr. Sheikh reviewed the draft 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the District's Annual Report to the Community with the Board members and requested any input they have to enhance the report.

Mr. Bessinger said the Annual report was well done and it reflected the amount of work that was put into help Valley residents.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner thanked the staff for the great report. She suggested adding quotes from valley residents who have benefited from some of the grant programs. She also suggested utilizing the phrase climate change rather than climate condition for clarity.

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

- Manuel Cuhna, Nisei Farmers League
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby

9. ADOPT PROPOSED COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE AB 617 COMMUNITY OF ARVIN/LAMONT – Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, presented this item and recommended the Board adopt the proposed Community Emissions Reduction Program for the AB 617 community of Arvin/Lamont, and direct staff to commence development and implementation for the measures specified in the CERP.

Mr. Sheikh said it was important to acknowledge how this proposed CERP came

to be before the Board for consideration. First and foremost, he said it would not have been possible without the dedication and the time and energy spent by the Arvin/Lamont Community Steering Committee. He expressed his gratitude to Supervisor Couch for his support in helping and getting the community nominated and selected.

Mr. Wheeler asked if air monitors have been deployed out to the community. Ms. Olsen confirmed that the community air monitoring program is under development and staff are starting to deploy the monitors to the community.

Mr. Pareira clarified that the Heavy Duty Truck Replacement program was focused on the trucks that spend the majority of their time in the community. Ms. Olsen responded that it is certainly the goal. In addition, Mr. Pareira asked if the \$12 million for road improvements, sidewalks, and bike paths are really going to reduce air pollution. Ms. Olsen explained that it will not be as impactful as taking a heavy duty truck off the road, but in working with the community members and other stakeholders, it was really a high priority. Mr. Sheikh added that early within the process, the county and other local government indicated a desire to try and move forward with this project as well.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner thanked staff for all of their hard work. The level of respect and the way each individual was treated throughout the process was very critical to the success of the process. She also thanked every single resident that was involved in this process and said she was just so impressed with their desire to engage and learn. Dr. Pacheco-Werner also asked how the District was handling the issue of illegal burning within the community. Ms. Olsen explained that outreach about illegal trash burning is communicated. Mr. Sheikh added that it's not only the awareness but also knowing what the underlying issues are and working with local partners to help individuals maintain their trash service.

Mr. Couch thanked the District staff and Community Steering Committee for all their hard work and effort that went into developing the CERP.

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

- Romero Agbaloc, Kern County Farm Bureau
- Jeff Rasmussen, Kern County Farm Bureau
- Sandra Plascencia, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- Gustavo Agurrie Jr., Central California Environmental Justice Network

*Moved:* Couch

*Seconded:* Mendes

*Ayes:* Bessinger, Chiesa, Couch, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareria, Pedersen, Preciado, Rickman, Wheeler

*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to (1) adopt proposed Community Emissions Reduction Program for the AB 617 community of Arvin/Lamont; (2)***

**authorize the Chair to sign the attached Resolution adopting the proposed Community Emissions Reduction Program; (3) direct staff to forward the adopted Community Emissions Reduction Program and attached Resolution to the California Air Resources Board for approval; and (4) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to commence development and implementation of the specified measures included in the proposed Community Emissions Reduction Program that fall within Board-approved program guidelines; are currently approved to be funded through applicable state Community Air Protection guidelines; and make changes to the 2020-21 Incentives Spending Plan as necessary for the implementation of the proposed measures.**

10. AUTHORIZE USE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT AB 617 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT– Jessica Olsen presented this item and recommended to assist in ensuring an inclusive, balanced, and effective community engagement process in selected AB 617 Community Air Protection Program communities (Shafter, South Central Fresno, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont) and other Valley communities, the Board authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to enter into agreement with expert service providers in a total amount not to exceed \$670,000.

