

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, February 27, 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 5:41 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – A quorum was present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Tulare	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary)	Central
Kings	Maricela Mares-Alatorre, At-large Rep.	Central
Kings	Diane Friend, CAC-Industry/Ag (Primary)	Central
Fresno	Sandra Celedón-Castro , At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Praveen Buddiga, Business Owner	Central
Madera	Michelle Garcia, At-large Rep.	Central
Stanislaus	Rayna Ruiz, At-large Rep.	North
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	South
Kern	Robert Smith, At-large Rep.	South

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Rick McVaigh, Deputy APCO; Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Heather Heinks, Supervising Air Quality Education Representative; Anton Simanov, Network Systems Analyst.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Emily Gonzalez-Demont, Office Services Manager.

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

Members of the public present – None.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2013

Moved: Hamilton
Seconded: Celedón-Castro
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Smith, Garcia, Ruiz, Williams, Dean,
Buddiga, Hamilton, Friend
Nays: None
Abstain: Mares-Alatorre

Motion passed to approve the minutes for December 5, 2013.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams welcomed new member, Diane Friend.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – This item was tabled.

7. RULE AND 2012 PM2.5 PLAN UPDATES – This item was tabled.

8. EJAG 2014 INCENTIVES AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESENT TO EJAG FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL – Mr. Williams presented the 2014 recommendations approved by the Grants Committee. He addressed the changes made to the recommendations from 2013.

The group discussed the addition of recommendation 3(a), regarding heavy duty trucks. Some EJAG members did not approve of the request to extend the State Truck Regulation compliance deadline by three years.

Ms. Friend made a motion to approve the recommendations.

Moved: Friend
Seconded: Buddiga
Ayes: Smith, Ruiz, Williams, Dean, Buddiga, Friend
Nays: Celedón-Castro, Mares-Alatorre, Garcia, Hamilton

Motion passed to approve the Environmental Justice Advisory Group's 2014 incentives and funding recommendations.

9. UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) TRUCK RULE – Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, provided background information on the State Truck and Bus Regulation. A discussion followed regarding current problems with the regulation and recent outreach efforts.

Mr. Hamilton said many single owner/operators subcontract their trucks to big distribution centers. He suggested providing distribution centers with information they can pass along to their contractors.

Mr. DeYoung said the District's recommendations to CARB regarding the Truck Regulation were approved by the Governing Board in January. He said CARB has recognized the problems with the regulation and they will present the suggested changes to their Board in April.

The group discussed showing their support for the District's recommendations. Ms. Holt said they could write a letter of support to accompany the District's recommendations to CARB.

Mr. Dean made a motion to support the District's recommendations.

Moved: Dean
Seconded: Garcia
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Smith, Mares-Alatorre, Garcia, Ruiz,
Williams, Dean, Buddiga, Hamilton, Friend
Nays: None

Motion passed to support the District's recommendations to the California Air Resources Board regarding the State Truck and Bus Regulation.

10. EJAG ACTION PLAN – 2014 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, led the discussion.

Mr. Dean asked if members of the public in attendance are added to the EJAG mailing list. Ms. Holt answered, if they leave their contact information on the sign-in sheet, they are added to the list. Mr. Williams asked for wording to be added to the agenda script that would instruct the public to leave their contact information if they want to be on the mailing list.

Ms. Mares-Alatorre made a motion to approve the 2014 action plan with the discussed changes.

Moved: Mares-Alatorre
Seconded: Celedón-Castro
Ayes: Celedón-Castro, Smith, Mares-Alatorre, Ruiz, Williams,
Dean, Buddiga, Friend
Nays: None

Motion passed to approve the 2014 EJAG Action Plan with the discussed changes.

11. REVIEW OF DISTRICT OUTREACH MATERIALS – Ms. Holt asked for feedback on the District’s new Healthy Air Living (HAL) brochure.

Mr. Smith suggested providing some statistics on how air quality has improved.

Ms. Friend suggested adding some simple icons to illustrate the amount of emissions one can save by making various changes. Ms. Friend also suggested having two different HAL brochures, one for consumers and one for businesses.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – None.

13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS; EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 - Mr. Smith asked for the REMOVE II Program to be on the agenda for April.

Mr. Dean invited everyone to attend the California Transportation Regional Summit in Bakersfield on March 26 through 28.

Ms. Celedón-Castro mentioned the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) is accepting public comment regarding public transportation. They are looking for input from rural communities.

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 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.