

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 29, 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 5:41 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
Madera	Michelle Garcia, At-Large Rep	Central
Fresno	LeRoy Candler Jr., Business Owner	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental (Primary)	Central
Merced	Melissa Kelly-Ortega, At-large Rep.	Central
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At-large Rep.	North
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	South
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; 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 – Michael Brown, Empress Nontzikelelo, Naazin Hamed, Dolores Weller, Leana Candler, Kenny McCann and Thomas Helme

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 2014

Moved: Dean  
Seconded: Candler  
Ayes: Smith, Dean, Vielma, Kelly-Ortega, Hamilton,  
Candler, Garcia, Williams  
Nays: None

***Motion passed to approve the minutes for August 28, 2014***

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Empress Nontzikelelo, Executive Director of A. Phillip Randolph Community Development Corporation, explained she returned to Bakersfield and poor air quality after living in Africa for two years. She stated the organization would like to collaborate with the District and assist with outreach to residents and small business owners. She asked EJAG members to consider sponsoring A. Phillip Randolph Community Development Corporation at the upcoming Bakersfield Health and Fitness Expo in March 21, 2015.

Naazin Hamed expressed concern regarding gross pollutant vehicles and outreach to the Central Valley residents.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams thanked all members for attending. He introduced new members Michael Brown, CAC-Environmental Alternate; LeRoy Candler Jr., Small Business Owner; Cesar Campos, Fresno County At-Large Representative (not present).
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Mr. Sheikh presented highlights from the Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Brown expressed concern the Web-based Air Quality System (WAAQS) may lower property values. Mr. Sheikh explained the goal of the District is to provide the best air quality information to all Valley residents. Mr. Dean requested a demonstration of the system. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively. Ms. Holt explained the WAAQS provides historical data versus the Real Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) which provides air quality information on a real-time hourly basis. Ms. Vielma asked if the WAAQS will be launched through the website and also if there are plans for a telephone application. Ms. Holt explained the program is designed to be used from a computer or mobile device but is not a stand-alone application.

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

8. UPDATE ON AB 32 CAP AND TRADE FUNDING AND CALENVIROSCREEN TOOL– Mr. Jordan presented the update.

Mr. Dean asked if each agency that receives funding is responsible for distributing funds for EJAG communities. He also asked if the District will support community organizations that are disseminating air quality information. Mr. Jordan explained each agency that receives funds (and are required to spend

25% to benefit Environmental Justice communities) has their own grant proposals. He added ARB did adopt a policy document that provides guidelines for this process. Mr. Jordan stated the District will support and assist community organization's applying for funds. Mr. Dean requested contact information for the agencies receiving funds. Mr. Sheikh stated an email including funding information and related information will be forwarded to EJAG members for review.

Mr. Hamilton expressed appreciation for District staff's availability for assistance.

Public Comment: None

7. RULE AND PLAN UPDATES – Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategy & Incentives, presented the updates.

Mr. Smith requested an update on Rule 9410 (Employer Based Trip Reduction). Mr. Sheikh stated the Rule is fully implemented and explained employers subject to the Rule are required to develop measures to reduce employee single-occupancy vehicle trips. He added the Rule reporting has just begun but will provide additional information at a later meeting.

Mr. Dean requested clarification on Rule 4905 (Natural Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Residential Central Furnaces). Mr. Gill explained this is a point-of-sale rule, which means manufacturer will by upgrading the devices they sell and the public will automatically be complying with the rule when they purchase a new device. Mr. Dean asked if there will be an incentive program to replace these devices. Mr. Gill explained the normal life of these units is 20 years, therefore all unites will be replaced eventually through attrition.

Mr. Dean requested an update on the status of EPA granting credit for District incentive programs. Mr. Sheikh responded the District is awaiting final action from EPA including approving a rule which would allow official credit for reductions due to incentive programs. Mr. Dean asked if the credit obtained will affect the \$29 million federal penalty for the Valley's 1-Hour Ozone non-attainment. Mr. Sheikh responded the items are not related.

Mr. Hamilton expressed concern for programs designed to meet SIPS due to ineligibility by EJAG communities. Mr. Sheikh acknowledge the concern and noted the District Governing Board Members have approved incentive programs to reduce emissions that would not provide SIP credit but would reduce emissions and better the air quality for the Valley.

Public Comment: None

9. 2015 EJAG MEETING SCHEDULE – Ms. Holt reviewed the Meeting Schedule and requested confirmation the schedule was acceptable. She stated an email will be sent with the complete schedule.

Mr. Williams confirmed the 2015 EJAG Meeting Schedule is acceptable.

10. REVIEW OF 2014 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND INITIAL DISCUSSION ON 2015 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – Mr. Williams led the discussion.

Ms. Holt explained outreach partnerships can be accomplished by contacting the District with written goals, objectives with a timeline and a budget. Mr. Dean expressed appreciation for the information.

Moved: Smith  
Seconded: Kelly-Ortega  
Ayes: Smith, Garcia, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Williams,  
Dean, Candler, Hamilton

**Motion passes to approve EJAG 2015 Goals and Objectives.**

11. ANNUAL REVIEW OF EJAG BYLAWS – Mr. Williams explained the review is intended to ensure all members understand the rules by which EJAG operates. Mr. Hamilton requested an educational review of the Brown Act. Mr. Williams requested New EJAG Member binders be disbursed to the new members.
12. TRANSBOUNDARY OZONE POLLUTION CONFERENCE – Ms. Holt provided a brief summary detailing the purpose of the conference. Mr. Williams acknowledged Mr. Dean for his efforts in assisting with the conference coming to fruition and stated Mr. Dean would have his registration and lodging paid for by the District. He asked for interest members and through a lottery the following were selected to attend at the District's expense, Mr. Candler and Michael Brown (and Ms. Vielma as an alternate in the instance someone is not able to attend). Ms. Holt stated any EJAG member that wishes to attend, can contact District staff and their registration will be at the District's expense.
13. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
- Update on Cap and Trade funding
  - Update on Rule 9410 (Employer Based Trip Reduction)
  - Review of submitting outreach grants
  - Grants Recommendations
14. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Second Opportunity) – Empress Nontzikelelo, Executive Director of A. Philip Randolph Community Development Corporation, provided more information for the Health and Fitness Expo and requested EJAG to defray the costs of the booth. Ms. Holt explained a letter specifying the dollar amount

requested, an explanation of the event including how air quality information will be disbursed and a registration form for the Expo.

Kenny McCann with Cafe Coop announced a H<sub>2</sub>O Hackathon Water Challenge explaining the purpose is to discuss solutions for water issues.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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