

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, April 24, 2014
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 5:38 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – A quorum was not present.

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

*Ms. Mares-Alatorre arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Jessi Fierro, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager/Legal Specialist; Ana Reyes, Air Quality Education Representative.

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

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

Members of the public present – Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company; Kenny McCann, Petros Technologies; Evan Shipp, Shipp Air Quality Consulting.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2014 – This item was tabled.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams announced EJAG's incentives and funding recommendations were approved by the CAC with one change - item 3A was removed.

Mr. Dean expressed his appreciation for Mr. Williams' hard work.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega thanked Mr. Williams for representing EJAG at CAC meetings.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO, presented highlights from the April 17 Governing Board meeting. The Governing Board approved the District's recommended drought relief measures and approved funding for a research project related to trans-boundary ozone (pollution that travels across the Pacific Ocean from Asia). Mr. Sheikh encouraged EJAG to look at a recent report published by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) entitled *California's Progress Toward Clean Air* that provides useful up to date air quality information for the Valley and other parts of the state. The report can be found through a link on the District's website.
7. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – Jessi Fierro, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager/Legal Specialist, presented the updates.

Mr. Dean asked for information on green-house gas emission reduction credits (ERCs). Mr. Sheikh will send an email with a link to information on the District's website.

Public Comment: Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company, offered assistance with finding restaurants to participate in the research and technology demonstration program for Rule 4692 (Charbroiling).

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8. UPDATE ON BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE FUNDING – Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, presented an update on incentive funding for bicycle infrastructure. The District is currently examining potential amendments to the existing grant programs to incorporate suggestions provided by Mr. Smith. Mr. DeYoung thanked Mr. Smith for all the input and information he provided.
9. AB 32 CAP AND TRADE FUNDING FOR VALLEY EJ COMMUNITIES - Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided an overview of AB 32. Mr. Jordan said the State is deliberating on how to spend cap and trade revenue. In May, the Governor will look at the most recent revenue estimates and revise his budget

proposal. Legislative decisions will be made in June. Mr. Jordan noted that EJAG has the opportunity to draft a letter providing recommendations on the allocation of cap and trade funds.

Mr. Jordan said under SB 535, 10 percent of cap and trade revenue must be spent in disadvantaged communities and another 25 percent must be spent in ways that benefit disadvantaged communities. The State identifies disadvantaged communities using CalEPA's EnviroScreen tool, and this tool shows the San Joaquin Valley is home to a disproportionate number of those communities.

Without a quorum, EJAG was unable to vote on this item. However, EJAG did reach consensus to support cap and trade funding being directed to the Valley's disadvantaged communities, consistent with prior incentive grant recommendations previously approved by EJAG.

Public Comment: Colby Morrow cautioned that the latest version of EnviroScreen is a draft and has not yet been reviewed. She recommended that any statistics used should be based on the approved version of the tool.

10. ELECT VICE-CHAIR FOR ONE-YEAR TERM – Without a quorum, EJAG was unable to elect a new vice-chair, and the current term will expire prior to the next EJAG meeting. So, in accordance with the bylaws, the District's APCO will appoint the succeeding vice-chair.

A discussion followed, including member suggestions for the new vice-chair. Mr. Dean suggested Mr. Smith serve a second term. Ms. Kelly-Ortega suggested Ms. Vielma. Ms. Vielma expressed interest in the position.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – Kenny McCann, Petros Technologies, was invited by Ms. Vielma. Mr. McCann and his business are part of C.A.F.E. Coop. He came to the meeting to learn about EJAG and how he and his business might be of assistance. Petros Technologies specializes in application and software development, video production, and drone services.

Evan Shipp, Shipp Air Quality Consulting, commented the Valley had extremely high particulate episode this winter and EnviroScreen may not yet reflect that data, which may have an effect on the analysis of EJ areas.

12. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS; EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING THE CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 –

- Approve February and April Minutes
- Car Replacement Program Report– Todd DeYoung
- AB 32 Update – Tom Jordan

13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 AT 10 A.M – Derek Williams.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 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.