

Action Summary Minutes  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

**GOVERNING BOARD**

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

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting held via teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield).**

***This meeting was webcast.***

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Chair, Councilmember Baines, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL was taken and a quorum was present.

*Present:*

David Ayers, Mayor	City of Hanford
Oliver L. Baines III, Councilmember, <b>Chair</b>	City of Fresno
John Capitman, Ph.D.	Appointed by Governor
David Couch, Supervisor**	Kern County
Bob Elliott, Supervisor*	San Joaquin County
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Fresno County
Kristin Olsen, Supervisor*	Stanislaus County
Lloyd Pareira, Supervisor*	Merced County
Craig Pedersen, Supervisor	Kings County
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor	Madera County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County

\* Attended meeting in Northern Region Office

\*\*Attended meeting in the Southern Region Office and arrived at 9:17 a.m.

*Absent:*

Dr. Alexander Sherriffs                      Appointed by Governor

3. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER: FORMER MAYOR DENNIS BRAZIL – Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO, announced that he received late notice that Mr. Brazil was not able to make it to the meeting due to an unforeseen family emergency.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – (Item Numbers 17 – 21): *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. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
18. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017
19. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATION STATISTICS SUMMARIES FOR JANUARY 2017
20. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2017
21. RECEIVE AND FILE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Public Comment: None

Moved: Worthley

Seconded: Wheeler

Ayes: Ayers, Capitman, Elliott, Mendes, Olsen,  
Pareira, Pedersen, Wheeler, Worthley, Baines

Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 17 – 21***

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following persons provided public comment during this item:*

- Peter Dorian, Fresno Resident
- Gabriel Viveros, Field Representative for Congressman Valadao

6. REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Manuel Cunha, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) reported on the following items from the February 7, 2017, CAC meeting:

- CAC Members received detailed updates on the following:

- District secured \$5 million in federal Targeted Airshed grant funding for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks and residential wood burning devices in the Valley
  - \$2.5 million in District incentive funding to be considered by the Governing Board at the February meeting to replace two passenger locomotives for the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) transit service in the Northern Region in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (\$15 million total project)
  - Indirect Source Review Rule amendments and ongoing public process, including recent comments received by the District
  - District plans to bring together Valley growers, researchers/experts, representatives from the biomass power industry, representatives from new and developing technology vendors, and Valley stakeholders, at Central Valley Summit on Alternatives to Open Burning of Agricultural Waste to be held in late May or early June 2017
  - Governing Board discussion at the February meeting regarding potential options for obtaining additional emissions reductions from public fleets
  - 2016 was the cleanest year on record for PM2.5, with zero exceedances of the 1997 PM2.5 24-hour standard of 65 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the first time in Valley history, fewest exceedances for the 2006 PM2.5 24-hour standard of 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, zero Unhealthy days during the 2015-2016 winter season, the highest number of days with Good air quality, and the fewest number of days with Unhealthy air quality
  - 2016 was also a near-record clean ozone year and continued to demonstrate tremendous progress with respect to ozone throughout the Valley
- Members received a detailed presentation from Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives, reviewing the policy positions adopted by the District Governing Board on December 15, 2016, in working with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to prepare the District's attainment strategy for PM2.5.
  - Members received a detailed presentation from Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, regarding the District's 2017 Legislative Platform adopted by the Governing Board at the January 19, 2017 meeting.

Public Comments: None

7. REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE DRAFT "2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY" – Mr. Sadredin said it was a pleasure to present the District's 2016-17 Annual Report to the Community and obtain feedback from the Board before staff finalizes the report. For the newer Board members, Mr. Sadredin explained at the Board's direction several years ago, the

District began an initiative to inform community members of the District's previous year's accomplishments, making the information easier to use and more understandable for members of the public compared to the numerous highly technical reports that are routinely prepared and presented by the District. He noted the District has decreased the production costs of the document by completing it in house. Mr. Sadredin reviewed the draft report with Board members, including the following highlights:

