

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, 2019
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, Keith Freitas, called the meeting to order at 5:34 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
Kings	Keith Freitas, At Large Rep	Central
Kern	Rechima Dean, Ethnic, Small Business Owner*	South
Kern	Robert Smith, At Large Rep	South
Madera	Laura Gutile, At Large Rep	North
Fresno	Esperanza Vielma, At Large Rep**	North
Fresno	Tim Parcel, Industry/Ag	Central

* Arrived at 5:37

** Arrived at 5:54

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2019 - The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for August 22, 2019. Hearing none, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Williams
Seconded: Gutile
Ayes: Smith, Freitas, Gutile, Williams, Dean, Parcel
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the EJAG Minutes for August 22, 2019.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT– *The following persons provided public comment during this item:*

- Gene Johnson, Dinuba Resident

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, gave updates on the following:

- Adoption of Community Emissions Reduction Programs for AB 617 Communities of Shafter and South Central Fresno
- Approval of additional funding for On-Field Alternatives to the Open Burning of Agricultural Materials Incentive Program
- The District is seeking to fill 2 vacancies on EJAG: (1) Ethnic, Small Business Owner – may reside in any of the 8 counties in the SJV; and (1) Merced County At-Large member
- Currently the next upcoming EJAG Meeting is scheduled for December 26, 2019. Recommendation is to move the December meeting to January 23, 2020, and to move all future December meetings to the month of January instead of December

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessica Coria, Program Manager in the District’s Air Quality Science and Planning Department, provided an update on the District’s attainment plan and rule making efforts.

8. AB 617 UPDATE– Ms. Coria provided an update on the AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Programs (CERPs). The CERPs address community air quality issues and concerns, including measures to reduce emissions from heavy duty mobile sources, automobiles, agricultural sources, industrial sources, and residential sources; reduce exposure through indoor air filtration, vegetative barriers; anti-idling messaging, outreach and education about air pollution sources and impacts; work with other agencies to address concerns not within District’s jurisdiction (land use, pesticides, urban greening, etc.). She reported the Governing Board adopted the Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs) on September 19, 2019. The adopted CERPs have been forwarded to CARB for their consideration as required by state law. CARB will hold workshops in the communities in November and hold a hearing in February to approve the CERPs.

Also at their meeting on September 19, 2019, Ms. Coria reported the Governing Board also made recommendations to CARB on Valley communities for future inclusion in AB 617. The Board recommended that Southwest Stockton be selected by CARB for second-year resources for the development of community

air monitoring and emissions reduction programs. Should more funding become available that would allow CARB's selection of more communities without diluting the necessary resources for implementation of AB 617 programs in the existing communities, the District also recommended strong consideration for Arvin/Lamont as a second Valley community for consideration.

9. INDOOR AIR QUALITY – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update on indoor air quality and recent efforts aimed at reducing exposure and potential impacts.

Mr. Smith asked for more clarification on ventilation. Mr. Klassen explained that if there was a situation where a wildfire was occurring, then ventilation would not be recommended. He added it can be a complicated issue and is dependent on the circumstances, as emissions inside a building or home can build up over time. He suggested if the outside air quality was good then ventilation should be considered.

10. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Members suggested the following items be included on the next meeting agenda:

- Annual Grants Committee Meeting updates
- Updates on AB 617

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2nd Opportunity) – *The following person provided public comment during this item:*

- Gene Johnson, Dinuba Resident

12. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS– Ms. Vielma announced that Café Coop will be hosting an Ag Summit in Stockton on January 24, 2020.

13. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – Mr. Williams volunteered.

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 2019 (TENTIVE) AT 9 A.M. –None

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2020 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.