

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
GRANTS COMMITTEE**

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

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011
4:30 p.m.**

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group Grants Committee meeting was held via video teleconference (VTC): Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, the Southern Region Office, VTC Room, 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield and the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	Central
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental	Central

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Director of Strategies & Incentives Department; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Outreach and Communications Representative; Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives Department.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Brenda Turner, Public Information Representative.

Staff present in Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Public Information Representative.

Members of the public present – Melissa Kelly-Ortega, Joe O’Grady, Tina Chapa, Jamallah Dean, Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Naazim Hamed

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2011 – Mr. Dean motioned to approve the minutes Oct. 25, 2011 and Mr. Hamilton seconded. Mr. Williams, Chair, approved the minutes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – Mr. Joe O’Grady, Bike Bakersfield, discussed Build-a-Bike Program. He said he would like to see the program expand and requested involvement by EJAG and the District. Ms. Tina Chapa, Executive Director of Bike Bakersfield, further explained the Build-a-Bike program. Mr. Samir Sheik, Director of Strategies and Incentives Department, said the District did recently meet with Ms. Chapa regarding the District’s involvement with the program, and said the District looks forward to working with Bike Bakersfield.

Ms. Jamallah Dean, A. Phillip Randolph Community Development Corporation, provided a brief overview of the non-profit organization located in Kern County.

Ms. Maricela Mares-Alatorre, People for Clean Air and Water, said the District held a meeting in Kettleman City last week and expressed concerns regarding the notification process. Mr. Hamilton requested Ms. Mares-Alatorre attend the EJAG meeting, directly following the Grant’s Committee meeting, and speak during the public comments section of that meeting.

5. AB 2522 FUNDS PRESENTATION – Mr. Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives, provided a presentation on “The Role of EJAG in the Expenditure of AB 2522 Funds.” He also showed a video of news coverage at a District Tune In and Tune Up event held at Fresno City College. Mr. DeYoung said the next Tune In and Tune Up event will be in early February.

Grants Committee members discussed allocating funds to Tune In and Tune Up. Mr. Hamilton said the surplus emissions have to be quantifiable, as the law requires the funds be allocated to programs that achieve surplus emission reductions that are needed to remediate air pollution created by motor vehicles and achieve reductions that are not already required. He said the Tune In and Tune Up program meets this requirement, is one that would provide a lot of “bang for the buck,” and fits the needs of people in EJ communities.

Mr. Williams said the school bus replacement program is another program the committee could recommend funds be allocated to. Additionally, he suggested that the committee discuss funds possibly going toward replacing older garbage trucks.

Regarding the Tune In and Tune Up program, Mr. Dean suggested modifications be made in order to assist members of EJ communities with repair costs associated to meeting smog requirements. Mr. Hamilton agreed, suggesting that the per-vehicle funding (for repairs) needs to be increased and based on the repairs needed rather than the value of the vehicle. Mr. Dean suggested the vouchers cover up to \$1,000 for repairs. Mr. DeYoung said the District is partnered with the Foundation for California Community Colleges and there is

flexibility regarding repair costs in that, on a case by case basis, a waiver can be requested for repairs exceeding \$500.

Mr. Hamilton asked if the DMV funds are available for one year only. Mr. DeYoung said the law does not indicate a timeframe for the funds. He explained the fee for non-attainment is \$29 million per year; however, the law states only \$10 million is required to go toward EJ. Mr. Dean said one of the purposes of the Grants Committee is to submit ideas to EJAG on how the District could use other funds besides the \$10 million.

Mr. Dean said the committee should consider using some of the funds for community outreach, in order to involve EJ communities and receive input from those communities.

Mr. Williams asked Grants committee members to bring ideas to the next meeting, on Jan. 26, in order for recommendations to be made and then presented to EJAG.

Public comment: The following person provided testimony on this matter:

- Mr. Naazim Hamed, with the San Joaquin Black Contactors Association and the Southeast Asian Housing Task Force, said the agencies he represents have the foundation and network to assist with event promotion and offered support by providing a platform and methodology for distribution of information through the seeking of some funding.

Mr. Dean asked the public members present to attend the next grants committee meeting and bring with them recommendations for the dispersal of the \$10 million. Mr. Hamilton suggested that instead of members of the public presenting ideas in person at the next Grants Committee meeting, a public notice go out requesting ideas be submitted in writing by a certain date, in order for the suggestions to be reviewed by committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Williams said if a number of members of the public attend the next meeting, public comment may need to be limited to one or two minutes.

Mr. Williams asked District staff to contact committee members via email to inform them to bring specific recommendations regarding the expenditure of the \$10 million to the next meeting for discussion and a vote, in order for the committee to be able to present suggestions to EJAG.

6. JANUARY EJAG GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Williams said the primary agenda item for next month will be a discussion/action item to form specific recommendations regarding the \$10 million, in order to present recommendations to EJAG.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.