

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, October 25, 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 5:40 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not present

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-Large Rep	Central
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At-Large Rep	Central
Kern	Marvin Dean, Ethnic Small Business Owner	South
Stanislaus	Thomas Helme, At Large Rep	North
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC Environmental Primary*	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At Large Rep	South

\*Arrived at 5:43pm

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2018 — This item was tabled as there was not a quorum present.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT– None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO, gave members updates on the following:
  - During the September 2018 Governing Board Study Session, the following items were presented to the Board:
    - The District’s Healthy Air Living School Program
    - The District’s Economic Analysis of Regulations
    - Process to reduce forest fuels to minimize air quality impacts from wildfires
    - The District’s Low Cost Air Monitoring Sensor Action Plan

- Potential policy positions for prioritizing deployment of zero-emission and near zero-emission technologies
  - District's efforts to increase interest in Kern County to take advantage of District incentive funding for Clean Air Projects
  - The implementation of the Drive Clean in San Joaquin program
  - Updates on AB 617
- During the October 2018 Governing Board Meeting, the following items were presented to the Board:
    - Jake Felton, Supervising Air Quality Inspector was recognized for being awarded the 2018 Rodney Swartzendruber Outstanding Inspector Award by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association
    - The District received funding of \$37,998,890 in State Cap and Trade dollars for two large zero and near-zero emissions demonstration projects
    - The District's administration of \$130,000,000 in statewide incentive funding to replace transit, school and shuttle bus statewide under the Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust Laboratory analysis of PM 2.5 filter samples from the Bakersfield-Planz air-monitoring site
    - Updates on the District's PM2.5 Plan

Mr. Smith asked if the District had a plan to control forest fires. Mr. Warner replied that the District has been working this issue for a number of years and there were many State and Federal policy decisions that are relevant. The District has worked with State and Federal Land Managers, who manage prescribed burning, and who have been more open to communicating their processes so there is an understanding of each other's needs. In addition, he said the District is working with the agencies to open up the window during which they can burn, so more forest management burning can take place without impact on the Valley floor. The District has also advocated for more resources for the Forest Service and the State Forest Managers to conduct prescribed burning forest fuel reduction efforts.

Mr. Hamilton asked for more information on the Low Cost Air Monitoring Sensor Plan. Mr. Warner explained that a plan is being developed to get the air monitoring systems into the selected communities. In addition, he said PM 2.5 air monitors have been placed in the Los Banos area to determine additional impacts that the District may not be aware of. Mr. Hamilton suggested the District be more transparent about these air monitoring efforts. Mr. Williams also suggested the District to find a simpler way to provide the information to the communities so they are aware. Ms. Martinez echo's Mr. William's and Hamilton's suggestions.

Mr. Dean asked if the District is coordinating with advisory group members whose counties have received funding for the air monitoring. Mr. Warner responded that

the District been meeting with groups who have received monitoring grants to help them design and implement useful monitoring programs. Mr. Hamilton concurred.

Public Comments: None

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – This item was tabled due to time constraints.

*This item was taken out of order.*

11. PM 2.5 PLAN UPDATE – Chay Thao, Program Manager provided an update on the District's PM 2.5 Plan. Mr. Thao reported that the Valley still faces significant challenges in meeting the latest health-based PM2.5 standards under federal Clean Air Act. He said the District has conducted an extensive public engagement process to prepare the Plan which addresses multiple PM2.5 standards under Clean Air Act. The Plan includes comprehensive suite of District/CARB regulatory and incentive-based measures to achieve emissions reductions necessary from stationary and mobile sources to bring Valley into attainment. The Plan will require a significant increase in funding of \$ 5 billion dollars over the next 5 years for incentive measures. The District's proposed incentive-based measures include replacement of agricultural engines with electric motors; replacement of woodstoves and fireplaces with cleaner units; and installation of pollution control equipment for commercial underfired charbroilers. In addition, he said the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) incentive-based measures include replacing significant numbers of heavy duty trucks, agricultural equipment, and off-road equipment.