- Air Quality Trends
- Valley Experiences Record Setting Air Quality in 2016
- District's Response to Wildfire Season
- District Petitions EPA To Adopt National Standards To Reduce Air Pollution
- Presidential Transition White Paper
- Public Process to Develop an Integrated Attainment Strategy for PM2.5
- Valley Residents Will Soon Be Able to Readily Access Real-Time Air Quality Data for Their Neighborhood
- Reducing Emissions from Under-fired Charbroilers
- District Brings Significant Cap and Trade Funding to the Valley
- District Partners with City of Bakersfield to Implement Dust Mitigation in the Area Surrounding a Critical Air Monitoring Site
- Efforts by the District to Protect Valley Residents from Toxic Emissions
- State Auditor Conducts Audit of the District's Budget and Programs
- Public Benefit Grants
- Emission Reduction Agreement with Kern County
- Two Independent Authorities Commend the District for Judicious Exercise of Fiduciary Responsibilities and Cost Containment
- District's Tune In, Tune Up Serves as Model for the State
- Success in Competing for Federal Clean Air Funds
- District Engages Chambers of Commerce in Energy Efficiency Program

- Facility Online Access to PAS Information
- CEQA Streamlining
- Sharing the STAR (Service, Teamwork, Attitude and Respect) Culture
- District Operations

Supervisor Worthley suggested visually demonstrating, by using charts or graphs, the increase in air pollution in the Valley at certain times over the past year as a result of catastrophic events. Dr. Capitman asked if it were a good idea to add a bullet point to highlight the District's air quality accomplishments in relationship to the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard. Mr. Sadredin agreed with the suggestion, but also noted the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard did not change from 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour standard which is included in the report. Regarding the District's budget section of the report, Supervisor Worthley recommended moving the information on the District's Incentives Programs to the top of the page. Regarding the District's plan commitment versus reductions achieved, Councilmember Baines suggested the use of a different term than "goal".

Dr. Capitman suggested adding a reference to the HAL Schools program on page 11, to draw additional attention to the terrific efforts of the District to engage and educate Valley schoolchildren and their parents. On page 25, he asked if the District was advocating support of the state's efforts to bring about a low-NOx truck rule. Mr. Sadredin responded the Board's position is to support whatever the state and federal government can do to reduce mobile source emissions. He noted District staff will testify next week at a hearing in Sacramento in support of waivers for state Air Resources Board (ARB) and for the federal government to do their part. He said his understanding of the Board's position was not to give blanket support to ARB for waiver measures, as part of their concern has been that sometimes California's efforts are more targeted at large urban areas and they do not address the disadvantaged communities and local needs of the Valley. He said at the Board's direction, staff could add additional wording to clarify the importance of mobile source reductions by state and federal governments but done in the right way, taking into account the needs of the Valley. Dr. Capitman responded affirmatively. Regarding page 47, Dr. Capitman called it one of the clearest pieces of information that he has seen which will help residents understand the direct relation between emitted-PM and PM that forms subsequently. He asked if it would be helpful to add wording to clarify that while mobile sources emissions are just 25% of directly-emitted PM, they are a huge part of the PM that forms subsequently. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively.

Public Comment – *The following persons provided comment on this item:*

- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

8. PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE GOALS, AGENDA AND TIMING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY SUMMIT ON ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, presented this item and asked the Board to provide guidance and direction with respect to the goals, agenda and timing of the planned Central Valley Summit on Alternatives to Open Burning of Agricultural Waste. He said current plans are to hold the Summit in late May or early June of 2017 and said District staff is working with Valley growers and other stakeholders to develop a formal agenda and a list of experts to lead discussions at the Summit. He reviewed the tentative list of agenda topics for the Summit, which included the following items:
1. Current restrictions on open burning of agricultural waste
  2. Smoke Management System and its effectiveness in minimizing ambient air quality impacts from open burning of agricultural waste
  3. Inventory of agricultural burning activity in the Valley and the reasons behind recent increases in burning
  4. Inventory of the currently available open burning alternatives and the extent of their use
  5. Other related matters with potential impacts on Valley air quality and means to deal with the disposal of agricultural waste (tree mortality initiatives, landfill diversion goals, other renewable fuels and infrastructure)
  6. Biomass power industry issues (air quality benefits as alternative to open burning, full life-cycle impact on air quality, potential means including financial assistance to retain/re-open facilities)
  7. Emerging technologies and practices as alternatives to open burning
  8. Funding sources for development of alternative technologies
  9. Funding sources to assist in the deployment of available alternatives that currently may lack cost-effectiveness

