

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 22, 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 5:36 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present

| <u>County</u> | <u>Member Name/Interest Group</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Kern | Marvin Dean, Ethnic-Small Business Owner | Central |
| Tulare | Derek Williams, At-Large Rep | Central |
| Fresno | Nayamin Martinez, At-Large Rep | South |
| Kern | Robert Smith, At-Large Rep* | Central |
| Madera | Laura Gutile, At-Large Rep | Central |
| Merced | Marie Pickney, At-Large Rep** | North |
| San Joaquin | Esperanza Vielma, At-Large Rep | North |

*Arrived at 6:51pm

**Arrived at 5:43pm

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2017 and OCTOBER 26, 2017 – The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes for August 24, 2017 and October 26, 2017. Hearing none, Mr. Williams deemed the minutes to be approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – *the following person(s) provided testimony during this item:*
 - Michael Brown
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams presented a plaque to Ms. Vielma in appreciation for her two-year term as Chair from 2015-2017.
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, welcomed and congratulated Nayamin Martinez, Laura Gutile and Marie Pickney,

the newest members of EJAG who were recently appointed by the Governing Board. Mr. Lambert provided updates to members on the following:

- The District conducted a scientific survey on residential wood burning in the Valley as part of the District's ongoing PM2.5 plan development process. In January, the District took the results of the survey along with a set of recommendations to the Governing Board. Based on survey results, the Board directed staff to increase emphasis on health impacts of wood smoke in Check Before You Burn outreach and to hold community meetings and workshops to discuss health impacts of wood smoke including its cost effectiveness in meeting federal mandates as compared to costly regulations imposed on Valley businesses. Another important factor that came out of this survey was the importance of continuing to maintain regulatory incentives for Valley residents who switch to clean burning units and continuing to offer greater financial incentives for natural gas conversions.
- In November of 2017, the District held the Central Valley Summit on Alternatives to Open Burning of Agricultural Waste, which brought together a wide array of Valley growers, researchers/experts, representatives from the biomass power industry, representatives from new and developing technology vendors, and other Valley stakeholders. At the February meeting, the Governing Board received an update on the major lessons learned from the Summit and directed staff to take the following actions to continue advancing cleaner alternatives while minimizing emission impacts from agricultural burning in the short-term:
 1. Withhold rolling back the District's current agricultural burning prohibitions until further work on exploring and advancing alternatives to open burning is completed.
 2. Continue to implement the District's Smoke Management System safeguards to ensure no adverse air quality impact from authorized agricultural open burning.
 3. Explore the feasibility of utilizing air curtain burn boxes subject to the District's Smoke Management System safeguards as an extension of agricultural operations.
 4. Continue to support state and federal financial assistance to biomass power industry for the disposal of agricultural waste.
 5. Support technology advancement for emerging cleaner alternatives to the open burning of agricultural waste, with priority given to on-the-farm deployable (minimum or no transportation related emissions) and scalable technologies.
 6. In assessing the feasibility of alternatives to open burning, consider the full life-cycle emissions and impact on air quality.

- The Governing Board accepted \$6.3 million in federal Targeted Air Shed Grant Program funds to replace older, high-polluting trucks and tractors in the Valley. These two grants were awarded under EPA's highly competitive Targeted Air Shed Grant Program.
- The Governing Board accepted \$108 million in state Cap and Trade Funds for the purpose of replacing older, high-polluting mobile agricultural equipment and trucks through the Funding for Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program.
- The Governing Board accepted an additional \$80,000,000 in incentives associated with Cap and Trade extension to be used on heavy-duty type programs, CARL Moyer and Prop 1B projects.
- The District has posted a listing on the grants page of the District's website of all of the incentive projects funded at District.

Citing concerns about the location of certain biomass operations, Ms. Martinez said the Environmental Justice community feels that alternatives should be found. Keeping these biomass facilities in disadvantaged communities should not be an option and alternatives should be located near growers that need to dispose of agricultural wood waste. Mr. Lambert responded the direction from the Board was to continue to support technology advancement for emerging newer cleaner technologies. Furthermore, the District is looking to give priority to "on-the-farm" deployable and scalable technologies that do not take a lot of transportation infrastructure to be able to implement.

Mr. Dean asked what Burn Cleaner incentive levels will be offered in the Valley's communities covered by the District's PM2.5 Hot Spot strategies. Mr. Lambert responded that District is considering levels between 75% and 100% of the cost of replacement. The exact incentive level will be determined as the District finalizes the public process on the PM2.5 plans.

Public Comments: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Chay Thao, Program Manager, provided an update on the upcoming plans and rules. Mr. Thao commented on the many Public Advisory Workgroup (PAW) workshops held since December of 2016, all of which are listed on page three of the "Summary of Rules and Plans" report. Mr. Thao also provided updates on Rules 2201, 4311 and 4692.

