

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 26, 2015
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 present.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Cesar Campos, At-large Rep	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen, CAC-City (Primary)	Central
Kings	Maricela Mares-Alatorre, At-Large Rep	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary)	Central
Merced	Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep.	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At-large Rep.	South

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor; Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Air Quality Education Rep

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

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

Members of the public present – Edgar Garibay, Thomas Helme, Alyssa Lee, Bevellie Harris, and Empress Nontsikelelo

This item was taken out of order at the Chair's prerogative

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Thomas Helme introduced himself as an applicant for the EJAG At-Large Representative Stanislaus County position.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 29, 2015

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for January 29, 2015. Having decided the Minutes were accurate, on motion of Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Lemen, unanimously passed, the Minutes were approved with no changes.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams welcomed the newest EJAG member, Mr. Campos.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sheikh reviewed items to be presented at the upcoming Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Campos asked where the money is applied that is obtained from other air districts. Mr. Sheikh explained the unanticipated revenue for the Carl Moyer program from Mojave Desert APCD must be allocated to heavy duty type grant incentive programs under the Moyer guidelines.

7. RULE AND PLAN UPDATES – Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies & Incentives, presented rule and plan updates.

Mr. Hamilton requested more information on the PM2.5 Plan for the 1997 standard. Mr. Sheikh explained that the District is hosting a public workshop on March 4 and that the draft plan would be available for public review. Mr. Sheikh provided additional background regarding the PM2.5 Plan, explaining that under the current “serious” classification attainment deadline is 2015 prior to an up to five-year extension that is available under subpart 4 of the Clean Air Act. He added there will be much discussion over the next year in preparing multiple plans required under the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Campos asked if the Ozone plan is for an 8-hour standard. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively and that EPA has proposed a new standard and is taking comments on the range of 60 – 70 parts per billion. Mr. Sheikh stated there has been steady progress made in reducing ozone concentrations and that significant further reductions in emissions will be needed in coming years to achieve the standard.

This item was taken out of order at the Chair's prerogative

11. EJAG GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE 2015-16 INCENTIVES AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – Members reviewed and discussed the recommendations.

Moved: Kelly-Ortega
Seconded: Smith
Ayes: Smith, Mares-Alatorre, Kelly-Ortega, Williams,

Abstentions: Lemen, Hamilton
Campos

Motion passed to approve the EJAG Grants Subcommittee 2015-16 Incentives and Funding recommendations.

8. UPDATE ON AB 32 CAP AND TRADE FUNDING AND CALENVIROSCREEN TOOL – Mr. Jordan presented an overview of the Cap and Trade funding that is available and encouraged EJAG members to get the word out about funding opportunities. Mr. Jordan explained that the District is actively working to ensure that the Valley receives its fair share of funding.

Public Comment: Edgar Garibay, Catholic Charities representative, asked for a projection of the number of organizations applying for programs under Cap and Trade. Mr. Jordan explained that detailed information was difficult to obtain from state agencies and added the reason for the standing item on the agenda is to disburse the information to as many groups as possible.

Mr. Campos asked if the District has identified any funds the District is eligible for. Mr. Jordan responded affirmatively and explained the District applied for funding for the Valley CAN project for the Tune In Tune Up program for replacing vehicles in disadvantaged communities. Mr. Williams commented EJAG should be a tool used by the District to support funding requests. Mr. Hamilton commented there may be communities that do not have the ability to manage funding and suggested District staff coordinate meetings with respective organizations. Mr. Sheikh encouraged EJAG members to forward suggestions to District staff.

9. BROWN ACT REFRESHER – Ms. Fierro provided a brief history on the Brown Act and an overview of how this Act helps to facilitate public participation at public meetings.

Public Comments: None

10. SUBMITTING OUTREACH GRANTS TO THE DISTRICT – This item was tabled at the Chair's prerogative.

12. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on Rule 9410 (Employer Based Trip Reduction)
- Discuss the tax proposed by the State of California on hybrid or electric Vehicles
- Review/Discussion of Transboundary Ozone Conference

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – Empress Nontsikelelo thanked Ms. Holt and Mr. Williams for their support in obtaining sponsoring for the

upcoming Health Expo on March 21, 2015. She added calendars and other informational tools were distributed at a recent very successful event.

14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS; EJAG MEMBER SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 – None.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, AT 10 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015, 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.