

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, December 13, 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 5:34 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
Stanislaus	Rayna Ruiz, At-large Rep.	North
Fresno	Sarah Sharpe, CAC-Environmental (Alternate)	Central
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Sandra Celedón-Castro	Central
Kings	Maricela Mares-Alatorre	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At-large Rep.	South
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	South

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Program Director; Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Manager; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Ruth Crisp, Outreach and Communications Representative; and Alex Krivobok, Network Systems Analyst.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Mike Oldershaw, Compliance Manager

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

Members of the public present – Karen (Central) – guest of Ms. Mares-Alatorre

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2012

Moved: Derek Williams
Seconded: Sarah Sharpe
Ayes: Kelly-Ortega, Ruiz, Williams, Sharpe, Celedón-Castro,
Mares-Alatorre, Smith
Nays: None
Abstained: Dean

Motion passed to approve the minutes of Thursday, October 25, 2012.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Kelly-Ortega commended everyone for dedicating time in December to EJAG. She invited everyone to sign up for an online ethics training course and created an account for sign-ups. The course can be found at www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega also followed up on a few items from previous meetings, including lists and reports EJAG requested be provided by District staff.

Did staff provide a list of the communities that will be monitored in the PM2.5 study, detailed list of media outlets, report of grant monies and how they will be spent?

Has staff checked with PG&E regarding partnership with the Weatherization Program & Wood-burning Program?

Meeting dates were changed the by-laws from online by-laws.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – None.

Mr. McVaigh said that at the upcoming board meeting, there will be a public hearing to consider the adoption of the PM2.5 plan. He thanked everyone for their participation.

7. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Program Director, presented the update. Mr. Sheikh said, based on modeling and projected emission reductions through the proposed PM2.5 plan, by 2015, more than 70 percent of the Valley will be in attainment. By 2016, more than 80 percent will be in attainment and by 2017, that number will be 90 percent. The remaining 10 percent which will come into attainment by 2019, is in Kern County.

As part of the District's Risk-based Strategy, the health benefits of achieving attainment through the plan were evaluated through EPA's "BenMAP" model. Per year, the plan will prevent 671 cases of premature death, 114,000 incidents of asthma exacerbation, and more than 500 respiratory or cardiovascular hospital

admissions. The model also estimates the economic savings of these health benefits, which -- excluding premature death (for which it is difficult assign a value), would be more than \$100 million each year.

In conclusion, Mr. Sheikh encouraged everyone to attend the Governing Board meeting and public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012.

Mr. Smith asked for information regarding the new truck and bus regulations. Mr. Sheikh explained that the regulations require private fleet trucks and buses to reduce their emissions gradually over the next 10 years. Mr. Smith also asked about bicycle incentives. Mr. Sheikh responded that the plan addresses the need for more bicycle infrastructure along with other alternatives to vehicle use.

Ms. Sharpe asked why the PM2.5 plan aims for attainment in 2019 and not sooner. Mr. Sheikh explained that attainment also required large reductions in mobile source emissions which will not occur until 2019.

Ms. Sharpe commented on the small margin of error regarding achieving attainment in Bakersfield. Mr. Villegas responded that the modeling includes many conservative estimates based on worst-case scenarios. He explained that meteorological conditions from 2007 were used in the modeling, and 2007 was one of the worst years meteorologically.

Mr. Williams mentioned the previously discussed PG&E Weatherization Program and the possibility of the District partnering with this program. This would be a great way to reach out to landlords in order to switch out more old fireplaces for new, cleaner-burning units. Mr. Sheikh agreed. Mr. Williams also mentioned the Lawn and Garden Program and the need to emphasize the benefits of reducing micro-pollutants.

8. EJAG ACTION PLAN UPDATE – Mr. McVaigh announced that APCO Seyed Sadredin has preliminarily approved the EJAG's goals and objectives, with the addition of two more items: First, he would like the EJAG to review the District's complaint procedures and suggest possible ways to improve upon it; And second, he would like to add that EJAG will continue to make recommendations to the District regarding the spending plan for grant funds. Mr. Sadredin would like the EJAG Grants Subcommittee to reconvene and begin working on recommendations for consideration for the 2013-14 District budget. He hopes this can be completed by March or April. The new budget proposal will be presented to the Governing Board in May 2013.

Ms. Ruiz commented that she likes what was added to the plan and she is interested in learning about the complaint procedure.

9. EJAG ACCOMPLISHMENTS – REVIEW, EDIT AND APPROVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 – Ms. Kelly-Ortega asked

everyone to review the list. They discussed possible additions including improved attendance, filling all open EJAG seats, increased public participation and increasing the number of EJAG members attending CAC meetings.

Ms. Ruiz suggested finalizing the accomplishments list in January so they could review attendance records and add the suggested items. Ms. Kelly-Ortega noted they will need a quorum in January and added they should aim to have a quorum every month. She said this would be a good thing to add to next year's goals.

The action item was tabled until January.

10. JANUARY EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The following items will be on the January agenda:

- EJ 101 Training (Part II)
- EJ Map Overview
- PM2.5 Plan Update
- Accomplishments List
- Deputy APCO Update will include report on ERC banking applications
- Discuss an alternate date for December 2013 EJAG meeting

The group discussed reconvening the Grants Committee and scheduled the first meeting for Feb. 28 at 4:15 p.m. They also discussed updating the District's outreach list of local organizations and contacts. Ms. Kelly-Ortega asked for any new submissions by Jan. 10.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – None.
12. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Dean invited everyone to attend the annual San Joaquin Valley Public Contracting Expo and Conference. This year, it is called The High Speed Rail Conference. The conference will be held Jan. 10 11 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno. More details can be found at www.sjvannualpce.info.
13. EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013, AT 10 a.m. – None.
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013, AT 10 a.m. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. (**5 p.m. for Part 2 of the EJAG 101 session.**) Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.