

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

**Monday, April 16, 2012
2:00 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 2:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

| County | Member Name/Interest Group | Location |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Kern | Marvin Dean, Business Owner | South |
| Tulare | Derek Williams, At-large Rep | Central |
| Kings | Riley Jones, CAC-Industry/Ag (Primary) | Central |
| Fresno | *Sandra Celedón-Castro, At-large Rep | Central |
| Fresno | Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary) | Central |

*Ms. Celedón-Castro arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives Department; Jamie Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Outreach and Communications Representative.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Brenda Turner, Outreach and Communications Representative.

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

Members of the public present – None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2012 – Mr. Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes of March 22, 2012. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Jones had a question about the committee's recommendation for an additional

\$3 million from AB 2522 to be used for refuse collection vehicles. Mr. Hamilton clarified that the committee has made recommendations for allocating a total of \$7 million. They had discussed holding off on allocating the remaining \$3 million until the additional money requested was officially in the District budget. Mr. Jones commented that this was not noted in the minutes. Mr. Dean announced that he did not attend the last meeting so he could not participate in the discussion and would abstain from the vote to approve the minutes. The committee discussed the last meeting and questioned if specific action was taken regarding the remaining \$3 million. Ms. Celedón-Castro arrived late to the last meeting and Mr. Hamilton pointed out that she was not listed on the roll call. Ms. Holt apologized for any possibly missing or incorrect information and suggested the committee could delay approval until District staff can review the audio recording. Mr. Williams suggested tabling the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. There were no objections.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – None.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams presented a document he prepared listing the committee’s final recommendations for use of the AB 2522 funds. He recapped the motions they had passed that had been approved by EJAG. This led directly into a discussion of item No. 6.
6. FINAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS ON \$10 MILLION DMV FEES – The committee discussed their final recommendations for AB 2522 funds. Mr. Williams reminded the group of the time urgency. Mr. DeYoung said staff is hoping for the final recommendations today to be approved at the next EJAG meeting in anticipation of the Governing Board budget meeting in May. Ms. Holt commented that the timeline is relatively tight based on noticing requirements.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. DeYoung about funding for refuse collection trucks. Mr. DeYoung said refuse fleet replacement is included under the heavy-duty engine program. There is a total of \$65.3 million allotted to this program, but it has not been broken down yet so he could not give a specific dollar amount. Mr. Williams questioned allocating the remaining \$3 million to the heavy-duty engine program. He asked if salvage yards could be included under that category. Mr. DeYoung confirmed that salvage yard equipment could fall under that category as construction equipment or general off-road equipment.

Mr. Hamilton noted that the heavy-duty engine program will receive the majority of the money. He suggested looking over the other items to see if there was anything else they might want to put money toward where \$3 million could really make a difference. Mr. Hamilton asked about the technology advancement category of mobile source and renewable waste to energy and if it included projects to help capture the methane produced by composting, dairies and other operations. Mr. DeYoung confirmed.

Mr. Dean presented the committee with his proposal to allocate \$1.5 million per region for “special projects” in EJ areas. This could be included in the community incentives category. Mr. Dean explained that this would be a great opportunity to hear ideas and get feedback from EJ communities on how to best use the funds. Mr. Williams commented that it was a great idea, but suggested they discuss it further at a future meeting. He said the committee needed to deal with the task at hand and finalize their recommendations for the \$10 million. Mr. Dean said he supports the recommendations, but will not vote to approve them without a separate item that sets aside funds for future projects and provides an opportunity for public participation. Ms. Holt commented that the District is committed to helping EJ areas. If a great new project comes up, the District will fund it. Mr. Dean wants the record to show that he intends to carry his proposal forward. He wants the committee to think outside the box, do something creative and make a difference. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Dean to bring his proposal to the next EJAG meeting.

Next, the committee discussed making adjustments to their recommendations for refuse collection vehicles and on-road, heavy-duty vehicles. Instead of “primarily operating in EJ areas,” Mr. Dean suggested eligible vehicles meet a specific use percentage. Mr. DeYoung gave the committee some examples of percentage requirements. The Carl Moyer program requires that 75 percent of operations occur in California. The District requires that 75 percent occur within the San Joaquin Valley. Proposition 1B requires that 50 percent occur within particular boundaries. Mr. DeYoung commented that flexibility is important. Mr. Williams suggested amending recommendations No. 2 and No. 3 to require that vehicles must operate not less than 75 percent in EJ areas. Mr. Hamilton motioned to approve the changes to the recommendations as discussed.

Moved: Hamilton
Seconded: Jones
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Williams, Dean, Jones, Hamilton
Nays: None

Motion unanimously passed to amend the recommendations to require that eligible vehicles must operate not less than 75 percent in EJ areas.

Mr. Williams asked the committee if they wanted to continue discussing the recommendations or if they were ready to approve them. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the final recommendations and forward them to EJAG.

Moved: Hamilton
Seconded: Celedón-Castro
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Williams, Jones, Hamilton
Nays: Dean

Motion passed 4-1 to approve the final recommendations and forward them to EJAG.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) - None.
8. MAY EJAG GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Williams suggested they keep the May meeting scheduled, but not set an agenda. Unless something comes up, they will most likely cancel the May meeting. The committee agreed.
9. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AS TO ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN REPORT TO EJAG AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TO EJAG – Mr. Dean said he wanted it noted that he voted not to approve the final recommendations. He wanted to clarify that he does not oppose anything on the list, he just wanted to add more to it. He would like to present his proposal and comments to EJAG and the Governing Board.

Mr. Hamilton congratulated everyone on a job well done. He thanked the District for the opportunity to provide input on how to use incentive funds.

Ms. Celedón-Castro mentioned a meeting she attended recently where there was a discussion regarding the synchronization of traffic lights. Synchronizing traffic signals reduces travel time, reduces emissions and saves gas. Mr. DeYoung said synchronization projects would be included under the advanced transportation/vehicles category of the incentives spending plan. Ms. Holt added that the City of Fresno is working on traffic light synchronization. Their website lists what streets have been synchronized and what streets are on their list of priorities.

Mr. Williams thanked the committee for their attendance and hard work. He encouraged everyone to attend the next EJAG meeting. He also thanked District staff for all of their work and for giving the committee the opportunity to make these recommendations.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 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.