Mr. Lambert reiterated that the objective of this Summit will be to identify cost-effective clean alternatives or identify the process by which to develop and advance such alternatives. In reviewing previous measures put in place by the District to respond to the agricultural waste disposal dilemma, Mr. Sadredin said that the District Hearing Board issued an Abatement Orders for to provide temporary relief from agricultural burning restrictions under prescribed conditions. All burning must be conducted under permit through the District's Smoke Management System and at the Board's direction those who qualify for the temporary relief must also pay a mitigation fee. To date, he said the District has collected approximately \$2 million, and the Board has directed those funds to be used to find solutions or help deploy alternatives to agricultural burning issues, such as this proposed Summit.

Supervisor Worthley said when the Florez bills were passed in 2003, it was really an answer in search of a problem, noting the District's Smoke Management System had already proven extremely successful. He said there are days when there is a much greater carrying capacity for emissions in the Valley, and that is when agricultural burning is allowed to occur. He highlighted that the Valley has

had zero violations as a consequence of that burning during 2016. He expressed concerns that those who qualify for temporary relief are paying a “mitigation fee” when the air did not violate any standards as a result of the burning. He suggested waiving the fee until the District can come up with an alternative. He noted the change in the types of shorter-term crops that growers in the Valley are planting in an effort to stay in business, and said this problem will not be going away but will probably accelerate in terms of the amount of material that will be produced on an annual basis. He said the District has a very effective system that works very well in managing emissions from burning and suggested looking at the possibility of a waiver from the agricultural burning restrictions for a limited time, due to the lack of options currently available.

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

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ
- Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League

In response to public comments made, Mr. Sadredin said the District’s role in the Summit will mostly be to serve as facilitator during the conference to allow subject matter experts from various sectors to address the issues. He said the timing of the conference is a result of the availability of the experts and said staff would work with ARB, various stakeholders to finalize the agenda and speakers for this Summit. Dr. Capitman clarified there is an additional ARB Symposium planned on all renewable fuel matters. Mr. Sadredin responded affirmatively, saying that the District felt this issue would be such a small part of the ARB Symposium that it would not do the Valley justice and planned this Summit as a way of highlighting this huge issue for the Valley and giving it the attention that it deserves.

Supervisor Mendes voice frustration at his belief that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) could easily and immediately fix this problem, yet they are doing nothing about it. In terms of participants, Mr. Sadredin noted his colleagues in other air districts have asked to participate in this Summit as they have also been suffering from the demise of biomass leading to agricultural burning issues. He said there is a notion at the state level that there are many cheap, easy options available for agricultural burning and farmers are simply not implementing them, which highlights how much this educational Summit is needed. Supervisor Olsen suggested consulting with Assemblyman Brian Dahle who has been working a lot on the biomass issue at the state level over the last year or two and has the Governor’s ear when it comes to funding opportunities.

Supervisor Elliott said there is a San Joaquin Valley-centric group that has several meetings in the Valley over the past year or two regarding the biomass crisis. He said they have also undertaken efforts to reinvigorate PUC efforts to help with some of the problems occurring in the Valley. He said he would forward information on the group to Mr. Sadredin and suggested inviting them as well. Mr. Sadredin invited all Board members to contact the District with further suggestions.

9. ALLOCATE UP TO \$2,500,000 IN INCENTIVE FUNDING TO REPLACE TWO PASSENGER LOCOMOTIVES FOR THE ALTAMONT CORRIDOR EXPRESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION –

Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, presented this item that asked the Board to allocate up to \$2,500,000 in District incentive funding to replace two old, high-polluting passenger locomotives with two new, Tier 4 locomotives for the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission. ACE links destinations in the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. In addition, Mr. DeYoung requested the Board authorize the Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), with Board Chair signature, to negotiate and enter into agreement(s) for this project and make administrative changes to the project, as necessary, on behalf of the Board.

