

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, March 22, 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 4:33 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

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

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, Strategies and Incentives Department; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Outreach and Communications Representative; Ana Reyes, Bilingual 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 Peña, Alan Davis, Sarah Sharpe, Dennis Fox.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2012 – Mr. Hamilton noted an error in the minutes. He was listed as representing Tulare and this should be changed to Fresno. Mr. Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes of February 23, 2012. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – None.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams mentioned that he attended the Lawn Care Conference. He said it was very informative. He looks forward to an effort to getting leaf blowers and their emissions off of the streets and away from kids.
6. CONTINUED STAFF REPORT ON PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS – The committee continued the discussion of the items on District staff's list of recommendations for using funds received from AB 2522. Mr. Hamilton stated he would like to see the numbers of approximate tonnage in reductions from each source. Mr. DeYoung agreed to provide a report. The committee discussed school bus programs and the harmful effects of school bus emissions on the children riding inside them. Children breathe in emissions the whole time they're riding the bus and it takes hours for these emissions to leave their system. Children riding in a school bus have a cancer risk 46 times higher than people riding in a car in front of the bus. Mr. Hamilton asked if it was possible to replace engines and transmissions on buses instead of buying a new bus. Mr. DeYoung explained repowering or retrofitting buses is done in some cases but replacing the oldest bus is generally a better option. Mr. Williams asked if a large portion of District funding goes toward school bus programs. Mr. DeYoung said that over the past two years, \$39 million in state funds have gone towards school buses through the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. State funding for that program has ended, but the District intends to use additional funding to continue the effort. In February, the Grants Committee recommended allocating \$3 million for school bus programs in EJ areas. Mr. Williams commented that this money should not be considered in the District's decisions on the allocation of other funds. Mr. Williams made a motion specifying that the recommended \$3 million for school bus programs should be in addition to the funding the District allocates to this program.

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

***Motion unanimously passed to recommend \$3 million be allocated for school bus programs in EJ areas, in addition to funding allocated by the District.***

The committee discussed item No. 2 on the recommendation list, refuse collection vehicles. Mr. DeYoung said the District has done some preliminary work with the industry, and they are definitely moving forward with the idea of replacing and retrofitting refuse collection vehicles. The group discussed possible funding sources for these programs. Mr. DeYoung said refuse collection vehicles do not qualify for Prop 1B funds and Carl Moyer funds.

The committee moved on to discuss recommendation item No. 3, on-road heavy-duty vehicles. Mr. DeYoung said District staff presented a new program to the Governing Board last month that focuses on small-business truck fleets in the valley. This \$3 million voucher program is similar to Prop 1B and will provide up to \$50,000 per truck. Mr. Williams asked if the committee could recommend additional funding in order to make the program more affordable to small-business owners in EJ communities. For example, if the District provides \$50,000 per truck, the committee could allocate funds to provide an additional \$20,000 per truck. Mr. DeYoung confirmed this was an option. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to allocate \$3 million for on-road heavy-duty vehicles for small business owners in EJ communities, in addition to funding allocated by the District.

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

***Motion unanimously passed to allocate \$3 million for on-road heavy-duty vehicles for small business owners in EJ communities, in addition to funding allocated by the District.***

Next, the committee discussed Item No. 4, light-duty and passenger vehicles. Mr. DeYoung reported that the District has spent \$2 million on Tune-In/Tune-Up events and these events were wonderfully successful, from both an emission-reduction standpoint as well as to community involvement. Mr. DeYoung said 250 to 300 people qualified for smog-related repairs per event. Mr. Hamilton commented that \$500 per passenger vehicle equals 2,000 vehicles that can be repaired per \$1 million. Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend allocating \$1 million for Tune-In/Tune-Up events in EJ communities, split evenly among the three regions.

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

***Motion unanimously passed to allocate \$1 million for Tune-In/Tune-Up events in EJ communities, divided evenly among the three regions.***

The committee discussed Item No. 5, residential and commercial lawn care equipment. Mr. Williams asked Mr. DeYoung for a summary of the information shared at the District's lawn care conference at their April meeting. He especially wanted to share information on the issue of leaf blowers. Mr. DeYoung recommended that David Lighthall make that presentation to EJAG next month. Mr. DeYoung mentioned the unveiling of the District's new incentive program aimed at commercial lawn care equipment. ARB is providing \$250,000 and the

District has committed an additional \$250,000 to the program. This program will be unveiled in the next two months or so.

Mr. Hamilton commented on item No. 7, salvage yard equipment. He thinks this is an important source. Most salvage yards are located in EJ communities. He thinks it would be helpful if the committee could see an inventory regarding numbers of salvage yards, locations, types of equipment, etc. Mr. Williams commented that item No. 6, vegetative barriers, can be tied into item No. 7. There could be a benefit from vegetative barriers around salvage yards. Mr. Williams noted that item No. 8 is now off of the recommendation list, as AB 2522 funds cannot be used for outreach.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) - Art Peña thanked the committee for considering funding for refuse collection vehicles. He appreciates all the hard work the staff has done.

Alan Davis thanked the committee and commended them for using some of the money for refuse collection vehicles. His company is currently a finalist on a bid for the city of Madera. His is the only company that has proposed to use all CNG vehicles, which would be 12 to 13 trucks out on the streets for eight to 10 hours a day for the next 10 years. He said it was very important to his company that they get help with purchasing new trucks.

Sarah Sharpe commented that school buses should be a priority for funding. Ms. Sharpe added that funding can go to school districts that will agree to commit to using the buses if they receive a grant.

Dennis Fox commented on the issue of salvage yards. He said they are mostly located in bad areas, some are abandoned, and the soil is contaminated. Regarding vegetative barriers, Mr. Fox recommended two examples to look at: Shasta Jr. College in Redding and the Yolo County Resource District.

8. APRIL EJAG GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The committee agreed to continue discussing the staff recommendation report in detail. They also requested a report from Mr. DeYoung regarding emission reductions and a summary of the Lawn Care Conference by David Lighthall.
9. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AS TO ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN REPORT TO EJAG AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TO EJAG – Mr. Hamilton requested an accounting report for the funds coming in from AB 2522.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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*NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 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.*