

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, June 25, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with the California Department of Public Health's recommendations and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, no physical location was provided for public attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Keith Freitas, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Tulare	Derek Williams, At Large Rep	VTC
Kings	Keith Freitas, At Large Rep	VTC
Madera	Laura Gutile, At Large Rep	VTC
Fresno	Nayamin Martinez, At Large Rep	VTC
Kern	Rechima Dean, Ethic Small Business Owner	VTC
Stanislaus	Thomas Helme, At Large Rep	VTC
San Joaquin	Esperanza Vielma, At Large Rep	VTC
Fresno	Dary Rezvani, Ethnic, Small Business Owner	VTC
Fresno	Manuel Cunha, Industry/Ag Alternate	VTC
Fresno	Tim Parcel, Industry/Ag Primary	VTC

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2020 – Mr. Freitas asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for February 27, 2020. Hearing none, he deemed the Minutes as approved.

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – None
6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, provided updates on the following:

- At their June 18, 2020 meeting, the Governing Board adopted the District's 2020-21 Recommended Budget, which included a \$437 million incentives spending plan. The incentives spending plan, consistent with prior years, incorporated the recommendations of the EJAG grants committee as approved by EJAG members.
- Also at their June 18th meeting, the Board authorized \$5 million in funding for the continued operation of the District's Vehicle Replacement Program for the next fiscal year. Due to COVID-19, the District has halted weekend Tune in Tune Up events. The District, along with partner, Valley Clean Air Now (CAN), developed a new program model in order to continue to help residents with vehicle repairs. This interim model allows for residents to contact Valley CAN by phone or online portal and have their vehicle smog tested at a local smog shop. Under the new model residents can still get vouchers for smog-related repairs as necessary.
- In 2019, the District competed for federal grant funding related to the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) and had several projects selected as part of that solicitation. The Environmental Protection Agency awarded the District an additional \$1.2 million towards the program for the replacement of older agricultural tractors with newer Tier 4 units. This increased the total dollar amount of the 2019 DERA project up to about \$3.6 million and added additional 54 tractors to bring up to a total of 157 tractors to be replaced with those funds. Additionally, two different District projects have been selected for the 2020 DERA solicitation, including \$3.6 million to replace diesel powered yard trucks with zero emission battery electric yard trucks, which is estimated to replace about 23 trucks in the Valley. The second project selected awarded the District an additional \$3.2 million for the agricultural tractor program to replace older tractors with Tier 4 engine diesel tractors to replace about 85 additional tractors in the valley.

Ms. Martinez asked for an explanation of the application process for the agricultural replacement program. Mr. Lambert responded that the application process and eligibility requirements vary depending on the funding sources of the programs. All programs require destruction of equipment to ensure that there are actual real emission reductions that come out of these projects.

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

Ms. Martinez asked if upcoming rule making public workshops would be held virtually. Ms. Coria responded that the public workshops will be held virtually following the state guidance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Martinez

asked if interpretation service would be available for the public workshops. Ms. Coria responded that interpretation services would be available if needed.

Mr. Freitas asked is the District relies on modeling programs for developing attainment plans. Ms. Coria responded that the District's attainment planning process is based heavily on sophisticated air quality modeling conducted by the District and the California Air Resources Board.

8. UPDATE OF DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 – Mr. Lambert provided an update on the District's proactive approach in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic based on directives, guidelines, and recommendations from local, state, and federal officials.

Public Comment - None

9. AB 617 UPDATE– Ryan Hayashi, Deputy APCO, provided an update on the District's ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. He reported since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has been working with the Community Steering Committees to re-envision the process and community engagement in light of stay-at-home orders and social distancing recommendations. Beginning May 6th, the District began holding community steering committees utilizing online meeting tools to continue moving forward with the process during the pandemic. Towards that end, the District piloted an AB 617 technology support program to provide steering committee members with needed technology and the technical training necessary to virtually participate in the community steering meetings.

Public Comment – None

*Mr. Freitas left the meeting at 6:10pm and Mr. Williams took over as Chair.
Mr. Freitas returned to the meeting at 6:29pm.*

10. CONTINUED REVIEW OF DISTRICT'S OUTREACH MATERIALS – Ana Stone, Bilingual Air Quality Representative, reviewed District Outreach materials on the Clean Green Yard Machine commercial and residential programs and solicited recommendations from EJAG members for enhancements to the materials.

Ms. Vielma asked what current outreach activities were taking place for the commercial and residential Clean Green Yard Machine programs. Ms. Stone responded that the District was currently reaching out to the public by using social media, radio stations, and television. Ms. Vielma suggested the use of animated videos in future outreach materials.

Public Comment – None

11. UPCOMING EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS –
 - Updates on AB 617
 - Grant Funding update
 - Vehicle Replacement Program update
 - Tune In Tune Up update
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2ND Opportunity) – None
13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha recognized and thanked District staff for their efforts to keep public meetings running smoothly during the COVID-19 pandemic.
14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – Mr. Freitas volunteered to present the report if needed.
15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M. – Mr. Williams volunteered to present the report if needed.

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 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.