Regarding the cost effectiveness of this project, Supervisor Worthley asked if that number was based on the District's contribution only. Mr. DeYoung responded affirmatively. Dr. Capitman asked if the effectiveness of the program on air quality would increase as ridership increases. Mr. DeYoung responded affirmatively. Mr. Sadredin said the calculated reduction in emissions was solely from the locomotives and the actual cost-effectiveness will eventually be greater once the added reductions from increased ridership are included. Supervisor Wheeler suggested expanding the ACE line to Chowchilla to connect with the High Speed Rail route. He asked if the Cap and Trade funding used to leverage the District funding was guaranteed. Mr. DeYoung responded affirmatively. Mr. Sadredin clarified that any District funds allocated were contingent upon getting all other funding in place. Supervisor Elliott added his own personal testimony that the Altamont Corridor is one of the most congested traffic corridors in the state and seems like it is getting even worse. He said there are times where traffic is backed up all the way from Livermore to Tracy, with vehicles idling and nowhere to go. He said the reduction in emissions from vehicle idling is another tremendous benefit of this project.

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Baines  
*Seconded:* Elliott  
*Ayes:* Ayers, Capitman, Couch, Elliott, Mendes, Olsen,  
Pareira, Pedersen, Wheeler, Worthley, Baines  
*Nays:* None

***Motion unanimously carried to allocate up to \$2,500,000 in incentive funding to replace two passenger locomotives for the Altamont Corridor Express in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission***



10. REVIEW FEASIBILITY AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE REGARDING POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR PURSUING ADDITIONAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS FROM PUBLIC FLEETS – Sheraz Gill, Strategies and Incentives Director, presented this item which asked the Board to review feasibility and provide guidance regarding potential options for pursuing additional emissions reductions from public fleets. He briefly reviewed the District’s PM2.5 attainment strategy for the multiple federal PM2.5 standards facing the Valley. He said significant reductions in NOx emissions are necessary, even after taking into consideration the large amounts of directly emitted PM2.5 reductions. Furthermore, Mr. Gill added that mobile sources account for 80% of the Valley’s NOx emissions. He said the District’s state of the art and cost-effective incentive grant program has accounted for \$1.6 billion in public and private investment in clean air projects resulting in over 140,000 tons in emissions reduced in the Valley.

Mr. Gill shared that with the current regulatory measures already in place for public fleets, the NOx emissions from this category will decrease to 1 tons per day by 2025 and 0.6 tons per day by 2031. He said that although the total emissions from public fleets are small, there might be measures available in a few categories to accelerate the deployment of the cleaner commercially available technologies with incremental benefits.

Mr. Sadredin said staff is not asking the Board to make a final decision today regarding public fleets, but staff is merely going through the public process and will bring a final recommendation to the Board dependent on their guidance. He said the District wanted to do a deep dive into this issue to identify opportunities and potential strategies moving forward. He said right now, for areas where there may be potential regulatory solutions, it is best for that to happen at the state level, as state action is a better driver for the development of new technology.

Supervisor Wheeler asked if the term “public agencies” on page 15 referred to cities and counties. Mr. Sadredin responded yes and it also referred to publicly owned utilities.

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

- Dolores Weller, CVAQ

Mr. Sadredin added that ARB is holding their first hearing to adopt a mobile source strategy in March of 2017 in Riverside. In early discussions, he said the District has been trying to push ARB to pay attention to the Valley. He said so far they have given him a commitment that they would come back to deal with the emission reduction needs of the Central Valley at a later date.

11. LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE EXPLAINING DISTRICT’S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FEDERAL MANDATES – Mr. Sadredin said the purpose of this letter is to share the District’s hopes and intentions with respect to potential legislation relating to the federal Clean Air Act mandates. He said that

this letter is recommended to be sent to members of the California State Legislature as the current politics of division that unfortunately dominate our political discourse, when combined with the enormous complexities of the Clean Air Act mandates, can lead to mischaracterization or misrepresentation of the District's true intentions. He said without exception, people regardless of their political persuasion have been receptive to the Board's position when he has had the opportunity to sit down one-on-one and explain the narrow focus, which is that the Valley should not be sanctioned if, at the end of the day, absent emissions from federal sources the Valley would be in attainment. He said this letter attempts to explain that position, begin the dialogue and enhance relations with members of the state legislature, which will be beneficial to the District by providing tools and financing.

