

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 23, 2016**  
**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 teleconference in the Northern  
Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto*

1. Call to Order – The Chair, Esperanza Vielma, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call – was taken and a quorum was present

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Gennean Bolen Ed.D., At-Large Rep	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At-Large Rep	South
Kern	Marvin Dean, Ethnic-Small Business Owner	South
Kings	Dustin Ference, CAC-Industry Ag (Primary)	Central
Merced	Melissa J. Kelly-Ortega, At-Large Rep	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen, CAC-City (Primary)	Central
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At-Large Rep	North
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-Large Rep	Central

Mr. Dean arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Staff Present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO; Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor; Mehri Barati, Director of Administrative Services; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategy & Incentives; Heather Heinks, Public Education Administrator; Chay Thao, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager; Brian Dodds, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Air Quality Education Representative

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

Staff Present in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Leonard Scandura, Office Services Manager

Members of the public present – Karen Shaw, A. Philip Randolph Community Development Corporation

3. Approve Minutes of April 28, 2016 – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for April 28, 2016.

Moved: Ference  
Seconded: Lemen  
Ayes: Kelly-Ortega, Williams, Lemen, Ference  
Bolen, Smith, Dean, Vielma  
Nays: None

**EJAG Minutes of April 28, 2016 were approved with no changes.**

4. Public Comments – Karen Shaw, A. Philip Randolph Community Development Corporation, introduced herself as the new Executive Director. She commented the organization has distributed District information and requested more materials.

Mr. Dean acknowledged the efforts to promote and distribute District information by the A. Philip Randolph Community Development Corporation.

5. Chair Comments – Ms. Vielma requested courtesy when EJAG members state their comments due to a lengthy agenda and limited time.
6. APCO/Deputy APCO Comments – Samir Sheikh, Deputy APCO, welcomed Dr. Bolen to the EJAG and thanked the interview panel, which unanimously selected Dr. Bolen for appointment to EJAG.

Mr. Sheikh reported the Governing Board adopted the 2016 Ozone Plan at the previous Board meeting. This Plan will address the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard. He also reported the Governing Board took action to submit a petition to the EPA to develop national standards to address emissions from heavy duty trucks and locomotives.

7. Updates on Attainment Plans and Rules – Chay Thao, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, provided the update on this item.

Mr. Ference asked if there were any workshops scheduled for the 2012 PM2.5 Standard. Mr. Sheikh explained a workshop/public meeting is expected to occur in August of 2016.

Mr. Smith requested more information on Rule 4692 (Charbroiling). Mr. Thao explained there is one restaurant chain that has been testing a new technology. The District has not received any interest from other Valley restaurants to demonstrate additional technologies.

Mr. Dean asked if the Public Advisory Workgroup meetings are going to be scheduled to review the Plans. Mr. Sheikh responded affirmatively that the

Public Advisory Workgroup may be called upon to provide feedback into upcoming plan development processes.

8. Appoint Vice-Chair (1-Year Term) –

Mr. Dean nominated Mr. Williams as the Vice-Chair.

Moved: Dean  
Seconded: Lemen  
Ayes: Bolen, Smith, Kelly-Ortega, Vielma, Williams,  
Lemen, Dean, Ference  
Nays: None

**Motion unanimously passed to elect Derek Williams as Vice Chair (1-Year Term)**

9. Vehicle Repair and Replacement Program – Brian Dodds, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, provided the update for this item.

Mr. Sheikh expressed appreciation to EJAG members for assistance in bringing this program to fruition.

Ms. Kelly-Ortega asked what area of the Valley the cars that attend the Tune In Tune Up events are primary from and if outreach can be done to those communities. Mr. Dodds explained the attendees are from all over the Valley and not specifically from one region. Outreach is done to all locations.

Dr. Bolen asked what options do attendees have who cannot meet the criteria to obtain a voucher from the Tune In Tune Up program. Mr. Dodds explained attendees that don't meet criteria usually pass the smog check which is a positive point and if there are mechanical issues event staff will provide some guidance. Mr. Sheikh added the events are multi-purpose that include different organizations disbursing information for a variety of other District incentive programs, as well as services provided by other organizations and agencies. Mr. Dodds said the initial and primary reason for the program is to remove high polluting vehicles from Valley roads. Dr. Bolen asked for the criteria for the replacement portion of the program. Mr. Dodds stated the vehicle must be 1995 or older and have an emissions issue.

Mr. Williams recognized Mr. Dean and Mr. Smith for their suggestions and efforts on this program. Mr. Williams suggested the voucher can be on a point system and possibly use the funding for the purchase of a bicycle and a portion for bus passes.

Mr. Dean asked if the program includes an opportunity for a resident to receive a flat amount for vehicle scrapping, regardless of whether the vehicle is registered or whether a newer vehicle or other cleaner option is pursued. Mr. Dean also asked if

the program offers vouchers for bus passes or the purchase of a bicycle for the surrender of their vehicle. Mr. Sheikh explained there are a variety of options for residents including receiving \$15,000 for a new electric vehicle, \$9,500 for a used electric vehicle, or \$4,500 in bus transit passes. He said Valley CAN works with finance companies and has been able to help residents qualify for vehicle financing through the program.

