

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 27, 2020**  
**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 5:32 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
Kings	Keith Freitas, At Large Rep	Central
Madera	Laura Gutile, At Large Rep	Central
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At Large Rep*	Central
Kern	Rechima Dean, Ethic Small Business Owner**	South
Stanislaus	Thomas Helme, At Large Rep	North
Fresno	Dary Rezvani, Ethnic, Small Business Owner	Central
Fresno	Greg Gomez, CAC City Alternate	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC Environmental Primary**	Central
Fresno	Manuel Cunha, Industry/Ag Alternate***	Central
Fresno	Jack Lemen, CAC City	Central

\* Arrived at 5:37

\*\* Arrived at 5:41

\*\*\* Arrived at 5:34

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2020 – Mr. Freitas asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for January 23, 2020. Hearing none, he deemed the Minutes as approved.

Public Comment: None

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

- Laura Rosenburger Haiter

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, provided updates on the following:

- In 2019, the Valley saw record setting improvement in ozone air quality. The Valley experienced the fewest number of exceedances of all three federal ozone standards, and achieved the lowest federal design value on record (88 ppb) – now only 4 ppb for reaching the 85 ppb ozone standard (2023 deadline). These improvements were made despite high temperature, stagnation, and extensive wildfires.
- In December 2019, the Governing Board adopted two new rules to implement fence-line and community air monitoring requirements for petroleum refineries, as mandated by state law under Assembly Bill 1647 (Muratsuchi).
- In December 2019, District Board expanded the eligibility criteria of the replacement option of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Program. Under the amendments, an emission failure for 1999 model year and older vehicles will no longer be required to participate in the program. Furthermore, 2000-2006 model year vehicles will be allowed to participate with an emission failure. These changes are estimated to significantly increase participation in the program. To accommodate the likely increase in participation, the changes will be implemented in a limited fashion under a pilot program to assess potential impacts to participation rates.

Mr. Helme asked if the new requirements for the Vehicle Replacement Program had a start date. Mr. Gill responded that the expansion of eligibility criteria was adopted by the Governing Board effective December 2019, and would be rolled out at future Tune In Tune Up events.

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

Mr. Hamilton asked if a scoping meeting for the Commercial Charbroiling had been established. Ms. Coria responded that a workshop date had not yet been set.

Mr. Hamilton asked for an update on the recent Architectural Coating Rule workshop. Mr. Gill responded that the District has held both a scoping meeting and a public workshop. He added the District has received support for the proposed rule amendments during the public process.

Mr. Hamilton asked for a quantification of the tons per day of emissions that will be reduced through the proposed amendments to the Internal Combustion Engine Rule. Ms. Coria stated that the emission reductions from this rule will be quantified during the public rule development process as the amended control requirements for the rule are finalized.

Mr. Gomez asked if the District's PM plan was taking into account the potential impacts from the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Ms. Coria answered that the District is closely following SGMA and working to understand the implication for both PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations in the Valley.

Ms. Martinez asked for an estimate of the number of operators that would be impacted by the amendments to the District's Flare Rule, and when the next round of public workshops would take place. Ms. Coria responded that there were approximately 250 flares in the Valley that may be subject to the new requirements in the rule. She added staff was expecting to hold the next public workshop in the second quarter of 2020.

8. AB 617 UPDATE– Jessica Olsen, Program Manager, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. Throughout 2019, the District worked with Community Steering Committees and the public to develop Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) for the AB 617 communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter. On September 19, 2019, the District's Governing Board approved the CERPs for both communities. Ms. Olsen said District staff is now working with the Community Steering Committees to prioritize and begin implementation of the CERP measures. On February 13, CARB approved both CERPs and District is working with both communities on a 6 month implementation update. In addition, CARB has selected Southwest Stockton as a second year AB 617 community and District staff will be hosting the First steering Community Meeting on March 4, 2020.

Public Comment – None

9. UPDATE ON DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM– Heather Heinks, Public Education Administrator, provided an update on District's ongoing effort to develop and continually enhance its public education and outreach strategy by utilizing sound science, best industry practices, expert consulting services, ongoing analytical review of campaign reach and community feedback.

Mr. Helme mentioned that information on air quality in the Valley can be found from many sources and it can be inaccurate. He suggested the District can perhaps send a message through social media outreach to ensure residents are

following the District's air quality monitors and getting the information through RAAN.

Ms. Martinez asked if RAAN can be shown through digital billboards at Valley schools. Ms. Heinks replied that the District continues to look for ways to work with schools so that information can be shown through digital billboards.

Public Comment – None

10. REVIEW OF DISTRICT OUTREACH MATERIALS – BE IDLE FREE BROCHURE– Maricela Vasquez, Senior Air Quality Education Representative, reviewed District Outreach materials on the Be Idle Free Brochure. Ms. Martinez suggested translating the brochure to commonly used terms and to not use formal Spanish translation. She mentioned that many Spanish speakers are not familiar with the formal translation of the terms.
11. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS –
  - AB 617 updates
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2<sup>ND</sup> Opportunity) – None
13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS– None
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – None
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2020 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M. – None

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