

## Action Summary Minutes

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

### **SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING:** **REVIEW OF 2022-23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

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

Thursday, May 19, 2021

***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, Supervisor Vito Chiesa, called the meeting to order at 9:02 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
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor	Fresno County
Tania Pacheco-Werner, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
Lloyd Pereira, Supervisor**	Merced County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings 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:*

Christian Fugazi	City of Stockton
Debroah Lewis	City of Los Banos
Monte Reyes, <b>Chair</b>	City of Porterville

\*arrived @ 9:04am

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON DISTRICT'S 2021-22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, said this was the first of two public hearings required by the California Health and Safety Code on the District's 2022-23 Recommended Budget. The purpose of this May Hearing is solely to present and receive public feedback on the Recommended Budget, and there can be no formal action by the Governing Board at this Hearing. He said staff would return to the Board at the June 16, 2022, meeting to present the Recommended Budget for adoption.

Mr. Sheikh also thanked Chairman Reyes, Dr. Pacheco-Werner, Councilmember Lewis, Supervisor Mendes, Mayor Preciado, and Dr. Sherriffs for serving on the Board's Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee and providing guidance to staff in their preparation of the budget.

As presented, the budget highlights included:

- Total operating budget up 7%
  - Reflects 2<sup>nd</sup> year of labor agreement
  - Full-year funding of recent position enhancements funded by state revenues
  - 5.5% salary savings through position control
- No permit fee increases
- Significant workload absorbed through efficiency and program flexibility
- Strong public education and outreach
- Expeditious administration and use of emission reduction incentive funds in wide range of applications (\$563 million in funding)
- Balanced budget, with adequate reserves and contingencies

Mr. Pedersen asked about the state funding necessary to cover the costs of implementing AB 617 mandates. Mr. Sheikh responded that the District annually receives funding from the state to cover to the cost of implementing the program. The District pays close attention to the reliability of the funding and makes sure that there's always ongoing funding for the program within the current State Budget.

Supervisor Pareira thanked staff and said he really appreciated the time, energy, effort, and detail in which staff put into the budget. In regards to switching over to zero emission lawn equipment, Mr. Pareria suggested targeted Clean Green Lawn Machine program outreach to residents if the District receives a complaint regarding a smoking lawn mower. Mr. Sheikh responded that the District will evaluate this option.

Mr. Preciado asked for an overview of the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Replacement program's application process, availability, and funding. Mr. Sheikh responded that the Replacement program is predominantly funded by the state Clean Cars for All funds. The District has incorporated this program into the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Program so it can grow substantially. The program has

expanded the model year eligibility to the existing vehicles to allow more people to participate. The program is available to any Valley resident and can access the application through the online portal. The District is working with the state to accelerate their state funding to help satisfy the demand.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT- *The following persons provided comment on this item*
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League
  - Kevin Abernathy, Milk Producers Council
  - Dennis Tristao, San Joaquin Valley Air Permitting Professionals
  - Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby
  - Pedro Hernández, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
  - Gilbert Rosas, Sustainability and Adaptation

## **ADJOURN**

*Vice Chair Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.*