

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, January 26, 2012  
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 4:35 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

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

\*Arrived at 4:48 p.m.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives Department. Sheri Bohigian, 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 – Art Pena, Greg Sanders.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2011 – Mr. Dean motioned to approve the minutes of Dec. 13, 2011 and Mr. Jones seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Mr. Hamilton arrived at 4:48 p.m.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – Art Pena, Vice-President of Pena’s Disposal Service, a local family owned recycle and refuse removal company, located in Cutler and operating in EJ areas, said his company is concerned about clean air and, therefore, has spent thousands of dollars to upgrade their fleet to meet federal emission requirements. He added his company is ahead of the compliance deadline for the new fleet rules. He said his company would like to expand its fleet of natural gas vehicles; however, cannot justify the cost without assistance from a funding source such as AB 2522, as refuse vehicles do not qualify to receive grants and incentives provided to other diesel vehicles under emission reduction incentive programs.

Mr. Todd DeYoung, Grants Program Manager, confirmed that disposal companies are not eligible for funding under Prop. 1B. However, limited funding may be available under the Carl Moyer Program. Regarding AB 2522, Mr. DeYoung said the Grants Committee could recommend allocating funds for a new program that would focus on upgrading refuse fleets and the program replacing old diesel trucks with new CNG trucks. In response to Mr. Williams question concerning funding sources, Mr. DeYoung confirmed the funding could come from any part of the DMV fees, not just the \$10 million. Mr. Dean and Mr. Hamilton then suggested other funds be used for this purpose rather than the \$10 million funds set aside for EJ communities. Mr. Williams reiterated that the District has asked the Grants Committee to make recommendations for funds other than the \$10 million. Mr. Hamilton said there was a statewide tax that the refuse companies passed on themselves 7 to 10 years ago, 50 cents a ton, for a fund to help upgrade equipment and replace engines and he asked District staff to research this funding.

Mr. Greg Sanders, with Varner Brothers Inc., a refuse and recycling company in Bakersfield, said Varner Brothers has been in compliance with the solid waste collection rule and is one of the companies involved in early implementation. The company currently has a fleet of 9 LNG vehicles and they also need funding assistance to purchase additional trucks. Mr. Dean asked what percentage of funding would help to update his fleet. Mr. Sanders said 20 to 25 percent to offset the cost would assist in upgrading the refuse fleet.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams said he would like the Grants Committee to develop a list to present funding recommendation to the EJAG committee this evening.
6. SELECT RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESENT TO THE DISTRICT – After discussion, it was decided the committee would present the following items to EJAG for consideration:
- School buses
  - Garbage trucks (new program)

- Semi-tractor trailers
- Small operators in the EJ areas (retrofit and/or replace)
- PASS or Tune Up and auto repair programs
- Leaf blowers and weed wacker replacement with cleaner or electric equipment
- Tree planting barriers
- Salvage yards
- Outreach

Committee members agreed that where possible, funds other than the \$10 million should be used to fund programs. Mr. Hamilton said information concerning the percentage of pollution reductions associated with each recommendation would need to be obtained in order to see the benefits (“biggest bang for the buck”) prior to making a decision.

Moved: Dean  
Seconded: Jones  
Ayes: Williams, Dean, Hamilton, Jones  
Nays: None

***Motion unanimously passed to adopt the list and forward to the EJAG committee.***

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) - Mr. Pena thanked the committee for their time.
8. FEBRUARY EJAG GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The above list, which was approved to present to EJAG, will be on the February agenda. Also, Mr. Williams requested District staff discuss the items that are approved by EJAG during the February Grants Committee meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

*NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 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.*