

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 28, 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 5:30 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
Merced	Jack Lemen, CAC City Primary *	Central
Madera	Laura Gutile, At Large Rep	Central
Merced	Marie Pickney, At Large Rep	North
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At Large Rep	North
Stanislaus	Thomas Helme, At Large Rep	North
Madera	Lee Smith, CAC Environmental Primary	North
Kern	Robert Smith, At Large Rep	South

**Arrived at 5:35pm*

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2018 AND OCTOBER 25, 2018- The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for June 28, 2018, and October 25, 2018. Hearing none, Laura Gutile made a motion to approve the Minutes.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Gutile
Seconded: Vielma
Ayes: B. Smith, Gutile, Pickney, Vielma, Helme, Williams, L. Smith
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the EJAG Minutes for June 28, 2018 and October 25, 2018.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT– *The following person provided public comment:*

- Mary Menega

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams announced that EJAG Member, Mr. Marvin Dean had recently passed away, and dedicated the meeting to his memory. Mr. Williams also reminded EJAG members to complete the required AB 1234 Ethics Training before the upcoming deadline.

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

- In November of 2018, the District’s Governing Board adopted the Valley’s 2018 Plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM 2.5 Standards. On January 24, 2019, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) adopted the Plan as well. The Plan has now been forwarded to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for consideration. As part of adopting the Plan, the Board directed District staff to commence development of the enhanced residential wood burning rule.
- The Valley experienced a successful ozone season in 2018. There were several record breaking improvements across key metrics; including the number of days exceeding the 8-hour ozone standards and the design value. Despite the unprecedented wildfire impacts, the District still saw these improvements. The District is currently on track to meet both the 1997 and 2008 ozone standards by the applicable federal deadline.
- The Governing Board approved a new pilot incentive program to deploy and evaluate low dust nut harvesting equipment. Moving forward, the District will continue to work with agricultural stakeholders, USDA-NRCS, and other partners to identify additional funding to support ongoing demand from growers interested in transitioning to new lower-emitting harvesting technologies.
- The Governing Board approved a new pilot incentive program to support on field alternatives to the open burning of agricultural materials. The new incentive program allows farmers to select from several on field uses for chipped agricultural materials from orchard removals, such as soil incorporation and land application of mulch.
- The Governing Board approved a new incentive program to support the deployment of zero-emission commercial landscape maintenance equipment. The District will allocate up to \$500,000 in funding to develop and administer a new incentive program to deploy and further evaluate zero-emission commercial landscape maintenance equipment.

- The Governing Board approved a new incentive program for the replacement of older, high polluting emergency vehicles in the San Joaquin Valley. The District will work with cities, counties, fire protection districts, and other public entities to disseminate information about the new incentive program to ensure robust program participation throughout the District.
- The Governing Board approved a \$4,000,000 increase in the funding allocation for the District’s Zero-Emission Agricultural Utility Terrain Vehicle Program for the continued implementation of this program for the remainder of the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Ms. Vielma announced that her team is putting together an Ag Tech Summit in San Joaquin County.

Public Comments: *The following person provided public comment on this item:*

- Keith Freitas

7. EJAG APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS AND VACANT SEATS - Mr. Lambert reported that the Governing Board appointed Tim Parcel as the CAC Industry/Agriculture Interest Group Primary Representative, Lee Smith as the CAC Environmental Interest Group Alternate Representative, Manuel Cunha as the CAC Industry/Agriculture Interest Group Alternate Representative, and Greg Gomez as the CAC City Interest Group Alternate Representative at the February 21, 2019, Governing Board meeting. The Governing Board also reappointed Kevin Hamilton as the CAC Environmental Interest Group Primary Representative and Jack Lemen as the CAC City Interest Group Primary Representative. Two EJAG vacancies remain and the EJAG Appointment Subcommittee will interview applicants in late March and recommend applicants for Governing Board consideration in April 2019.
8. UPDATES ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided an updates on the District’s attainment plan and rule making efforts.

