

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 23, 2022**

*Given the international COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with public health recommendations and Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via Zoom Webinar and video teleconferencing with the Central Region Office (Fresno). This meeting was also webcast. No physical location was provided for public attendance.*

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Nayamin Martinez, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Roll was taken and a quorum was present

Present:

Nayamin Martinez, <b>Chair</b>	Fresno County At Large Representative
Keith Freitas	Kings County At Large Representative
Laura Gutile	Madera County At Large Representative
Esperanza Vielma	San Joaquin County At Large Representative
Thomas Helme, Vice Chair	Stanislaus County At Large Representative
Derek Williams	Tulare County At Large Representative
Rechima Dean*	Ethnic Small Business Owner
Orchel Krier	CAC City Interest Group (Alternate)
Manuel Cunha, Jr.	CAC Industry / Agricultural Interest Group (Primary)

Absent:

Jasmeet Bains, M.D.	Kern County At Large Representative
Dennis Brazil	At-large Representative
Richard O'Brien	CAC City Interest Group (Primary)
Ned Leiba	CAC Environmental Group (Primary)
Kacey Auston-Tibbetts	CAC Environmental Group (Alternate)
Dary Rezvani	Ethnic Small Business Owner
Chris McGlothlin	CAC Industry / Agricultural Interest Group (Alternate)

*\*Rechima Dean arrived at 6:04 p.m.*

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2022

Moved: Gutile  
Seconded: Cunha  
Ayes: Martinez, Freitas, Gutile Vielma, Lewis, Helme, Williams, Krier, Cunha  
Nays: None

**Motion unanimously carried to approve April 28, 2022 minutes**

Public Comment: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following individuals provided public comments:

- Mary Elizabeth, CAC Environmental Member

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Martinez congratulated the District on their new pilot program to provide residential air filter units in impacted communities.

6. APCO/DEPUTY APCO COMMENTS – Morgan Lambert announced that the District is accepting applications for the Ethnic, Small Business Owner seat in the Environmental Justice Advisory Group and deadline has been extended to August 4, 2022.

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Jessi Fierro, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided an update on the District's attainment plan and rule making efforts.

Public comment: None

8. REVIEW AND CONSIDER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 – Mr. Lambert reviewed the process to date in developing the Goals and Objectives for 2022.

Mr. Williams suggested taking more time is necessary to review the new public health focused goal that was proposed by Ms. Martinez.

Mr. Cunha thanked Ms. Martinez for taking the initiative to prepare the potential new goal and objective. He suggested the Subcommittee meet to review the goal and return to the Group for consideration at a future meeting.

Ms. Gutile said there appeared to be interest in taking more time to review the additional goal and objective.

Public comment: The following individuals provided public comments:

- Mary Elizabeth, CAC Environmental Member

Moved: Gutile  
Seconded: Krier  
Ayes: Martinez, Freitas, Gutile, Vielma, Helme, William, Krier, Cunha,  
Dean  
Nays: None

***Motion unanimously carried to (1) approve and forward the EJAG recommended 2022 Goals and Objectives to the Executive Director/APCO for final consideration, and (2) direct the Goals and Objectives Subcommittee to review the newly proposed public health focused goal prior to bringing it back to the Group for consideration at a future meeting.***

9. UPDATE ON AB 868 CLEAN AIR CENTER PILOT PORGRAN ABS NEW RESIDENTIAL CLEAN AIR ROOMS PILOT PROGRAM – Brian Dodds, Program Manager, provided updates on the Clean Air Center program as well as the new pilot program for Clean Air Rooms.

Mr. Williams suggested utilizing data from the air monitors to provide resources on areas that would benefit more from the program. Mr. Dodds responded that since this a pilot program, it is intended to see how this could work effectively on a larger scale. The goal of this program is to get a widespread distribution throughout the valley, because so many residents can experience the effects of a wildfire at any given time throughout the year.

Mr. Freitas asked how qualification for the program would be determined and what actions are taken to prevent fraud. Mr. Dodds responded that there will be an application process and with the information required, it would be difficult for individuals to provide false information.

Mr. Krier clarified how disadvantage community are determined. Mr. Dodds responded that the State utilizes a tool called CalEnviroScreen. The valley is home to a significant number of those disadvantages communities.

Ms. Vielma thanked staff for launching the pilot program. She is excited to help roll out the information and get it out to community members.

Public Comment - None

10. UPDATE ON PLANNING EFFORTS FOR FEDERAL OZONE STANDARD – Jessi Fierro, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided an update on the District's planning efforts for the 2015 federal ozone standard.

Public Comment - None

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

Public Comment - None

12. POTENTIAL FUTURE EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Derek Williams suggested presenting an update on the impacts of wildfires. He emphasized the importance of public information about the health risks associated with wildfires.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2<sup>ND</sup> Opportunity) – None

14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – None

15. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 (TENTATIVE AT 10 A.M.) – Mr. Helme volunteered to present the report if needed.

16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 (TENTATIVE) AT 9 A.M. – No report will be necessary

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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