

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, June 26, 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 5:40 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – A quorum was present.

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Tulare	*Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary)	Central
Fresno	*Praveen Buddiga, Business Owner	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen, CAC-City (Primary)	Central
Merced	Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep.	North
Stanislaus	Rayna Ruiz, 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. Vielma arrived at 5:57 p.m.

\*Mr. Hamilton arrived at 6:04 p.m.

\*Dr. Buddiga left at 6:18 p.m.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor; Todd DeYoung, Incentives Program Manager; Jessi Fierro, Strategies Program Manager/Legal Specialist; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Outreach and Communications Representative; Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Supervisor

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 – Tim Barker, Fresno resident; Carla Neal, Madera resident; Dolores Weller, Fresno resident.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27 AND APRIL 24, 2014

Moved: Dean  
Seconded: Kelly-Ortega  
Ayes: Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Williams, Dean, Buddiga, Lemen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Ruiz

***Motion passed to approve the minutes for February 27 and April 24, 2014.***

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Tim Barker, Fresno resident, expressed frustration over on-going fugitive dust concerns.

Mr. Sheikh shared information regarding dust control requirements and explained that Mr. Barker's complaints had been promptly responded to.

Mr. Smith said he was interested in a presentation on dust control regulations.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams said District staff did a great job on EJAG's letter regarding the allocation of cap and trade funds.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sheikh presented highlights from the Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Dean asked how much money the District will receive from the emission reduction agreement with the High Speed Rail Authority. Mr. Sheikh said the District will receive a total of approximately \$35 million, with \$1.7 million from the first approved agreement. These funds will be routed to the District's incentives programs to achieve emissions reductions in the Valley.

Mr. Williams asked if a Grants Committee meeting should be scheduled for August. Mr. Sheikh suggested waiting until later in the year because the District's current 2014-15 budget was just recently approved and EJAG's recommendations were considered in the spending plan for this current budget.

7. RULE AND PLAN UPDATES – Jessi Fierro, Strategies Program Manager/Legal Specialist, presented the updates.

Mr. Dean asked about the status of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Incentives Program Credit. Ms. Fierro answered that the EPA had proposed the approval of the District's SIP rule.

Mr. Dean asked for an update on the state truck regulation. Mr. Sheikh said CARB amended the rule in April to provide additional flexibility particularly to small fleets.

Mr. Hamilton asked about the wood-burning rule and the Burn Cleaner incentive program. Mr. Sheikh said the Burn Clean program will be amended and the District will provide an update in August.

8. UPDATE ON PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH TUNE-IN/TUNE-UP TO REPLACE HIGH-POLLUTING VEHICLES – Todd DeYoung, Incentives Program Manager, presented the update.

Ms. Ruiz asked how replacement program participants were found. Mr. DeYoung said staff identifies vehicles that are potential candidates at Tune-In/Tune-Up events and asks the owners if they are interested in participating in the program.

Mr. Dean asked about participation eligibility requirements and available funding. Mr. DeYoung said he will send out an overview of the replacement program.

Mr. Lemen asked if the District is working with a specific dealer for replacement cars. Mr. DeYoung said the District has partnered with Carmax because they have locations in each region, have up-front pricing, and they accept the voucher as cash at time of sale. Mr. DeYoung said the District is willing to work with additional dealers if they meet those criteria.

Public Comment in Central: Carla Neal, Madera County resident, asked what happens to the car being replaced. Mr. DeYoung said the cars are crushed and the District receives verification from the dismantler.

9. UPDATE ON AB 32 CAP AND TRADE FUNDING FOR VALLEY EJ COMMUNITIES – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, presented the update.

Mr. Hamilton asked if the District is going to use CalEnviroScreen to update its EJAG map. Mr. Sheikh said the District is monitoring the development of the new tool and that CalEnviroScreen disadvantaged communities overlap closely with the District's current grant EJ map. Mr. Hamilton requested a map overlay presentation.

Mr. Hamilton said the Council of Governments is having difficulty spending their Measure A funds. Mr. Sheikh said the District will assist if possible.

Mr. Dean asked if EJAG should monitor where the cap and trade funds are allocated. Mr. Jordan said the District will be watching and keep EJAG informed when more information is available.

10. ELECT VICE-CHAIR FOR ONE-YEAR TERM –

Ms. Kelly-Ortega nominated Ms. Vielma for vice-chair.

Moved: Kelly-Ortega  
Seconded: Hamilton  
Ayes: Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Ruiz, Williams, Dean, Lemen,  
Hamilton  
Nays: None

***Motion passed to elect Esperanza Vielma as vice-chair.***

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – None.

12. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS; EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 –

Mr. Williams said he would like to have updates on the truck rule and AB32 funds as standing items on the agenda, and the EnviroScreen/District EJ map overlay presentation on the agenda for August.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega mentioned the earlier request for a report on dust control regulations and asked for an update on incentive program funding. Mr. Sheikh said he will send out the current incentives spending plan to EJAG. Mr. Dean said he would like an update on greenhouse gas credit banking. Mr. Sheikh said he will look into providing an update in the future.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega expressed her appreciation for Mr. Smith, his expertise, and everything he does for environmental justice.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega spoke of a friend who received a voucher at a Tune-In/Tune-up event. Shortly after his vehicle was repaired, it began stalling. Ms. Kelly-Ortega said Harris Electric is the only place in Merced that does these repairs. She asked if the District would reach out to Harris Electric to see if they are having issues fixing cars, and/or reach out to additional repair shops in Merced. Mr. Sheikh thanked Ms. Kelly-Ortega for the information and said he will follow up.

13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014, AT 10 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via video teleconference (VTC),

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