Referring to Rule 4692 (*Commercial Charbroiling*), Ms. Vielma inquired if new technologies have been demonstrated. Mr. Thao answered that there are various types of new technologies being demonstrated at different locations. However, there is not a one-size-fits-all solution and the technologies have proven to be especially difficult to implement on existing restaurants that were

not built with the infrastructure to support the new control equipment. Ms. Vielma asked if there were any incentive grants for restaurants to deploy these new technologies. Mr. Thao responded that the District has an existing grant program, designed to bring in technology vendors to restaurants to demonstrate these new emission control technologies. The District will cover the entire cost of the installation and maintenance for two years to demonstrate these technologies. To date, very few restaurants have taken advantage of the incentives.

8. SET DATE FOR DECEMBER 2018 EJAG MEETING – By consensus, it was decided that the December 2018 EJAG meeting will be rescheduled to be held on January 24, 2019.
9. FY 2018-19 GRANTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS– the Chair presented the Grants Committee Recommendations for 2018-2019 to EJAG members.

Mr. Smith asked if bike share and the e-bike components have been included in the Remove II program. Mr. Todd DeYoung, Program Manager, confirmed that the Remove II program was updated and it now includes many of the things previously discussed such as Bicycle Boulevards. In terms of funding e-bikes and bike sharing programs through the Remove II Program, in the past the funding authority wouldn't allow it, but the District has since persuaded ARB to allow those types of projects to be funded.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Gutile
Seconded: Dean
Ayes: Martinez, Smith, Gutile, Pickney, Vielma, Williams, Dean
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the Grants Committee Recommendations for 2018/19

10. PROVIDE INPUT ON AB 617 – Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor provided a detailed summary on AB 617 implementation and highlighting the District's new AB 617 webpage. Mr. Jordan mentioned that anyone can subscribe to receive information and updates on AB 617 and provided instructions on how to do so. He added that the "events" tab on the District's AB 617 webpage contains all upcoming events, for not only the District but also the ARB events related to AB 617. Mr. Jordan also demonstrated where to locate the "Community Clean Air Project Survey" for those interested in providing input on how dollars should be spent. Mr. Jordan added, there is \$5 million dollars in AB 617 funding for local community groups. These are technical assistance grants administered by ARB.

Ms. Martinez thanked Mr. Jordan for navigating through the District website and asked if the website is available in Spanish. He responded that parts of the website are available in Spanish and the District is working on making it as bilingual as possible. She asked if the District is willing to compile information on upcoming events/workshops regarding AB 617 held by other non-profit organizations on the District website. He responded that it would be something the District would be interested in doing. Ms. Martinez asked Mr. Jordan to describe what assistance the District is offering for organizations seeking funding under ARB's \$5 million technical assistance grant. Mr. Jordan responded the District will provide technical assistance to those needing such assistance.

Ms. Vielma thanked Mr. Jordan for the report. She asked about the availability of the District mini-grants. Ms. Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, responded the first mini grant has already been setup, and it is a joint venture by Central California Asthma Collaborative, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition and the Central California Environmental Justice Network. She said if there are other community organizations that want to come forward and have a proposal on how they can help conduct AB617 outreach, the District is open to considering their proposals.

Mr. Dean said he was pleased to hear Ms. Holt's comments on the mini grants. He said most of the EJAG members volunteer to serve. He feels there should be a pilot program instead of mini grants for those who represent qualified nonprofit organizations who can go into the communities and also provide a stipend to the volunteers who in turn will help increase the grant applications and provide technical assistance.

11. PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT'S EXPANDED PASSENGER VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – Mr. DeYoung provided the updates on the suite of passenger vehicle incentive opportunities under the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program. Mr. DeYoung specifically detailed new enhancements such as the web portal aimed at expanding the accessibility and reach of the program.

Ms. Martinez said she hopes the portal will be available in Spanish as most of the targeted population will be Spanish speaking.

Ms. Vielma expressed her excitement towards "Drive Clean in the San Joaquin". She would like to participate in getting the word out to EJ communities and asked to be kept informed as far as the details, what dealers are participating, and when the portal is available so she can announce via social media. Ms. Vielma congratulated District staff.

12. ENHANCED REAL-TIME AIR ADVISORY NETWORK TOOLS – This item was moved to the EJAG Meeting scheduled on June 28, 2018.
13. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Enhanced Real-Time Air Advisory Network Tools. AB617 update, community engagement.
14. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2ND OPPORTUNITY) – None
15. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – None
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC meeting ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 10 A.M – Chair, Derek Williams volunteered.
17. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M – Chair, Derek Williams volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next Meeting –The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 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.