

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 28, 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 5:34 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present

<u>County</u>	<u>Member Name/Interest Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-Large Rep	Central
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At-Large Rep*	Central
Kern	Marvin Dean, Ethnic Small Business Owner	South
Merced	Marie Pickney, At-Large Rep	North
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At-Large Rep	North
Madera	Laura Gutile, At-Large Rep	Central
Stanislaus	Thomas Helme, At Large Rep	North
Tulare	Greg Gomez, CAC City Alternate	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC Environmental Primary	Central

*Arrived at 5:40pm

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2017, OCTOBER 26, 2017, FEBRUARY 22, 2018, AND APRIL 26, 2018 – The Chair, Mr. Williams, asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes for the meetings held on August 24, 2017, October 26, 2017, February 22, 2018 and April 26, 2018. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Hamilton
Seconded: Dean
Ayes: Gutile, Pickney, Vielma, Helme, Williams, Dean, Gomez, Hamilton
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the EJAG Minutes for August 24, 2017, February 22, 2018, and April 26, 2018

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – *The following persons provided public comment:*
 - Rey Vargas, Café Coop
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams thanked members for attending and reaching quorum. He announced that during the last CAC meeting, he presented a plaque to Seyed Sadredin, retiring Executive Director/APCO, for his efforts on behalf of the environmental justice communities in the Valley.
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, advised EJAG members that during the June 2018 Governing Board meeting, the Board adopted the District's 2018-19 Recommended Budget, including a \$350 million Incentive Spending Plan as highlighted below:
 - \$5 million for Tune In Tune Up vehicle repairs.
 - \$18.5 million for the Light Duty Vehicle Replacement Program.
 - \$6.8 million for Drive Clean Rebate Program (passenger vehicles)
 - \$3 million for the District's Charge Up Program.
 - \$13 million for the Burn Cleaner (residential wood burning) Program
 - \$1.5 million for the REMOVE Program
 - \$43.4 million for the Truck Voucher Program
 - \$114.8 million for the Agricultural Equipment Replacement Program
 - \$2.2 million for ARB Ag Tractor Trade Up
 - \$15 million for Agricultural Irrigation Pumps
 - \$15.4 million for Off Road Repower/Replacement
 - \$15.4 million for School Bus Replacement and Retrofit
 - \$2.2 million for the Statewide School Bus Replacement and Retrofit program

Mr. Williams said out of the \$350 million in incentive funds, approximately \$267 million is slated for areas recommended by the EJAG Grants Committee. Mr. Dean asked about the increase from last year's Spending Plan. Mehri Barati, Administrative Services Director, responded that last year's adopted budget was less than half of the 2018-19 Recommended Budget. Mr. Dean said it is a testament for all who advocate for the Central Valley to receive the additional funding to help clean the Valley's air.

Public Comments: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Chay Thao, Program Manager, provided an update on the PM2.5 Plan for the 1997 PM2.5, 2006 PM2.5, and 2012 PM2.5 standards. Mr. Thao also provided updates on Rule 4692 (Charbroiling) and Rule 4905 (Natural Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces).

Ms. Martinez asked when the PM2.5 Plan would be presented to the Board for adoption. Mr. Thao responded staff is planning to do so by the end of the year. He added that the District and ARB have developed control measures and will hold another workshop soon. Mr. Hamilton said per ARB, the modeling has demonstrated that the District will be able to reach attainment and asked what else was needed. Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives, said ARB has not finalized their modeling completely, only the preliminary analysis, and the goal is to have the plan completed and presented to the Board before the end of the year. Ms. Vielma asked if District staff could provide the workshop dates when those are available. She offered to promote the workshops and highlight District incentive programs during an event scheduled on August 4th. Mr. Thao responded that a listserv message would announce the details of the workshop and EJAG members will be notified.

Mr. Hamilton commented on Rule 4311 (Flares) and said the rule is stringent for the facilities that it applies to, but there are facilities that are defined as smaller producers to whom the rule does not apply. Mr. Gill responded and clarified that the rule applies to “major” sources of air pollution. Furthermore, Mr. Gill said that the District is looking into amending the rule and rule applicability will be examined as part of that process.

Public Comment: None

This item was taken out of order

9. UCLA TUNE IN TUNE UP REPORT – Brian Dodds, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, summarized a report on the District’s Tune In Tune Up Program that was recently released by the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation. He said UCLA assessed the program success with respect to efficiency, environmental and equity outcomes and relevance for adoption elsewhere. The report concluded that the Tune In Tune Up program effectively and efficiently reduced emissions while distributing benefits to the neighborhoods most in need. It also said features of program design and administration should serve as replicable models for future environmental justice programs in the state and smog repair programs similar to Tune In Tune Up should be considered as complementary approach to meeting air quality standards throughout the US.

