

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 28, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Meeting held via video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. 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 5:32 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present

Member Name	Membership Category	Location
Keith Freitas, Chair	Kings County At Large Representative	VTC
Jasmeet Bains, M.D.	Kern County At Large Representative	VTC
Rechima Dean*	Ethnic Small Business Owner	VTC
Laura Gutile	Madera County At Large Representative	VTC
Dennis Brazil	Merced County At Large Representative	VTC
Esperanza Vielma	San Joaquin County At Large Representative	VTC
Derek Williams	Tulare County At Large Representative	VTC
Richard O'Brien	CAC City Interest Group (Primary)	VTC
Manuel Cunha	CAC Industry/Ag Interest Group (Alternate)	VTC

*arrived at 6:23 p.m.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2021 – Mr. Freitas asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for August 26, 2021. 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:

- Continued remote teleconferencing of EJAG meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- District Inspector Kathi Crump was selected by the California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association for the statewide 2021 Rodney Swartzendruber Outstanding Inspector award

On behalf of EJAG members, Ms. Vielma congratulated Ms. Crump on receiving this prestigious award. Mr. Cunha thanked Ms. Crump for her outstanding work on behalf of the District.

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Planning, provided an update on the District's attainment plan and rule making efforts.
8. UPDATE ON DRIVE CLEAN IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – Brian Dodds, Program Manager, provided an update on Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Replacement Program.

Ms. Vielma said this was a great program that has helped reduce emissions in the Valley. In regards to increased vehicle model year eligibility, she asked how soon implementation would happen. Mr. Dodds said the District would be implementing the new program parameters over the next few weeks. He said staff would also conduct outreach to residents who were previously interested in this program but did not qualify due to model year restrictions.

Mr. Cunha commended staff and the Governing Board for developing this excellent program that helps Valley residents obtain cleaner vehicles, improve their quality of life, and lower emissions in the Valley.

Mr. Freitas asked if recent vehicle supply chain issues were affecting this program. Mr. Dodds responded that staff were beginning to see these issues and would keep an eye on how they were affecting the program.

9. UPDATE ON 2021 WILDFIRE SEASON AND NEW WILDFIRE SMOKE CLEAN AIR CENTERS FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS PILOT INCENTIVE PROGRAM – Mr. Klassen, Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, and Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, provided an update on the 2021 Wildfire Season, as well as a preview of the new District pilot incentive program that will aid in creating a network of accessible facilities to help minimize health effects of wildfire smoke for vulnerable communities.

Ms. Vielma commended staff and said the District's outreach efforts have gone a long way to reach residents. She asked for more District magnets so that her group can use them in their continued outreach efforts. Ms. Holt thanked Ms. Vielma and her team for their assistance with outreach efforts as well.

Mr. O'Brien said he was working on a micro grid to keep his city's community center completely off the grid using solar and battery backup. He asked if there was District funding available to purchase and install a large filtration system so they can keep their center open for residents who are suffering the effects of wildfires and other emergencies. Mr. DeYoung said CARB maintains a list of approved filtration units that are mostly smaller, portable units. He said there were other opportunities for air filtration upgrade programs that he would be happy to share.

Mr. Williams asked the definition of vulnerable communities. Mr. DeYoung responded any AB 617 community would be considered a vulnerable community as well as those disadvantaged or low-income communities identified on the Cal-Enviroscreen model, of which the Valley has many.

Dr. Bains thanked staff for the great presentation. She suggested staff should review the new study talking about the impact of rain during high AQI days and how it affects water quality. She also mentioned the Air Guardian system which is a commercial air filtration system that can be programmed to change according to the AQI of the day.

10. AB 617 UPDATE – Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided an update on recent activities in the District's AB 617 communities.

11. POTENTIAL FUTURE EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Impact of rain on high AQI days and effect on air quality

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2ND Opportunity) – None

Ms. Dean left at 7:14 p.m.

13. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – Mr. Williams volunteered to present the report if needed.

15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M. – Mr. Lambert said there will not be a report during this meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

*Environmental Justice Advisory Group Meeting
October 28, 2021*

Next Meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2022 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.