

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

May 4, 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 the California Department of Public Health's recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, no physical location was provided for public attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Kevin Abernathy, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. He announced the District was responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by holding this meeting in a manner consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 and California Department of Public Health's recommendations for social distancing. He quickly summarized that the meeting was being held via video teleconference and webcast with no physical location for public attendance. However, he said members of the public who wished to address the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members would be provided the opportunity to do so during the appropriate commenting periods. He thanked the CAC members and the public for their patience as we continue with the Zoom meeting format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting and one member short from the City Interest Group to take action.

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fresno	Manuel Cunha / IAIG (P)**	VTC
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts / EIG (A)	VTC
Kern	Les Clark / IAIG (P)*	VTC
	Wayne Clausen / CIG (P)	VTC
Kings	Laura Brown / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Kelly Deming / EIG (P)*	VTC
	Dennis Tristao / CIG (P)****	VTC
Madera	Johnnie Siliznoff / IAIG (A)	VTC
	Brittany Dyer / EIG (P)	VTC
Merced	Kevin Abernathy / IAIG (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
Tulare	Derek Williams / IAIG (P)	VTC
	Jose Sigala / CIG (A)**	VTC

*arrived at 10:08 a.m.

**arrived at 10:15 a.m.

***arrived at 11:35 a.m.

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2021 – This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum from the City Interest Group.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, provided the CAC members an update on advocacy efforts underway during the state budgeting process in support securing resources for District programs and priorities. The Governor's May revised budget is expected to be released during the week of May 10th, and this will provide further insight into statewide resource allocations and priorities.

Ms. Deming arrived at 10:08 a.m.

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

Mr. Cunha and Mr. Sigala arrived at 10:15 a.m. and a quorum was reached in the City Interest Group.

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD – Laura Carr, CARB representative, gave a brief update on the actions taken by CARB at their meeting held on April 22, 2021.

Mr. Cunha requested that CARB staff present an update at the June CAC meeting on the Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation. Mr. Abernathy concurred. Ms. Carr responded affirmatively.

Public Comment: None

This item was taken out of order

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2021 – Chairman Abernathy asked if there were any comments or corrections to the Minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, he deemed the Minutes as approved.

Public Comment - None

9. REPORT ON 2020-21 WINTER RESIDENTIAL WOODSMOKE REDUCTION STRATEGY – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, and Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, presented the District’s report on the 2020-21 Winter Residential Woodsmoke Reduction Strategy, detailing the following:

- Valley air quality during the 2020-21 winter season
- Effectiveness of District’s control strategy
- Public health benefits of the strategy
- Air quality and meteorology compared to previous seasons
- Impact of exceptional events during 2020-2021 winter season
- District’s wood burning device change-out incentive program
- Extensive public outreach efforts
- Enforcement and compliance assistance activities

Public Comment: None

10. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO AGRICULTURAL BURNING INCENTIVE PROGRAM – Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, presented an update on the Alternatives to Agricultural Burning Incentive Program and recent action taken by the Governing Board at their April 15, 2021, meeting to increase the funding allocation for program up to an additional \$3,000,000 to ensure sufficient program funding for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Chairman Abernathy asked for clarification on the program’s funding cap. Mr. DeYoung responded that the maximum incentive per applicant is \$60,000 per year with a maximum per acre incentive of \$600.

Mr. Siliznoff asked how attrition was proposed to be handled in the future, and strongly encouraged the District to continue to allow attrition burning for growers.

Mr. Cunha expressed concern at the short timeframe required to have a report ready to go to the District’s and CARB’s Governing Board in August. He said there are numerous meetings planned to discuss alternatives for the types of burning like the one mentioned by Mr. Siliznoff. He said the District provided the actual tons of agricultural emissions

from the Valley and said CARB needs to be considered the amount of toxic emissions that came from the numerous recent wildfires in the state.

Public comment: None

Mr. Cunha left at 11:15 a.m.

This item was taken out of order

12. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES –

- a. Jessica Olsen, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. Ms. Olsen reported that CARB officially selected the Arvin/Lamont community as the Valley's fourth community under AB 617. Arvin/Lamont was selected for both Community Air Monitoring and a Community Emissions Reduction Program. She said staff held a virtual kickoff meeting to begin the process and solicit feedback and interest in participating in the Community Steering Committee for Arvin/Lamont. She reported over 70 people have applied to participate and the majority were residents of these communities. She also reported they held their first Community Steering Committee meeting on April 28, 2021, to discuss the boundaries for the community.
- b. There was no report from CARB staff at this meeting.

Public Comment: None

11. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO ARB REVIEW OF DISTRICT EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the ongoing efforts underway to address the CARB review of the District Emission Reduction Credit (ERC) Program.

Mr. Savage asked if there was a particular date that staff planned to have a resolution to the issues. Mr. Lambert responded that staff is continuing to work with CARB, EPA, and Valley stakeholders through the ERC Public Advisory Workgroup process to try to address the complex and technical issues as soon as possible.

13. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on District outreach activities, including AB 617 coordination and translation efforts, and a recent virtual event on social media called "Friday Night Live" that saw residents from around the Valley participate and provide an opportunity for staff to talk about the great programs that the District offers including grants for businesses and the Real-time Air Advisory Network. She added that the District is also running an advertising campaign to let everyone know about the various grant programs that are up and running.

Mr. Siliznoff suggested outreach staff contact the resource conservation districts in the various counties to help get the message out.

Public Comment: None

14. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Williams commented that state pandemic restrictions appeared to be loosening up in mid-June and asked if staff had an idea when District meetings would reopen to the public. Mr. Gill responded the District is continuing to evaluate recommendations from public health officials. As these recommendations are updated over the coming months to reflect progress in COVID-19 case rates, hospitalization rates, and vaccination rates, the District will begin the transition back to more normal operations as is consistent with those recommendations.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – Mr. Abernathy volunteered to present the report during the May 20, 2021 Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next CAC meeting is scheduled on June 1, 2021. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC).