

**Action Summary Minutes  
for the  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District  
GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT MEETING  
January 29 and 30, 2004  
The Pines Resort, Boathouse  
54449 Road 432, Bass Lake, CA.**

**Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.**

1. **Called to Order** – The Chair, Supervisor Barbara Patrick, called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

**Governing Board Members present:**

Judith G. Case, Supervisor	Fresno County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County
Michael G. Nelson, Supervisor	Merced County
Barbara Patrick, Supervisor, <b>Chair</b>	Kern County

**District staff present:** Dave Crow, Executive Director/APCO, Mark Boese, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, Dave Jones, Director of Planning, Robert J. Kard, Director of Compliance, Seyed Sadredin, Director of Permit Services, Tom Jordan, Planning Manager, Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner and Sissy Smith, Clerk to the Board.

**Also present:** Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company, Jim Harris, Air Pollution Control Officer, Amador APCD, Jerry Frost, Kern Oil, Scott Sill, Lone Star Gas, David Campbell, San Joaquin Refining & Tricor and Charles Mosher, MD, Air Pollution Control Officer, Mariposa County APCD.

2. **Chair's Opening Remarks** – The Chair welcomed everyone at the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Dave Crow noted the items presented during the Retreat will be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

**The following presentations took place:**

3. **What are the planned federal and state control Measures and how can we best influence their policies?**

**Federal and State Control Measures**, presented by Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner. Mr. Hunsaker's presentation covered the following items:

Background

2005 Estimated Summer Average Nitrogen Oxides Emissions  
2005 Estimated Summer Average Reactive Organic Gas Emissions  
SJVAB emissions reductions  
Status of federal measures  
Recent/pending ARB actions  
Proposed state commitments  
Largest state reductions  
New state measures  
Legislative issues  
Influencing policies

4. **Impacts of EPA's proposed 8-Hour Ozone designation of the San Joaquin Valley and the potential inclusion of the Mountain Counties.**

**Federal 8-hr ozone standard**, presented by Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner and Dave Jones, Director of Planning. Mr. Hunsaker's presentation covered the following items:

EPA's 8-hr Ozone Schedule  
What is the 8-hr Ozone Standard?  
SJVAB 8-hr Ozone Statistics 1  
SJVAB and 8-hr Standard  
Attainment deadlines  
SJVAB 8-hr O<sub>3</sub> milestones  
California's 8-hr Designations  
Inclusion of mountain counties (\*)  
SJVAQS Modeling Findings  
SJVAQS Experimental Findings Use in ARB Transport Analysis  
Transport Issues  
Complications to the SIP Process  
Separate Mountain County Area

**The Board was provided an overview of:**

Mountain County Excerpt, Ozone Transport: 2001, ARB  
Final Regulation Order, Ozone Transport Mitigation Regulations

(\*) Dave Crow announced that staff recently met with Jim Harris, Air Pollution Control Officer, Amador County APCD and Charles Mosher, MD, Air Pollution Control Officer, Mariposa County APCD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss EPA's proposal to include the mountain counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) nonattainment area.

(\* ) Jim Harris, Amador APCD, spoke about the EPA's possibilities of EPA including the mountain counties into the SJVAB. Mr. Harris provided the Board and public with copies of correspondence in opposition to EPA's proposal. Mr. Harris encouraged the Board of Supervisors of the eight county SJVAB to write letters to EPA and ARB.

Charles Mosher, MD, Mariposa County APCD, also made comments in opposition to EPA's intent to include the mountain counties into the SJVAB nonattainment area.

The Chair directed staff to draft a letter for her signature to ARB in opposition to the inclusion of the mountain counties into the SJVAB nonattainment area.

Dave Crow suggested the letter in discussion also be sent to elected officials in our area as well as the mountain counties.

(\* ) Mr. Harris provided the Board and staff with the following correspondence:

January 20, 2004, to Catherine Witherspoon, Executive Officer, CARB, Subject: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Intention to Modify the CARB's Recommended Designation and Boundary of the 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment area for the Amador County APCD, from Mario Biagi, Chairman, Amador County Board of Supervisors

January 23, 2004, to U.S. EPA Region IX, Wayne Natri, Regional Administrator, Subject: Opposition to EPA's proposal to include the Amador County Air Pollution control District in the San Joaquin Valley 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, from L. William Bremer, Chairman Amador County Transportation Commission.

January 26, 2004, to James L. Harris, APCO, Amador County Air Pollution Control District, Subject: Thanking Mr. Harris for Letter of Opposition, from: Catherine Witherspoon, Executive Officer, CARB.

January 27, 2004, to Catherine Witherspoon, Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board (CARB), Subject: EPA's proposal to include the Amador County Air Pollution Control District in the San Joaquin Valley 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area, from Richard M. Forster, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Amador County Air Pollution Control District

**Break at 3:16 p.m.**

**Reconvened from break at 3:35 p.m.**

5. **Update on the 1-Hour ozone bump-up request and the PM10 plan approvals by EPA. Future requirements for PM2.5**

**Status of Planning Items** presentation made by Don Hunsaker, Supervising Air Quality Planner.

Request for reclassification  
Extreme Plan  
Preliminary results for 1-hr O3  
PM10 Plan  
PM2.5  
PM2.5 planning requirements  
Regional haze  
2007-2008 plan congestion  
One atmosphere

**The Board received the following document:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 9, Fact Sheet, Proposed Approval of San Joaquin Valley's 2003 PM-10 Plan Elements, Clean Air Act PM-10 Requirement – Section 189, San Joaquin Valley, California, January 27, 2004

6. **What are the implications of the air pollution Transport process and the use of all feasible measures as mitigation**

**Air Pollution Transport Process in California** – presentation made by Dave Jones, Director of Planning.

California Clean Air Act Section 39610 H&S Code  
ARB Assessments  
ARB Recognized Transport Couples  
Diagram: Bay Area Transport  
Diagram: Sacramento Transport  
Diagram: Great Basin Valleys Air Basin  
Air Basins in California  
Air Pollution Districts in California  
Current Transport Mitigation Regulations  
State Mandates for Feasible Control Measures  
Ideas for Control Measures  
Evaluate Each Measure  
Refine List of Candidate Controls  
Collaborative Regional Process  
Reasons for Collaborative Meeting

Dave Crow announced the Chair of the Governing Board, Supervisor Barbara Patrick received an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Northern California Air Quality Coordinating Group, February 20, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street, Conference Room 620,

Sacramento, CA. The invitation was also extended to all members of the District's Governing Board.

7. **Public Comment** – No Public Comment for this item.

{Note: Public Comments were made throughout the Retreat on all items presented.}

**Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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**Friday, January 30, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order** – The Chair, Supervisor Barbara Patrick, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

**Governing Board Members present:**

Judith G. Case, Supervisor	Fresno County
J. Steven Worthley, Supervisor	Tulare County
Michael G. Nelson, Supervisor	Merced County
Sam Armentrout, Councilmember	City of Madera
Barbara Patrick, Supervisor, <b>Chair</b>	Kern County

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**Also present:** Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company, Jerry Frost, Kern Oil, Scott Sill, Lone Star Gas, Roger Christy, Chevron/Texaco, Bob Boston, Berry Petroleum, Dennis Tristao, Kings County Farm Bureau, Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League, Debbie Jacobsen, Fresno County Farm Bureau, Karla Kay Fullerton, Fresno County Farm Bureau, Jason Baldwin, Madera County Farm Bureau, Kevin Clutter, Cal Grain & Feed Assn. & Pacific Egg & Poultry Assn. and Carolina Simunovic, Fresno Metro Ministry.

2. **Roundtable Discussion: Potential programs to maximize the benefits from motor vehicle incentive programs.**

**SJVAPCD Grant Programs, Past, Present & Future**, presentation made by Tom Jordan, Planning Manager.

Purpose of Grant Programs  
Grant Program History  
Sources of Grant Funding  
Historical Emission Reductions

Current Programs  
Proposed Programs  
Alternative Strategies  
Other Possible Program Concepts

3. **What is an indirect source, and how can we mitigate their impacts?**  
presentation made by Dave Mitchell, Planning Manager.

What are Indirect Sources?  
What are we looking at indirect sources?  
Indirect Source Rule Concept  
Program Elements  
How can these impacts be mitigated at a project site?  
Fee Utilization  
Special Considerations  
Rule Development Schedule

**Break at 10:30 a.m.**

**Reconvened from Break at 10:47 a.m.**

4. **Upcoming Agriculture/Dairy Issues: Emission controls for agricultural sources.**

**Agricultural Sources: Emissions and Control Technologies** presentation made by Seyed Sadredin, Director of Permit Services.

Today's Topics  
Farm Emissions  
Discing/Field Preparation  
Harvesting  
Ag Burn Pile  
Ag Equipment Storage Yard  
Ag IC Engine  
Ag Fuel Storage Tank  
Conservation Management Practices  
CMP Examples  
Total Number of AFOs in Valley  
Confined Animal Facility Emissions  
Dairy Emission Points  
Controls/Practices  
Plug Flow Digester  
Complete Mix Digester  
BACT Process  
Research Projects

5. **Environmental Justice: Prevention and mitigation through outreach.**

**Environmental Justice**, presentation made by Seyed Sadredin, Director of Permit Services.

Today's Topics

Historical Cause & Effects

Federal E. J. Framework

Presidential Executive Order 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994)

EPA Draft E. J. Guidance (1998-2000) Complaints re: Permit Actions

State E. J. Framework

Changing Demographics San Joaquin Valley

District E. J. Activities to date

Future Initiatives

6. **Public Comment**

**Karla Kay Fullerton, Fresno County Farm Bureau**, requested funding or ideas on how to obtain funding for a group of South East Asian farmers that utilize trellises to grow their crops. Ms. Fullerton noted these farmers were not aware they could not burn the trellises which consist of green waste with plastic intertwined and when burned is highly toxic.

**Dennis Tristao, Kings County Farm Bureau**, requested expedited permit processing when it comes to ag sources.

Mr. Tristao commended District staff on their Certified Air Permitting Program.

Mr. Tristao noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is taking a more active role in providing advise and recommendations to the Board on issues. Mr. Tristao commended the District Management staff for cooperating in that effort.

**Roger Christy, Chevron/Texaco**, stated the need for rapid permitting is exists for every source. Mr. Christy expressed his appreciation to District staff for their efforts in that area.

**The Chair**, commended staff for doing such marvelous presentations. She felt there was a phenomenal amount of information and stakeholder dialogue. She stated it was a shame more Board Members could not attend.

**The Chair**, mentioned the possibility of a workshop format for sharing some of this information with Board Members not in attendance.



**The Chair**, stated that we are also talking about the possibility of having a symposium in the fall and where we can discuss some of these issues as well as others.

**The Chair**, noted there were a lot of interesting topics covered and she really appreciated everyone attending.

{Note: Public Comments were made throughout the Retreat on all items presented.}

**Adjourn** – The chair adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.