

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

**Thursday, August 23, 2012
4:15 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 4:20 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep	Central
Kings	Riley Jones, CAC-Industry/Ag (Primary)	Central

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives Department; 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, Melissa Kelly-Ortega.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2012, AND APRIL 16, 2012 – This item was tabled because a quorum was not present. Mr. Jones asked if the two members present could vote to approve the minutes, and then an additional member vote could be received via email/electronic signature. Ms. Holt answered that is not allowed under the Brown Act.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – None.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams mentioned that the Grants Committee meetings are held less frequently now, and he hopes members will attend so they will have quorum and be able to take action.
6. UPDATE BY STAFF ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AB2522 FUNDS USE RECOMMENDATION BY EJAG – Todd DeYoung gave an update on AB2522 funds.
 - **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. These buses might end up just being parked. 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. They are working directly with Sean Edgar and Art Pena to get an idea of what kind of funding would be necessary on a per-vehicle basis to incentivize people to go with natural gas over diesel.
 - **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. The committee's recommendation was to increase the maximum voucher amount to up to \$1,000. District staff is looking into cost-effectiveness to decide how much they can increase the amount while still maintaining the program's overall

cost-effectiveness threshold. They are looking to incorporate the increase in the next few events.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) – Mr. Fox brought updated conflict of interest codes to share with the group. He also mentioned the cooperative extension is holding a No Till workshop in Modesto and Bakersfield Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012. When he called Bakersfield to get confirmation of the start time, the office was unaware of the workshop. Mr. Fox said there is a problem with coordination and publicity for such events.
8. NEXT EJAG GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
 - AB2522 funds update by Mr. DeYoung.
9. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AS TO ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN REPORT TO EJAG AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TO EJAG
 - AB2522 funds update by Mr. DeYoung.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 4:15 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.