Mr. Williams suggested that residents who are on propane only should be allowed to participate in the District's Burn Cleaner program. Mr. Thao clarified that residents with who do not have access to natural gas and have propane will be included in the program. Ms. Martinez asked if the prohibition on wood-burning devices in new construction would only be higher elevations. Mr. Thao clarified that currently residents of any elevation that are within a certain density requirement are allowed to have a wood-burning device. One option for the revised rule would be to ban all new fireplaces in the Valley while allowing residents at higher elevations that fall within the density requirement to have a wood-burning device, but it would require that the device be EPA certified. Mr. Hamilton asked about the elevation level. Mr. Warner responded that any elevation level would be determined during the rule development process.

Mr. Dean asked if there is support for the PM 2.5 Plan from industries, particularly the oil industry. Mr. Warner responded that various industries have had many opportunities to work with the District and voice their concerns about the Plan. He said staff have addressed their concerns as much as possible. Mr. Warner said he does not expect rousing support from the industrial sources that the District regulates. On other hand, he said he expects to hear that industries are happy

that District worked very hard with them to minimize the impacts of a very stringent set of regulations.

Mr. Dean clarified that the \$5 billion in incentive funding was guaranteed from CARB to support this plan. Mr. Warner responded that CARB, by adopting the plan, will be legally committed to providing the \$5 billion or finding another mechanism of achieving the same reduction.

Mr. Helme added that he would like to see Stanislaus County included as a hot spot area for wood burning devices and charbroilers. He also asked for more outreach about these incentive programs to residents in the Turlock area. Mr. Warner responded that the District already has incentives available throughout the Valley to replace fireplaces. In regards to the hot spots areas, he said there will be more restrictions for wood burning in addition to higher incentives offered in those areas.

Ms. Martinez asked if the enhanced outreach has been provided to residents. Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, responded that discussion has just started into how information will be distributed. She added that the EJAG members has helped in getting information out to residents.

8. APPOINT EJAG VICE CHAIR (1-YEAR TERM) – This item was tabled, as there was not a quorum present.
9. AB 617 UPDATE – Dave Warner, Deputy APCO gave an update on AB 617. Mr. Warner said through extensive public engagement, the District's Governing Board recommended that CARB select South Central Fresno, North Bakersfield, and the City of Shafter as the first year communities for implementation of AB 617. He said CARB staff believed that there were only sufficient resources in 10 communities statewide, and ultimately selected South Central Fresno and the City of Shafter the two communities in the Valley.

Mr. Warner said CARB also developed a blueprint for implementing the AB 617, which included guidance for the public engagement process and development of Community Emission Reduction Plans upon community selection by CARB. District staff believes that the success of AB 617 requires full engagement by all community stakeholders. It is critical to create inclusive community engagement process to provide diverse and balanced perspectives, to develop innovative and effective air quality improvement strategies. The steering committee members should represent residents and businesses in the community, and could include additional members ranging from city/county planning agencies, transportation agencies, health departments, and schools. The steering community will serve in an advisory role to the District. He said interested parties could apply with the District electronically or at the Shafter and South Central Fresno kick-off meetings.

Brian Dodds, Program Manager, gave an overview of incentive programs related to AB 617. He said the District has received \$80 million for early action incentive funding (AB 134). This early action funding is focused on projects that are eligible for the Carl Moyer and Prop 1B trucks and must meet certain timelines for distribution and DAC/Low-income requirements. Community outreach was part of the effort to engage the community, and the District has held numerous workshops with ARB to help promote the funding. The District contracted with San Joaquin Valley Environmental Justice Collaborative to develop, promote, facilitate and staff eight community meetings. The goal for these meetings is to solicit community feedback on funding priorities. As a result of 192 surveys completed, community funding priorities include: heavy duty trucks (long haul, regional), school buses, ag equipment, and construction equipment. He said to date the District has received \$47,250,000 in project funding.

