

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
CENTRAL REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

Central Region Office Governing Board Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave, Fresno, CA 93726

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

*Meeting held in the  
Central Region Office (Fresno)*

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, Daniel Hartwig, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Gerry Mulligan – Public	Present
*Jerry Boren – Engineer	Present
David Soldani – Attorney	Present
Lorraine Goodwin – Vice Chair / Medical	Present
Daniel Hartwig – Chair	Present

\*Mr. Boren arrived at 10:08am

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno) Jessi Fierro, Assist Counsel II; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist II; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; See Thao, Operations and Program Support Supervisor; and Ariana Orozco, Operations and Program Support Supervisor.

3. Approval of Consent Items (9-12)

*These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.*

9. Approve Minutes of May 15, 2019

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on August 21, 2019. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board Room.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Soldani  
Seconded: Goodwin  
Ayes: Mulligan, Soldani, Goodwin, Hartwig  
Nays: None

**Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-12**

4. Public Hearing

The Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A.	C-19-07R	Regular	Baker Commodities, Inc. 16801 W. Jensen Ave. Kerman, CA 93630

Petitioners: David Rocha, Karl Lany

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report

BAKER has requested a regular variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4305, 4306, and 4320, in addition to conditions of the subject permits. The requested regular variance period would be from May 31, 2019, to October 31, 2019. If granted, the variance would allow for excess CO emissions from the boiler until a compliance source test is initiated.

Petitioner Comments: Mr. Lany commented that they do not understand what the real problem with the Erie boiler is and will not be able to make that determination until the new boiler is up. He continued that once diagnostics are done they will be able to determine if they can repair the Erie boiler or just operate with two units. Dr. Goodwin asked if this was the permanent placement of the third boiler. Mr. Lany answered that the original objective was to have three boilers in place at the facility. That was in part because of the addition of a fourth cooker that is going through permitting right now. With the fourth cooker they will need to push up utilization of two boilers at all times and the third boiler would serve as a stand by or on rotation. Dr. Goodwin asked if they would purchase a new boiler if they cannot use the Erie boiler. Mr. Lany said that once they do diagnostics and dependent on costs and production flow they would have three options which could include the retrofit of the Erie boiler, the quick-start of a replacement boiler or take out the Erie boiler and keep two. Mr. Hartwig asked for clarification on the emissions fees and the cap. Mr. Houlihan answered that there are three fees; a petition filing fee, an excess emissions fee of \$2.60 a pound which has a cap and a mitigation fee of \$3.75 per pound. He added that the mitigation fee does not get charged for CO, only NOx, VOC and PM2.5. Mr. Mulligan asked about any issues to grant this retroactively. Mr. Houlihan answered that the facility applied back in May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He added the Air Resources Board allows the Hearing Board to grant back to no farther than when the petition was filed.

Hearing Board Comments: Mr. Boren asked about fees for carbon monoxide when there are excess emissions. Mr. Kalashian answered that they have a cap of \$7,850 and that the facility will pay the fees. Mr. Mulligan asked about the two boilers required to maintain operations and asked if the new boiler was being installed. Mr. Kalashian answered that they currently have an Authority to Construct for the new boiler and when they bring it online they will not need the Erie boiler but will keep it as a dormant emissions unit. Mr. Mulligan asked if the repaired Erie boiler would be a backup after the new one is installed. Mr. Rocha answered it would be a backup in case the current boiler or new boiler went down.

Moved: Mulligan  
Seconded: Goodwin  
Ayes: Mulligan, Soldani, Goodwin, Boren, Hartwig  
Nays: None

**Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. C-19-07R**

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Comments: None
7. New Business: None
8. Adjourn  
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.