Supervisor Olsen asked if the staff planned to send the letter to all members of the Legislature and if a similar letter would be sent to all state agencies with jurisdiction in this area. Mr. Sadredin responded the District was contemplating sending this letter to all 120 members of the State Legislature, but added that this is not a substitute for face-to-face meetings that have already and will continue to take place. Supervisor Olsen said she was happy that these meetings are taking place, stating she believes they will help tremendously. She asked about ARB's response to the District's efforts. Mr. Sadredin responded that ARB has been in opposition to the District's approach so far. She suggested narrowing the recipients of the letters to Chairs and Vice Chairs of key committees, saying in her experience for better or worse, the vast majority of Legislators do not care about the Valley. Supervisor Mendes voiced support for Supervisor Olsen's recommendations.

Supervisor Worthley suggested also including members of the various significant committees in which the District has matters. He commended staff for the great letter, saying it is very succinct and direct and focuses in on the particular issue, which at its core is difficult to disagree with. He suggested including Councilmember Baines' telephone number on the letter. Mr. Sadredin said that considering the Board's direction, perhaps a better approach would be to send the letter to Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, members of the Committees, the Assembly Speaker and Senate Pro Tempore, and all of the Valley delegation. Councilmember Baines suggested adhering to Supervisor Olsen's wise counsel which was to be strategic and thoughtful about to whom the letter is sent.

Dr. Capitman said he was not comfortable with certain language contained in the letter, saying there is a risk of the letter being misconstrued given the phrase used that "the District is only seeking this remedy". Councilmember Baines commented that there is a whole range of options available if this does not work, but this is essentially the only remedy that the District is asking for. Mayor Ayers said reaching out to the various Legislators is a great idea, offered to assist in this area and asked other Board members to do the same.

Councilmember Baines said there is a consensus among the Board to narrow the scope to which the letter would be sent based on Supervisor Olsen's

recommendations.

Public Comment: None

*Moved:* Wheeler  
*Seconded:* Mendes  
*Ayes:* Ayers, Couch, Elliott, Mendes, Olsen, Pareira,  
Pedersen, Wheeler, Worthley, Baines  
*Nays:* Capitman

***Motion carried 10-1 to approve letter to California Legislature explaining District's efforts to address federal mandates***

12. UPDATE ON STATUS OF REVISIONS TO RULE 9510 (INDIRECT SOURCE REVIEW) – As part of the public process of the development of amendments to the District Indirect Source Review Rule, Mr. Sadredin presented this item to highlight some issues that have arisen as a result of a letter sent to Board members and the District in relation to the proposed amendments to rule. He said this groundbreaking rule was adopted by the Board in early 2006 and a lot of work has been done with the building community to take into account the air quality impact and mitigate emissions from mobile sources associated with development projects. Mr. Sadredin stated that the rule encourages developers to put air quality friendly features into the design of their development projects or pay a mitigation fee that the then District uses to fund clean air projects in the Valley to mitigate those emissions. It is the District's hope that no one would ever pay the fees and would simply invest in air quality friendly features in their projects. He said this rule was widely supported by much of the business community as a measure of fairness in requiring emissions reductions from mobile sources rather than simply adding the emissions from mobile sources to the emission reduction burden born by stationary sources. He said at the time of adoption, the Building Industry Association (BIA) sued the District and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court. The District prevailed in the legal challenges.

In developing the rule, the District did not envision a scenario that occurred in the City of Visalia, namely that a large project with the potential to significantly affect air quality could be approved without a discretionary decision, and would thus be exempt from the requirements of the rule. Essentially, the City of Visalia, by calling the project ministerial (non-discretionary), was saying that the City had no right to deny the project, or even to place project-specific conditions of approval on the project. The City and the District were subsequently sued, with the District eventually released from involvement in the case, as the project was not subject to ISR due to the City treating it as a ministerial action.