*Mr. Couch stepped out at 11:15 a.m.*

Public Comment: *None*

Moved: Wheeler

Seconded: Pedersen

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Fugazi, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareria, Pedersen, Preciado, Rickman, Wheeler

Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to enter into agreements with expert service providers in a total amount not to exceed \$670,000 to assist in ensuring an inclusive, balanced, and effective community engagement process in selected AB 617 Community Air Protection Program communities (Shafter, South Central Fresno, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont) and other Valley communities.***

11. UPDATE ON 2022 WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS AND AUTHORIZATION TO LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL AIR FILTER UNITS IN IMPACTED COMMUNITIES– Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality of Science and Planning, and Todd DeYoung provided an update on the upcoming 2022 wildfire season, potential impacts on the Valley's air quality, and outreach strategy to protect public health. They also asked for the Board's approval to develop and administer a Clean Air Rooms pilot program to provide residential air filter units to impacted communities

throughout the District, and approve up to \$250,000 in funding for this pilot program.

Mr. Sheikh added that the pilot program will allow the District to learn about the potential of the program and help reduce residents' exposure to air pollutants during wildfire events.

Mr. Chiesa asked if the replacement filters are readily available. Mr. DeYoung responded that based on research there are multiple option and models available right now.

*Mr. Couch left at 11:25 a.m.*

Dr. Pacheco-Werner suggested adding information on how to maintain the units as well partnering up with local health care facilities to help raise awareness about the importance of why air filtration is needed. She would like to see community based organizations involved with the outreach so that individuals who aren't familiar with the District's work can be reached. Dr. Pacheco-Werner also suggested tracking data points by providing a pre and post survey to residents to see how much they know and understand about prevention strategies.

Mr. Bessinger asked if smaller community centers qualify for the pilot program. Mr. DeYoung confirmed that they would qualify and those are the types of facilities that are the target of the program.

*Ms. Fugazi left at 11:46 a.m.*

Mr. Preciado suggested the District not utilize a first-come, first served model, but rather target the funds to communities that will benefit most from the program.

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

- Cynthia Pinto Cabrera, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
- Genevieve Amsalem, Central California Environmental Justice Network
- Gustavo Agurrie Jr., Central California Environmental Justice Network
- Yeslisa Ambriz, Resident
- Gabriela Facio, Resident
- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby
- Ruben Rodriguez, Resident
- Veronica Agurrie, Resident

*Mr. Rickman left at 12:00 p.m.*

Moved: Wheeler

Seconded: Pacheco-Werner

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Pedersen, Preciado, Wheeler



Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to authorize the Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer to develop and administer a Clean Air Rooms pilot program to provide residential air filter units to impacted communities throughout the District, enter into any necessary agreements with manufacturers, distributors, retail partners and other subcontractors necessary to administer the program, and approve up to \$250,000 in funding for this pilot program.***

12. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING AGENCY REPRESENTATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE MULTILINGUAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH– Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, presented this item which recommended the Board approve the contract between the District and Archer and Hound Advertising to implement comprehensive multilingual public education and outreach for key District programs and initiatives.

Public Comment: *None*

Moved: Mendes

Seconded: Bessinger

Ayes: Bessinger, Chiesa, Lewis, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Pedersen, Preciado, Wheeler

Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve and authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Officer/APCO recommendation, to execute the contract between the District and Archer and Hound Advertising to implement a comprehensive multilingual public education and outreach for key District programs and initiatives.***

13. RECEIVE UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANNING EFFORTS FOR FEDERAL PARTICULATE AND OZONE STANDARDS– Jessi Fierro, Director of Planning, provided an update on the status and next steps regarding attainment plans for particulate matter and ozone.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner clarified that the District is meeting the regulatory actions committed to in the plans, but the contingency measure portion of the plan was disapproved. Ms. Fierro responded affirmatively.

Public Comment: *None*

14. VERBAL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) ACTIVITIES– Dr. Pacheco-Werner provided an update on highlights from the CARB Board meetings held on May 19 and June 9, 2022, and a list of upcoming matters before CARB.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS– Samir Sheikh provided an update that EPA issued a final approval of the agriculture burn phase out.
16. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS– Ms. Lewis announced that it was the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation and there will be an event on Friday.

## **ADJOURN**

*Vice Chair, Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.*

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, August 18, 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).*