

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 5, 2013
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 5:40 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – A quorum was not yet present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Sandra Celedón-Castro , At-large Rep.	Central
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	Central
Merced	Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep.	North
Stanislaus	*Rayna Ruiz, At-large Rep.	North
Kern	Robert Smith, At-large Rep.	South

*Ms. Ruiz arrived at 6:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Program Director; Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Janelle Schneider, Air Quality Education Representative; Anton Simanov, Network Systems Analyst.

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

Staff present in Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Air Quality Education Representative.

Members of the public present – Nazeem Hamid, San Joaquin Minority Contractors Association.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams announced a new member of the CAC, Riley Jones' alternate, Diane Friend.
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Strategies and Incentives Program Director, said staff is working on a formal request for the EPA to deem the Valley in attainment of the 1-hour ozone standard. There will be a 30-day public review and comment period regarding "exceptional event" documentation.

Mr. Sheikh announced the Governing Board approved a field study to assess the potential impacts of wood smoke in foothill communities.

Mr. Sheikh also mentioned the District is conducting a survey of Valley residents regarding wood burning, lawn care and driving habits.

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3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2013 –

Moved:	Dean
Seconded:	Kelly-Ortega
Ayes:	Celedón-Castro, Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Ruiz, Williams, Dean
Nays:	None

Motion passed to approve the minutes for October 24, 2013.

8. TRUCK GRANT PROGRAM (OVERVIEW) – Mr. Sheikh said ARB has recognized the importance of addressing small fleet compliance impacts under the truck regulation. They released an executive order in October that allows for small fleet funding under the Proposition 1B incentive program. In November, ARB issued a regulatory advisory that provides additional flexibility to small fleets which includes recognizing "good faith efforts" to comply with the regulation and re-opening the low-use and low-mileage vehicle registration options.

Mr. Sheikh said there are still a number of concerns regarding the truck regulation. At the Dec. 3 meeting, the CAC drafted a letter highlighting their concerns. The letter supports expanding opportunities for grant assistance and a robust outreach campaign, and requests a report of the overall impact to businesses in the Valley and the state. Mr. Sheikh said this information is critical and needs to be communicated to those affected by the regulation.

Mr. Sheikh said the District is stressing allowing sufficient time for truck replacement through incentive programs. Truck replacement achieves a reduction in NOx in addition to the PM reduction required by the truck regulation. The District is stressing more time be allowed for those showing good faith efforts to voluntarily replace trucks, thereby reducing additional emissions.

Public Comment: Nazeem Hamid, President of the San Joaquin Minority Contractors Association, presented examples of issues he had encountered while assisting truckers with incentive funding applications, some of which will require more time to resolve. He also mentioned, even with \$50,000 from incentive funding, truckers will have to finance an additional \$75,000, and many of them won't qualify for loans.

Mr. Williams composed a draft statement regarding EJAG's position and read it to the group. After discussion and adjustments, the group reached a consensus. Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the following statement:

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group supports the Citizens Advisory Committee in its concerns as presented by staff to the Environmental Justice Advisory Group, particularly as concerning small truck fleets, that steps need to be taken to allow for more time, more incentive funding and more outreach for programs to help replace the 15,000 (plus or minus) small fleet trucks on the road and on the road to compliance and that the Dec. 12 and 31 deadlines be extended by six months. In addition, the Environmental Justice Advisory Group shall be on record as requesting that an Environmental Justice community economic impact component and an air quality benefit component be included in any rules and regulations.

Moved: Dean
Seconded: Smith
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Ruiz, Williams, Dean
Nays: None

Motion passed to approve the statement expressing the Environmental Justice Advisory Group's position and support of the Citizens Advisory Committee in its concerns surrounding the Air Resources Board's truck regulation.

7. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – There were no updates this month.
9. REVIEW OF DISTRICT OUTREACH MATERIALS – This item was tabled.
10. DECEMBER EJAG MEETING DATES – This item was tabled.
11. FEBRUARY EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The following items will be on the February agenda:
 - Truck Grant Program
 - Review of District Outreach Materials

- Remove II Program

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – None.
13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Ms. Kelly-Ortega mentioned the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan informational meeting held earlier that day. She said some interested parties were unable to attend a meeting during the work day. She suggested an additional meeting be held and scheduled closer to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Dean announced the public contracting expo scheduled for January 9 and 10 will be rescheduled for March.
14. EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014, AT 10 A.M. – None.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014, AT 10 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.