

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)

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

Thursday, August 23, 2012
5:30 p.m.

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group 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 5:30 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Merced	Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Sarah Sharpe, CAC-Environmental (Alternate)	Central
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary)	Central
Kings	Riley Jones, CAC-Industry/Ag (Primary)	Central

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Outreach and Communications Representative.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Jamie Holt, Chief Communications Officer.

Staff present in Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Outreach and Communications Representative.

Members of the public present – Dennis Fox.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2012

Moved: Williams
Seconded: Kelly-Ortega
Ayes: Kelly-Ortega, Williams, Hamilton, Jones
Nays: None

Motion unanimously passed to approve the minutes of Thursday, June 28, 2012.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Dennis Fox gave the group an update on the proposed Off-Highway Vehicle park near Taft.

Ms. Sharpe announced an upcoming workshop hosted by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment on behalf of Cal/EPA. The workshop is regarding EnviroScreen, a new tool created to estimate cumulative impacts and help identify EJ areas. The workshop will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Cecil C. Hinton Community Center in West Fresno. Ms. Sharpe also announced the tentative date of Oct. 17, 2012, for the launch of the Fresno Environmental Reporting Network.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Kelly-Ortega had no comments other than to remind the group of time constraints in order to stay on schedule.
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. McVaigh postponed his comments to allow additional time for EJAG Action Plan development.
7. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, said there were no rule updates and no past actions in July or August.

Mr. Villegas said progress is being made on the 2012 PM2.5 Plan. Staff gave a presentation to the Governing Board in August. They are still looking at doing extensive public outreach. They are contemplating additional control measures such as strengthening the residential wood-burning rule by lowering the threshold for curtailment days. They are considering new rules for commercial charbroilers and new incentive programs/funding for lawn and garden programs. They are also looking into an episodic construction measure where only vehicles with diesel particulate filters (DPFs) would be allowed to operate during potential PM2.5 exceedence days. Mr. Villegas said Northern and Central region counties will be able to meet attainment within the 2019 timeframe, but Kern County presents many challenges. The Aug. 29 workshop has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

Regarding Rule 2301, Emission Reduction Credit (ERC) banking, the District has received 40 applications for Greenhouse Gas ERCs, but no ERCs have been issued as of yet.

Mr. Hamilton suggested looking for opportunities to revise ISR and GAMAQI to reduce PM2.5 emissions. Mr. McVaigh said the District has looked at and proposed modifications to GAMAQI and planned on presenting the ideas to the Governing Board in June, but that has been postponed.

8. EJAG ACTION PLAN – DEVELOPING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The group discussed and edited EJAG's Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan. Mr. Williams commented the completed items removed from the plan should be moved to EJAG's 2012 accomplishment list that will ultimately go to the CAC and Governing Board in December. The group decided to continue the discussion of the Action Plan in September, when more members are present, and make it an action item on the agenda to approve the new plan.

Public Comment: Mr. Fox suggested a change to the wording of the proposed new goal/objective.

*Video-teleconferencing with the Northern office was turned off at 6:15 p.m.

9. GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE - Derek Williams, Committee Chair, gave a short version of Mr. DeYoung's update.

- **School Buses** – State funding for this program has ended. The District has allocated \$3 million for the fiscal year to continue the program. There are plenty of available projects left over from the state-funded program and the District plans to continue using the same list and the same or similar criteria. The District will roll out the program within the next few months and it will include \$1 million for EJ areas in each region, as recommended by the Grants Committee. Mr. DeYoung mentioned the Governing Board's concern that school transportation funding is not secure in the state. The group discussed how to make sure transportation funding is secure before rolling out the program. They discussed requiring applicants to show proof of funding for transportation.
- **Refuse-Collection Vehicles** – Staff is developing the guidelines for this new component of the Heavy Duty program and plan on taking it to the Governing Board as early as October.
- **On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicles** – Funding to restart this program has been allocated and there are applications in the queue. Criteria from the Grants Committee's recommendations will be incorporated into funding decisions. Mr. DeYoung said that because this is an existing program, it does not need to go to the Governing Board for approval. The program will re-open within the next couple months. Mr. Williams reiterated the committee's recommendation was to supplement the incentive. For example, if the District offers \$50,000 per truck, EJAG could offer an additional \$20,000 for each truck.
- **Light-Duty Passenger Vehicles** – The Governing Board approved the allocation of \$4 million for Tune-In/Tune-Up events. The District anticipates about 19 events over the next couple years. The first event will be Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Fresno Fairgrounds. The District is partnering with Valley Clean Air Now. They are great at grass-roots marketing and targeting low-income and EJ areas in their outreach.

10. UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS – Ms. Kelly-Ortega thanked everyone involved in the recruitment process. They interviewed 13 applicants. There are only two more seats to be filled. Ms. Kelly-Ortega thanked Mr. Fox for his application. EJAG appreciates all of his time and energy and the valuable information he provides.
11. EJ MAPS – Mr. McVaigh announced this item will be postponed, but an overlay handout was provided. Ms. Kelly-Ortega commented on the area in Merced known as Beachwood/Franklin. She said this is definitely an EJ area and is recognized as so by the District, but it is not considered an “action zone” on Dr. London’s map.
12. SEPTEMBER EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The following items will be on the September agenda:
 - New Member Introductions
 - Finalize Action Plan
 - EJ maps
 - Grant Funding Report by Todd DeYoung
13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – None.
14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Jones will not attend the next meeting.
15. EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012, AT 10 A.M. – Mr. McVaigh suggested discussing attendance issues with the CAC, including the need for the CAC city representative to attend EJAG meetings.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012, AT 10 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 5:30 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.

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