

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, January 24, 2013
5:00 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 5:02 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not yet present.

| County | Member Name/Interest Group | Location |
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| Merced | Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep. | Central |
| Tulare | Derek Williams, At-large Rep. | Central |
| Kern | Robert Smith, At-large Rep. | South |
| Kern | Marvin Dean, Business Owner | South |
| San Joaquin | *Esperanza Vielma, At-large Rep. | North |
| Fresno | Praveen Buddiga, Business Owner | Central |

*Ms. Vielma arrived at 5:05 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Manager; Michael Carrera, Compliance Manager; David Lighthall, Health Science Advisor; Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Supervisor; Ana Reyes, Outreach and Communications Representative.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager.

Staff present in Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Outreach and Communications Representative; Karen Morris, Office Services Manager.

Members of the public present – Dennis Fox, South.

3. EJAG 101 SESSION (Continued) – Mr. McVaigh gave a brief overview of District operations. He also went over the duties of the Administrative Services Department, which include purchasing, personnel, risk-management, fiscal and budgeting functions, and maintenance of the District fleet and facilities. The Outreach and Communications department is also part of Administrative Services. Mr. McVaigh then introduced four District managers.

Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk to the Board, explained the ethics training requirement, AB1234. This is a two-hour online course to be completed by the end of February and faxed or mailed to the California Special Districts Association. This certification is good for two years. Ms. Franco asked EJAG members that already have a certificate to email or fax it to her.

Dave Warner, Permit Services Director, gave an overview of the different kinds of permits the District issues. Permits are issued only after District staff analyzes expected emissions and concludes that the operation can comply with stringent rules and regulations.

Todd DeYoung, Grants and Incentives Manager, shared information about the variety of incentives the District offers. These projects include incentives for heavy duty trucks, school buses, locomotives, farm equipment, agricultural pumps, lawn mowers, and fireplaces. Mr. DeYoung said the District is consistently recognized as having one of the most efficient and effective incentive programs in the state.

Mr. Smith commented he has heard from both the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern that they find the Remove II program complicated. He said bicycle engineering has changed over the past few years and he would like to have some conversations and see how the program can be improved. Mr. DeYoung said staff is always looking for ideas on improving programs. Mr. McVaigh agreed and added they look forward to taking advantage of Mr. Smith's expertise and passion in that area.

Michael Carrera, Compliance Manager, said the District's Compliance Department is responsible for ensuring compliance with Federal, State, and District rules and regulations. Compliance inspectors conduct thousands of inspections and respond to over 3 thousand complaints every year. The District also provides compliance assistance, education, and training through outreach, compliance assistance bulletins, workshops, and the hearing board.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2012

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| Moved: | Dean |
| Seconded: | Buddiga |
| Ayes: | Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Williams, Dean, Buddiga, |
| Nays: | None |

Abstained: Jones

Motion passed to approve the minutes of Thursday, December 13, 2012.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
6. CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Kelly-Ortega wished everyone a happy new year. She said it was great to see everyone and she was pleased to have a quorum.
7. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. McVaigh said his updates will be covered in the PM2.5 plan update.
8. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – Errol Villegas, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, presented the update. Mr. Villegas announced that the District's PM2.5 plan was approved by the Governing Board in December and was unanimously approved by ARB. ARB will forward the plan to EPA for final consideration. Mr. Villegas said there is still a lot of work ahead to implement the regulations and strategies in the plan. The District will continue to engage the public and request input. Mr. Villegas also gave updates on new rules and amendments to existing rules.

Mr. Dean asked about Rule 9610, Creditability of Incentives. Mr. McVaigh explained that the District's incentive-based measures have reduced emissions above and beyond reductions achieved through traditional regulations. Historically, EPA has not granted credit for incentive-based reductions for use in State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to meet Clean Air Act obligations. This new rule will establish mechanisms to allow the District to take SIP credit for eligible incentive programs. Mr. Villegas said there will be a workshop on this rule in the coming months and it will be presented to the Governing Board in the third quarter.

9. NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL PM2.5 STUDY – David Lighthall, Health Science Advisor, presented the report. This study will measure the differences in particulate exposure in different neighborhoods throughout the Valley. The District began this pilot program in December. Unfortunately, the lab was backed up and the District was not able to get the results before launching the main study.

Dr. Lighthall went over the various locations of monitors. Six of the monitors are co-located with District ambient monitoring stations. There are monitors located in 14 different Fresno neighborhoods, a couple in Kettleman City and in Bakersfield neighborhoods. Dr. Lighthall wanted to thank Ms. Celedón-Castro and Ms. Mares-Alatorre for their suggestions and assistance with placing monitors in Calwa and Kettleman City.

Public Comment: Mr. Fox mentioned that some states have made catalytic converters mandatory for fireplaces and he was curious about the benefits of this mandate. Dr. Lighthall said all EPA certified stoves have a catalytic element and they do result in significantly reduced particle emissions. According to studies so far, there is a fairly considerably difference in the potential health risk.

10. EJAG ACTION PLAN UPDATE – Mr. McVaigh said the action plan was approved by the Executive Director, so EJAG may now finalize the plan. Mr. McVaigh requested the EJAG go over their goals and objectives, and begin scheduling the items into future agendas. He also asked the group to re-appoint members to the Grants Committee.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega went over the goals and objectives. Ms. Kelly-Ortega mentioned the annual joint meeting of EJAG and CAC. In 2012, the two groups met in February for an EJ map presentation by Dr. Jonathon London. This year, EJAG would like to plan the joint meeting for March or April.

Mr. Williams suggested asking the primary CAC members if they would attend EJAG meetings until the alternate seats are filled, in order to ensure their interests are represented. The group thought this was a good idea.

11. 2013 EJAG MEETING SCHEDULE – The group discussed the options for the date of their meeting in December. The group agreed the earlier, the better, as there will be less chance of interference with holiday plans. A motion was made to schedule the meeting for December 5, 2013.

Moved: Williams
Seconded: Dean
Ayes: Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Williams, Dean, Buddiga, Jones
Nays: None

Motion passed to schedule the EJAG meeting for December 5, 2013.

12. EJAG ACCOMPLISHMENTS – REVIEW, EDIT AND APPROVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 – Ms. Kelly-Ortega went over the list aloud. A motion was made to approve the list of accomplishments with the suggested amendments.

Moved: Dean
Seconded: Williams
Ayes: Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Williams, Dean, Buddiga, Jones
Nays: None

Motion passed to approve EJAG's 2012 accomplishments list with the suggested amendments.

13. FEBRUARY EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – The following items will be on the February agenda:
- CalEPA Environmental Screening Tool
 - Complaint Procedures Presentation
 - Grants Committee Report
14. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – Mr. Fox suggested contacting the Regional Asthma Management Program for outreach material to provide schools in order to educate parents about asthma. Mr. Fox then mentioned a letter he sent and CC'd EJAG regarding controlled burns in national parks. He is concerned that parks continue to burn rather than using grinders. It causes a problem with getting cooperation from the public. When people see that parks are allowed to burn, they believe they should be allowed to burn as well. Ms. Kelly-Ortega thanked Mr. Fox for his comments.
15. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Dean acknowledged Ms. Kelly-Ortega for doing an excellent job as chair.
- Mr. Smith said he personally believes bicycle infrastructure can greatly enhance EJ communities and reduce air pollution, and he is excited to see progress made in that direction.
- Ms. Vielma announced that Jesus Mountain Coffee is the latest addition to CAFÉ Co-op.
16. EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013, AT 10 a.m. – None.
17. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013, AT 10 a.m. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. There will be an EJAG Grants Committee meeting at 4:15 p.m. before the regular meeting. Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.