Public Comment - None

9. FY 2019-20 GRANTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS– Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, reported that the Grants Committee met before the full EJAG meeting and developed the FY 2019-20 Grants Committee Recommendations for consideration by the full EJAG membership.

Public Comment - None

Moved: Lemen
Seconded: Vielma

Ayes: B. Smith, Gutile, Pickney, Vielma, Helme, Williams, Lemen, L. Smith
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to adopt the Grant Committee recommendations for fiscal year 2019-20

10. AB 617 UPDATE – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District’s implementation of AB 617. He reported the Community Steering Committees for the selected have each met three times. Both the Shafter and South Central Fresno Steering Committees have established committee charters and discussed community boundaries, addressed community input on emissions sources of concern, and air quality monitoring needs. The meetings have been facilitated to maintain balanced and open discussion. He added the Steering Committee acts in an advisory role to the District and assists in developing the community air-monitoring plan to be implemented by July 2019 and the Community Emission Reduction Programs to be adopted by the District’s Governing Board by October 2019.

Mr. Lee Smith asked about the new air monitoring equipment necessary to conducting monitoring in the selected communities in support of AB 617. Mr. Gill said that the District is in the process of procuring four air-monitoring platforms, two of which will be mobile vans fully equipped with state-of-the-art, regulatory-grade air monitoring instruments. The other platforms will be transportable trailers that can be located in areas of concern. Mr. Lee Smith asked if the equipment would be placed in areas recommended by the steering committees. Mr. Gill responded that the steering committees will play a significant role in guiding the District to determine where the air monitoring equipment will be placed.

Ms. Vielma asked if the data collected through the enhanced monitoring in these communities would be made available to the public. Mr. Gill responded that as part of AB 617, the District will have a portal for each particular community and display all air quality monitoring data collected. The District will also submit all of the data to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for display in a portal they are developing. Ms. Vielma thanked District staff and she is interested in taking the information and then making it digestible to the public.

Mr. Helme asked if the data portals included AQ-View, which that he saw demonstrated during a recent presentation. Mr. Gill responded that AQ-View is the portal ARB is developing.

Mr. Bob Smith asked if the \$80 million in funding would be received annually. Mr. Gill responded the first year’s funding was \$80 million, which is not guaranteed every year. He added the District and Valley stakeholders would have to go to the legislature to request additional funding for upcoming years. Mr. Bob Smith asked if the \$80 million in funding must be spent solely in the two selected Year 1 communities. Mr. Lambert clarified that the \$80 million is not just for the two communities selected in Year 1, but may be spent in disadvantaged communities throughout the Valley. He added that as

the District goes through the process of developing the emission reduction programs there is an expectation at the state level that significant amounts of funding will go into the selected, but the statute does not limit the funding to just those selected communities.

Public Comment: None

11. BEGIN ANNUAL REVIEW OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – Mr. Lambert reviewed the prior year Goals and Objectives adopted by EJAG.

Mr. Williams said that these Goals and Objectives have been developed over a number of years and asked if any of the programs listed were no longer relevant. Mr. Lambert responded no and said from the District's perspective, the Goals and Objectives are comprehensive and remain relevant. He added staff is open to any recommendations that EJAG may have for the APCO to consider in finalizing the Goals and Objectives. Ms. Vielma asked if the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program could be added to Objective 6. Mr. Lambert clarified that Tune In, Tune Up program is a component of the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program, but added that the verbiage could be changed to identify Drive Clean in the San Joaquin.

Moved: B. Smith

Seconded: Lemen

Ayes: B. Smith, Gutile, Pickney, Vielma, Helme, Williams, Lemen, L. Smith

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve the EJAG Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan recommendations for 2019

12. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. William asked for updates on AB 617 and Cap and Trade to be presented at future meetings
13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2nd Opportunity) – None
14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mrs. Vielma asked if EJAG members can receive an update at a future meeting on the various technology advancement emission reduction efforts funded by the District that are being implemented within their communities.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 (TENTATIVE) AT 10 A.M – Mr. Williams volunteered.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2019 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 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.