

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, August 22, 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, Derek Williams, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present

<b>County</b>	<b>Member Name/Interest Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-Large Rep	Central
Merced	Jack Lemen, CAC City Primary ***	Central
Kings	Keith Freitas, At Large Rep	Central
Kern	Rechima Dean, Ethnic, Small Business	South
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At Large Rep	Central
Kern	Robert Smith, At Large Rep	South
Merced	Marie Pickney, At Large Rep*	North
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, Environmental**	Central
Fresno	Tim Parcel, Industry/Ag	Central

\* Arrived at 5:45

\*\* Arrived at 6:03

\*\*\*Left at 7:12pm

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2019 - The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for April 25, 2019. Hearing none, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Smith

Seconded: Martinez

Ayes: Martinez, Smith, Freitas, Williams, Dean, Lemen, Parcel

Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to approve the EJAG Minutes for April 25, 2019.***

4. PUBLIC COMMENT– None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams thanked the EJAG members for allowing him to serve as Chair for the past two years.

*This item was taken out of order.*

9. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S ENHANCED LAWN AND GARDEN PROGRAMS– Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, provided information on the District's enhanced lawn and garden programs, including
  - Residential rebates promote the purchase of clean battery electric lawn care equipment and consist of two options: larger rebate for new electric mowers when residents turn in a functional gas mower, and a smaller rebate for purchases of new qualifying lawn care equipment.
  - Commercial voucher program promotes replacing commercial grade equipment with clean commercial grade battery electric landscaping equipment and voucher covers additional batteries.
  - Residential eligibility requirements include: applicants must reside with the District; must submit a rebate application within 6 months of the purchase date of eligible equipment; qualifying equipment must be a new purchase from an authorized retailer; equipment should have a minimum of a 1-year manufacturer warranty; applicant must maintain ownership of the new lawn care equipment for two consecutive years following purchase (one rebate per equipment type, per address for every year)
  - Commercial eligibility requirements include: must be located and conduct 100% of its landscaping operations within the District boundaries; must be either a business providing landscaping services or a public agency, non-profit, or business that has a commercial scale in-house landscaping operation; applicants may not purchase replacement equipment until they receive vouchers; each voucher for new electric equipment requires a functional gas or diesel equivalent to be turned in to a District-certified dismantler; must own and report on the equipment for three consecutive years; tractors, reel mowers, and tow behind landscaping equipment are not eligible.

Ms. Martinez asked how residents can apply for the program. Mr. DeYoung responded that they can apply via the online portal on the District's website at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org), print an application from the website and mail it in, or visit the District offices for assistance with the application.

Ms. Martinez asked if the District has targeted outreach to school districts in disadvantaged communities about these programs. Mr. DeYoung responded that the District has targeted outreach in disadvantaged communities particularly through the AB 617 program.

Mr. Hamilton asked why the District did not advertise at major retailers such as Lowes and Home Depot. Mr. DeYoung responded that the larger retailers are restricted by their corporate offices on the types of promotional information displayed at their locations.

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

- Tune in Tune Up program: at their June 20, 2019 meeting, the Governing Board approved an additional \$5 million in funding for the program. There has been high participation across disadvantaged communities, with 24 events and over 3,000 vehicles repaired last year.
- Clean Vehicle Infrastructure: the Board approved \$15 million in funding for the incentive program designed to provide a range of funding levels to support the deployment of new clean vehicle fuel infrastructure throughout the Valley and that will be implemented in accordance with guidelines developed by CARB for use in implementing Carl Moyer Program and Community Air Protection Funds.
- Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA): the Board accepted \$6,961,054 funding from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund the following projects: \$2,364,974 to replace yard trucks that have 1996 to 2009 model year engines with zero-emission battery electric yard trucks; \$2,350,000 to replace agricultural tractors that have uncontrolled, Tier 1 or Tier 2 engines with new agricultural tractors that have Tier 4 engines; and \$2,246,080 to replace uncontrolled switcher locomotives with new Tier 4 switcher locomotives.
- Targeted Air Shed Grant Program: the Board accepted \$10 million in funding from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the District's truck and agricultural tractor replacement programs.
- Upcoming Governing Board Study Session scheduled for October 16 & 17, 2019 at the Pines Resort, at Bass Lake. All EJAG member are welcome to attend the Study Session.

7. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Chay Thao, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's attainment plan and rule making efforts.

Ms. Martinez said she wanted to make sure that there would be more outreach to residents regarding the enhancements to Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters). Mr. Lambert responded that the focus to date has been on working with realtors and building departments on the new requirements

within the rule relating to property transfers, significant remodels, and limitations on new wood burning devices. He also mentioned that more outreach concerning the new curtailment provisions would be conducted as the season gets closer.

Mr. Hamilton asked why the PM10 Standard was still being reviewed when it was attained back in October 2006. Mr. Thao responded that the District is working on a Maintenance Plan required by the Clean Air Act to provide for the continued maintenance of the standard through 2020.

Mr. Hamilton questioned why the 1979 1-hour Ozone Standard is still being reviewed as well. Mr. Thao responded this plan has been revoked and attained. Mr. Lambert added that due to a recent court ruling that vacated the use of “re-designation substitutes”, the District is awaiting updated guidance from EPA on a mechanism to formally re-designate areas to attainment for a revoked standard.

8. APPOINT EJAG CHAIR (2 YEAR TERM) AND EJAG VICE CHAIR (1YEAR TERM)– Mr. Williams announced it was time for a new appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair and opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Martinez nominated Mr. Hamilton as Chair and Mr. Freitas as Vice Chair.

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Martinez and Hamilton  
Nays: Smith, Freitas, Pickney, Williams, Dean, Lemen, Parcel

***Motion did not carry.***

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Freitas as Chair and Mr. Williams as Vice Chair.

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Smith, Freitas, Pickney, Williams, Dean, Lemen, Parcel  
Nays: Martinez and Hamilton

***Motion carried 7-2 to approve Mr. Freitas as Chair and Mr. Williams as Vice Chair.***

10. AB 617 UPDATE– Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update on the Steering Committees’ progress in Shafter and South Central Fresno. The Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs) continue to evolve in response to public input. A draft of the CERP was released on August 12, 2019, and the District held public workshops to get committee and public

input on the drafts. The District plans to finalize both draft CERPs by September 12, 2019, bring them to the Governing Board for consideration at their September 19, 2019, meeting.

The District must now make recommendations to CARB on Valley communities for inclusion in year two of AB 617. The District held a public workshop asking for input on the process. Staff is working to finalize the methodology. A second workshop is planned on August 29, 2019, and recommendations will be brought to the Governing Board at the September 19, 2019, meeting for consideration.

Ms. Martinez clarified that the 7-mile radius was included in the CERP for Shafter. Mr. Klassen responded affirmatively. Ms. Martinez also asked when staff anticipates deploying additional air monitoring within the South Central Fresno community. Mr. Klassen responded that additional air monitoring has already been implemented in the Roosevelt area, and staff are currently working on the air monitoring for downtown Fresno and the Edison High School area.

Ms. Martinez asked if the year 2 incentive funding received from CARB for AB 617 was going to be spent on Carl Moyer and Prop 1B categories. Mr. Lambert responded that, as with year 1 funding, the funding is still available for Prop 1B and Carl Moyer programs but these funds will also open up some additional funding for categories such as stationary sources, school filtration, and items included in the approved CERPs.

11. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Williams asked staff to continue to place updates on AB617, and add updates on the Cap and Trade at future meetings.
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity) – None
13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS– None
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – Mr. Williams volunteered.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON September 19, 2019 (TENTIVE) AT 9 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

*Next Meeting* – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 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.