The District has been engaged in a public process and is proposing to refine the rule to eliminate the source of the applicability inconsistency and thereby ensure that all large development projects are subject to the ISR rule, regardless of whether a discretionary decision is employed in the approval process by the local

land-use agency. District staff continues to receive comments and suggestions on rule language to accomplish this goal.

Mr. Sadredin said a letter was received from the California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation that brought forth several perceived issues they had with the draft changes to the rule. He said consistent with the District's core value of bringing continuous improvement to all District activities, the District has also taken this opportunity to enhance and clarify other aspects of the rule. In addition, the ISR rule revisions also incorporate and address suggestions and comments received during and after the rule workshop and public processes. However, these latter changes are minor and are not controversial. Mr. Sadredin asked Board members to provide additional comments and direction to staff as they continue to enhance and clarify other aspects of this rule.

Supervisor Mendes said when he spoke to the person who signed the letter she said she signed the letter without full knowledge of the issues and now regretted signing the letter. Supervisor Elliott asked about attempts to refine the rule and asked how large development projects would be defined. Mr. Sadredin responded the rule is currently going through the public process. In response to Supervisor Elliott's second question, he said the rule provides a precise definition of large projects. Supervisor Olsen asked about the types of businesses that originally supported the rule. Mr. Sadredin responded that many stationary sources and their representatives, including the Manufacturers Council for example, supported the rule as it addressed a fairness issues and required the mobile sources emissions from development projects to be mitigated. She asked how the mitigation fee is determined. Mr. Sadredin said it is a formula based on the amount of emissions generated from the project if air friendly measures are not included in the project design.

13. APPOINT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HEARING BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPROVE INTERIM REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS GROUP – Mr. Sadredin gave a brief background on the District's Hearing Boards and the process for the reappointment of Hearing Board members, which take place every three years on a rotating basis. With the terms medical professional members set to expire on February 28, 2017, he asked the Board to appoint two Governing Board members from each region to serve on the Governing Board's Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Hearing Board Reappointments. In addition, he requested the Board to authorize an extension of terms for the medical professional members for as long as necessary pending the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendations for reappointment.

The following Board members volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Hearing Board reappointments: Supervisor Couch and Supervisor Worthley (Southern Region), Major Ayers and Supervisor Mendes (Central Region), and Supervisor Elliott and Supervisor Pareira (Northern Region).

Public Comments: None

Moved: Wheeler  
Seconded: Worthley  
Ayes: Ayers, Capitman, Couch, Elliott, Mendes, Olsen,  
Pareira, Pedersen, Wheeler, Worthley, Baines  
Nays: None

***Motion carried to appoint Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Hearing Board reappointments and approve interim reappointments of Medical Professionals group for as long as needed to process reappointments***

14. VERBAL REPORT ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES – Dr. Sherriffs was not present at the meeting and no report was provided.
15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sadredin asked Board direction regarding the proposed May dates for the 2017 Governing Board Study Session as Supervisor Pareira and Supervisor Olsen would be unable to make the planned May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> dates. To the extent that new members' participation is crucial, he asked if members would reconsider moving the Study Session to a future date. Councilmember Baines responded affirmatively. Mr. Sadredin said staff would poll Board members to determine a feasible future date. He said staff is currently planning the annual legislative trip to Washington, DC, for some time next month. Based on the Chair's direction, the plan is to take the Board members who attended last year and are familiar faces in Washington, DC. He said he has spoken to Supervisor Worthley, Supervisor Pedersen, Supervisor Mendes, and Supervisor Elliott, in addition to Councilmember Baines, who have all agreed to go during the week of March 20, 2017. Councilmember Baines said he is still confirming his travel calendar.
16. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Councilmember Baines said he serves on the Workforce Investment Board in Fresno County and they along with the Economic Opportunities Commission are putting together a request to the federal government to invest in wildfire reduction efforts and make it a workforce development program to cut down trees. He suggested the Board and District might be interested in partnering in this program as well. Mr. Sadredin said staff would contact them to get details and return to the Board for direction at a future date.

**ADJOURN**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

*The next scheduled meeting of the Governing Board is: Thursday, March 16, 2017. 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 video teleconference (VTC) with the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating via VTC.*