Mr. Helme recommended staff look into holding a Tune In Tune Up event in southern Modesto, off of Crows Landing Road or in Patterson. Mr. Dodds responded that the District is always looking for suitable locations to hold events, and that EJAG members should forward any specific recommendations to District staff.

Ms. Martinez asked if the study was commissioned by the District. Mr. Dodds responded that the District was not involved in the study, and it was conducted independently of the District. Mr. Gomez congratulated District on the report and on a really good program. Mr. Hamilton agreed that it was a good program. He added that EJAG members have pushed for this program since its inception, which has provided a great benefit for these communities.

Mr. Dean asked if the District tracked the number of vouchers issued versus the number used. Mr. Dodds responded that roughly 75% of the vouchers issued were redeemed. Mr. Dean recommended increasing the amount of the voucher another \$500 to help cover a greater portion of the cost to repair a vehicle. Mr. Dean asked for clarification on the vehicle age requirement for the replacement program. Mr. Dodds responded the eligibility age for the Vehicle Replacement Program is 1999 and older. The District is looking at expanding that up to 2006 and said outside of that Vehicle Replacement Program, anybody would be eligible to take advantage of rebates such as the District's Drive Clean rebate program as well as the states Clean Vehicle Rebate Project. Mr. Dean said expanding the age requirement of the vehicle to 2006 would help remove more high polluting vehicles from the streets and asked the District to look into a scrap only program for the Valley.

8. AB 617 UPDATE – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's activities related to AB 617 implementation. In June 2018, the District's Governing Board adopted the final recommendations for San Joaquin Valley Communities Recommended for Additional Clean Air Resources and Public Engagement under AB 617, which will be submitted to ARB for consideration by July 31, 2018. The adopted year one community recommendations include the communities of South Fresno (including Calwa and Malaga), North Bakersfield, and the City of Shafter. ARB will finalize the selection of communities for first year actions under AB 617 at their September 2018 board meeting.

Ms. Vielma asked when the communities recommended by the District to ARB would be formally selected. Mr. Gill responded that the ultimate responsibility for selecting the communities lies with ARB, and they have until October 1st to make the final selections throughout the state. Mr. Helme asked if the names of the communities recommended to ARB will be published. Mr. Gill said they are included in the agenda item that was presented to the Board on June 21, 2018.

Ms. Martinez asked if the communities listed as part of the District's recommendation are final or if there is a chance that additional cities can be

added from now until the deadline. Mr. Gill said that the list has been approved by the Governing Board, and is the final list that will be submitted to ARB.

Ms. Martinez suggested to District staff that instead of sending two or three communities as part of the recommendation to ARB and then redo the entire process every year thereafter, it would be better to actually come up with a longer list of maybe 20-30 communities. Mr. Lambert clarified that a complete, prioritized list of 299 Valley communities will be included in the submission to ARB. The communities of South Fresno (including Calwa and Malaga), North Bakersfield, and the City of Shafter are those recommended for action in year one of the program.

Ms. Martinez asked staff to consider giving EJAG an opportunity to weigh in on the decision next year. Mr. Gill said the timeline associated with community selection was very tight this first year due to statutory deadlines. Mr. Williams said the District kept EJAG well informed on what was going on and said the EJAG would like to be engaged in that process next year.

Public Comment - None

10. BROWN ACT REVIEW – Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel, provided a detailed presentation and review of the Brown Act requirements for EJAG members.

Mr. Hamilton complimented Ms. Fierro on her presentation. Mr. Williams asked if this met the requirements for the members. Ms. Fierro responded affirmatively. Mr. Dean thanked Ms. Fierro and complimented her on her presentation.

Public Comment - None

11. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Williams asked staff to add a Cap and Trade funding update to the August agenda. Ms. Vielma asked to keep AB 617 as a standing item on the agenda. Ms. Vielma asked for an update on the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2nd Opportunity) - None

13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Dean referred to the 2018 EJAG Member Attendance chart and stated that he attended the February meeting and he asked staff to correct. He also said there would be a community event held November 5th in Bakersfield where Mr. Sadredin will be recognized for all of his good work in the Valley. Mr. Helme referred to an article in the Modesto Bee regarding an ethanol plant in Riverbank asked for more information about the project, specifically, the emissions it will produce. Mr. Lambert responded the District has not yet received an application for that project. Ms. Vielma asked for an update on the Port of Stockton and funding received from the District. Ms. Holt said she would forward the Board item on it, as the District approved that funding 12-18

months ago and ARB recently gave the District approval to publish the information.

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 10 A.M – Mr. Williams said he would present the report if needed.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M – Mr. Williams said he would present the report if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 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.