

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, April 26, 2018
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, Derek Williams, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not present

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-Large Rep	Central
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At-Large Rep	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At-Large Rep*	South
Merced	Marie Pickney, At-Large Rep**	North
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At-Large Rep	North

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2017, OCTOBER 26, 2017, AND FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – This item was tabled as there was no quorum present
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following persons provided public comment:*
 - Valeria Salamanca, Tri Valley CARES
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, gave the following updates to members:
 - The District’s Governing Board accepted new funding for voluntary incentive grant programs as follows:
 - \$8 million in funding from the California Energy Commission through a competitive solicitation. The funding will be used to replace approximately 80 heavy-duty trucks with near-zero, ultra-low NOx natural gas engines.

- \$1 million in funding from the Air Resources Board (ARB) to administer a first of its kind, pilot heavy-duty truck repair program for small fleet owners and operators. This program is building off the District's very successful Tune In Tune Up model.
- \$1.3 million in funding from ARB in response to the Carl Moyer Program State Reserve Funding solicitation. He said those funds will be used for replacement or repowering of off-road construction and agricultural equipment.
- In March 2018, the District's Governing Board took actions to consolidate and re-brand all of the District's heavy-duty incentive programs under one umbrella program called the "Truck Replacement Program". In addition, they adopted a series of enhancements to the programs and added new funding options to encourage the adoption of advanced clean air technologies.
- An upcoming environmental justice conference, hosted by the California Lawyers Association, will be held in Visalia on May 18, 2018. He said panelists include attorneys from many agencies around the state, along with members of the environmental justice communities including EJAG member, Ms. Martinez. He said there would be a broad overview of environmental justice issues, as well as water issues, local planning efforts, and air quality issues.

Public Comments: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Chay Thao, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's planning and rule development efforts, including the 2017 PM2.5 Plan, 2017 PM10 Maintenance Plan, Rule 9510 (*Indirect Source Review*), Rule 2201 (*New and Modified Stationary Source Review*), Rule 3110 (*Air Toxics Fees*), Rule 4311 (*Flares*) and Rule 4692 (*Charbroiling*).

Public Comment: None

8. BROWN ACT REVIEW – This item was tabled to the next meeting.
9. END OF SEASON WOODBURNING REPORT – Heather Heinks, Outreach and Communications Manager; Jon Klassen, Program Manager, Strategies & Incentives; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategy & Incentives, presented the District's End-of-Season Report on the 2017-2018 Wood Burning Season and detailed the following:
- Improvement in Valley air quality due to implementation of Rule 4901
 - Air quality and meteorology during the 2017-2018 winter season compared to previous seasons

- Impact of wildfire emissions on PM2.5 concentrations during the 2017-2018 winter season
- Overview of the District's Burn Cleaner Program and summary of results
- Extensive public outreach efforts during the 2017-2018 wood burning season
- Enforcement and compliance assistance activities
- Potential changes to the residential wood burning emissions reduction strategy as part of the District's PM2.5 Attainment Strategy

Mr. Williams asked for clarification on the funding levels for hot spot areas. Mr. Gill responded those areas would be eligible for increased funding for natural gas units. Mr. Williams suggested the District also provide increased funding for environmental justice communities that are not considered hot spot areas.

Ms. Martinez asked about the proposed enhanced enforcement activities. Mr. Lambert responded there would be additional curtailments in hot spot areas under the potential changes. Additional curtailment days would increase in staff hours in the program to provide enhanced community presence. Ms. Martinez asked about the possibility of increasing penalty amounts for violations. Mr. Lambert said it was important to note that while the District considers increases in penalties from time to time, ultimately the primary purpose of issuing a violation is to educate residents and ensure ongoing compliance. He said staff believes that current penalty levels are sufficient to ensure ongoing compliance as there are very low levels of repeat violations.

Ms. Vielma asked for the timeline on the public education component. Mr. Lambert responded that staff is waiting for the final modeling from ARB and then will schedule additional workshops before taking the plan to the Board for action. Once the plan is adopted, staff can begin the process of implementing the plan commitments.

Public Comment - None

10. UPDATES ON AB 617 – Mr. Thao announced there has been a robust public process over the past several months, with numerous workshops organized by the District and ARB. He said there will be four additional workshops held during the month of May to solicit input on the expenditure of emission reduction funds under AB 134 and also to begin the conversation on the community selection process under AB 617. He said all pertinent information is available on the District's website. In addition, he said as requested by ARB, staff will be submitting a preliminary, initial list of communities to ARB on April 30, 2018. He said final touches are being placed on the document, but it

looks like over 600 census tracts in the Valley will be on the list. He said this reflects the fact that the Valley is home to a lot of disadvantaged communities that face significant challenges both socioeconomically and environmentally. Next, staff will begin a public process to review the list to find any missing communities, along with reviewing the criteria that can be used to prioritize these communities. Once that process is completed, he said the final list will be sent to ARB by July 31, 2018. ARB will make a final determination of selected communities for the first year of monitoring and emission reduction plans under AB 617 by October 1, 2018.

Ms. Martinez asked if the initial community list will be available to the public. Mr. Thao responded that it will be posted on the District's website.

Public Comment - None

11. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Williams asked staff to add the Brown Act presentation to the next meeting agenda, along with a report from the Outreach and Communications team, and a standing item for AB 617 and Cap and Trade updates.
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2nd Opportunity) - None
13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Ms. Vielma mentioned she is working on a San Joaquin Valley Environmental Justice Summit that will take place in Stockton. She said they will be meeting with several community groups including Restore the Delta, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, and she encouraged District and EJAG member participation.
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 10 A.M – Mr. Williams said he would be happy to present the report if needed.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M – Mr. Williams said he would be happy to present the report if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2018, 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.