Mr. Smith requested status of a Grants Committee recommendation to offer funding for the purchase of a bicycle. Mr. Sheikh explained the District is required to follow state guidelines and at this time funding for the purchase of bicycles is not permitted. He said currently the transit voucher option is not being taken advantage of by residents. Mr. Smith asked if a pilot program could be started for bicycle vouchers. Mr. Sheikh responded District staff will develop some information to attempt to gauge interest of purchasing bicycles at an August event in Bakersfield.

10. Charge Up! Incentive Program – Mehri Barati, Director of Administrative Services, provided the presentation for this item.

Mr. Smith asked the cost of solar powered units. Mr. Sheikh said the cost is approximately \$200,000.

Mr. Dean requested the clarification on the funding amounts compared to the number of charging stations in Central and Southern areas. Ms. Barati explained the level of charging units are different.

Mr. Ference asked the average charging time. Mr. Sheikh explained that a level 2 charger can provide a full charge in approximately 4 hours and a level 3 charger can achieve full charge in approximately 30 minutes.

Ms. Kelly Ortega requested a list of where chargers are located. Ms. Barati said she would be happy to pull together information as needed.

Dr. Bolen asked if there is a concerted plan on where the charging units will be placed. She suggested developing a phone application to provide location information of charging station. Ms. Barati reported an application exists and the incentive program requires the charging station to be listed..

Ms. Vielma asked where suggestions should be sent for increasing participation for disadvantaged communities. Ms. Barati reported Dante Sanson is the District contact person for this program.

11. Cap and Trade Funding Update – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, provided the update on this item.

Mr. Dean asked if the District can ask for Cap and Trade Funding for certain programs. Mr. Jordan explained the Air Resources Board (ARB) develops a list of projects the state would like to see funded over the next three years. The state develops an expenditure plan annually which outlines the types of projects that can be funded. The District does provide feedback, applies for funds and assists other organizations applying for funding. Mr. Dean asked if the District can apply for funding under a broad category of projects. Mr. Jordan explained sometimes the categories can have very specific requirements. Mr. Dean asked if any organizations requested assistance from the District for applying for funding and received funding for environmental justice communities. Mr. Dean asked if there is a mechanism for tracking how much and where the funding is being brought to the Valley. Mr. Jordan explained the District is able to track the information provided by the state. And the state tracks by program how every dollar is spent and ensure the legislative requirement is being met of spending ten percent of the funds in environmental justice communities and 25% to benefit those communities. The information can be found on the District website.

Mr. Williams acknowledged District staff for their efforts with incentive programs and encouraged staff to continue to advocate to obtain funding. Ms. Vielma suggested EJAG members possibly advocate and disburse information through different organizations members are affiliated with. Mr. Jordan said he would work with Ms. Vielma to inform EJAG members letters to state officials are timely and assist in the draft of those letters. Mr. Williams asked if there are any state legislators the District works closely with. Mr. Jordan responded affirmatively depending on the topic and time.

12. Contingency Measures – Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives, provided the information for this topic.

Ms. Vielma requested District staff keep EJAG members updated and informed of any actions necessary.

13. Upcoming EJAG Meeting Agenda Items –
- Cap and Trade Funding update
  - Overview of grant incentive programs, specifically off road/heavy duty
  - Update on Tune In Tune Up event in Bakersfield with information on bicycle interest
  - List of agencies by region receiving Cap and Trade funding
  - Discuss EPA Environmental Justice 2020 Strategy Plan
14. Public Comments (Second Opportunity) – None.
15. EJAG Member Comments – Mr. Dean asked if contact has been made with the EPA Environmental Justice 2020 Strategy Plan workshop staff. Ms. Vielma requested the information be forwarded to all EJAG members. Mr. Sheikh

suggested adding to upcoming EJAG meeting agenda items and will forward the information to EJAG members.

Mr. Dean expressed concern at the lack of attendance of some EJAG members and asked if a letter can be sent inquiring their interest in continuing to serve. Mr. Williams said he discussed with District staff concern and staff will forward information and recommendations to EJAG members.

Mr. Lemen asked if the terms disadvantaged communities and environmental justice communities are synonymous. Mr. Sheikh explained there are differences in meaning depending on topic. Mr. Lemen requested a list of the top 30 disadvantaged communities in California. Mr. Sheikh said the District would forward.

Mr. Williams asked if new EJAG members receive a binder with beneficial information. Maricela Velasquez, Senior Air Quality Education Representative, explained the information is sent electronically and will prepare a binder for Dr. Bolen.

16. Volunteer to Present Report During CAC Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. – Mr. Williams volunteered.
17. Volunteer to Present Report During Governing Board Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9 a.m. – Ms. Kelly Ortega volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016, 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.