Mr. Helme mentioned that a community meeting had taken place in Modesto and that he appreciated the District's outreach efforts. He also offered his assistance in relaying information to Stanislaus County, specifically for school bus and heavy-duty trucks.

Ms. Martinez asked if there would be a deadline to receive applications for the Steering Committees or if it would be ongoing. Mr. Warner responded that a decision had not yet been made, as it would depend on how many applications the District received. Ms. Martinez asked about the number of applications received so far. Ms. Holt responded that six applications were received in Fresno and seven in Shafter so far. Ms. Martinez said she was aware that a few applicants in Shafter might not have not received acknowledgement of their application. Ms. Holt said the District is replying and acknowledging all those who we have turned in their applications. Mr. Warner mentioned that applications would be available at the kick-off meeting, as well a mailing address for residents who do not have access to email. Ms. Martinez asked if the applicants would go through an interview process. Mr. Warner replied the applicants would not have through an interview process, as long as they meet the requirements stated on the application.

Public Comment - None

10. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION IF THE DRIVE CLEAN IN THE SAN JOAQUIN PROGRAM AND DEMOSTRATE THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL FOR VALLY RESIDENTS – Brian Dodds, Program Manager provided a detailed presentation on the following:

- Drive Clean in the San Joaquin is an integration of three passenger vehicle incentive options available for Valley residents (Repair, Replace, Rebate) into one program. The District has developed a new program website and logo, and an online application processes for replacement and rebate options, in addition to

an increase into the outreach activities designed to increase program participation across all three options.

- The Vehicle Repair option is an award-winning program launched 2011 in partnership with Valley CAN. It was designed to provide vehicle repair assistance through innovative weekend events. There is a heavy focus on low income, disadvantaged communities; specifically 96% of participants reside in a disadvantaged community. It has grown to become the most effective, targeted vehicle repair program in the state. More than 26,000 vehicles have been repaired through 133 weekend events.
- Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Replacement option is a component added to Tune In Tune Up weekend events in 2014. This helps identify vehicles at events that are not good candidates for repair. Since 2015, District has received \$27.5 million in state funding for implementation of a vehicle replacement program. The incentives range from \$2,500 to \$ 9,500 depending on income status. The main focus is on low to moderate income Valley residents and a higher incentive is available to residents of disadvantage communities. The District has replaced nearly 1,300 high polluting vehicles to date.
- Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Rebate option is available to all Valley residents and businesses. It provides rebates of \$1,000 - \$3,000 for the purchase or lease of a new electric and hybrid clean air vehicles. These rebates are design to accelerate Valley EV/hybrid deployment by supplementing state rebate program. Since the launch of the program, the District has issued nearly 7,000 rebate for about \$19 million in funding. The program has encouraged more Valley residents to drive cleaner cars.
- The New Online Vehicle Replacement Portal for Valley Residents was developed to expand program access, improve customer service, increased staff efficiency, and maintain strict program accountability. The weekend events will continue to be an important opportunity for participation by Valley residents. In addition, the District plans to promote the program through outreach targeted in Valley disadvantaged communities. Outreach includes; launch of program website and online application, outreach through District partners (CAC, EJAG, HAL partners), and targeted social media outreach (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram). In addition to targeted radio and television interviews, paid advertising in local publications, increase social media advertising, engage public at community centers and libraries, and large scale traditional advertising campaign as needed.

Mr. Smith suggested for electric bicycles to be included in the replacement component of the program. Mr. Dodds responded that there are program guideline that must be followed and which specify the types of vehicles allowed for funding. Mr. Dodds said he was not aware of a funding sources for electric bicycles.

Public Comment - None

12. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Hamilton asked for an update on AB 398 Cap and Trade from CARB at a future meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity) – None
14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Helme asked for an update on the ethanol plant in Riverbank.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 10 A.M – None
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2018 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

*Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019, 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.*