

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011
4:30 p.m.**

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group Grants Committee 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 the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Taken out of order

3. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was not present. Quorum was formed at 4:45 p.m.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
Kern	Marvin Dean, Business Owner	South
Tulare	Derek Williams, At-large Rep	Central
Fresno	Kevin Hamilton, CAC-Environmental*	Central

*Arrived at 4:45 pm.

2. ELECTION OF GRANTS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – Mr. Dean nominated Mr. Williams to be appointed EJAG Grants Committee Chair.

Moved: Dean
Seconded: Hamilton
Ayes: Dean, Hamilton, Williams
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Derek Williams as EJAG Grants Committee Chair.

Mr. Hamilton nominated Mr. Dean to be appointed EJAG Grants Committee Vice Chair.

Moved: Hamilton
Seconded: Dean
Ayes: Hamilton, Williams, Dean
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Marvin Dean as EJAG Grants Committee Vice Chair.

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Todd DeYoung, Strategies & Incentives Program Manager; Maricela Velasquez, Senior Public Information Representative.

Staff present in Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) – Brenda Turner, Public Information Representative.

Staff present in Northern Region Office (Modesto) – None present

Members of the public present – Heather Gonzales

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRST OPPORTUNITY) – None.
5. DEFINE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE -
 - a. **Suggestions from APCO as to Committee's role** - Mr. Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager, said he has been appointed as the liaison for the Committee and is available for assistance. He explained the roles and responsibilities for this Committee were twofold: Convene to offer suggestions on types of projects that the Committee would like to see the \$10 million from DMV fees used for; and offer suggestions on how to implement these projects. Mr. Dean requested a list of all the current grant and incentive programs, specifically those that would affect small businesses in EJ communities. Ms. Velasquez will send the information to the Committee via email. Mr. DeYoung will send copies of the enabling legislation to Committee members.
 - b. **Suggestions from members as to items to include in report to EJAG and/or recommendations to be made to the EJAG** – Mr. Williams suggested allocating some of the monies to the District for EJAG meeting expenses. Mr. Williams asked if there were any time

constraints on spending the money because he would like to suggest conserving some monies for future EJAG use. Mr. DeYoung explained the legislation that allocated the \$10 million to the Grants Committee was prescriptive in stating monies are to be used for grant activities and projects.

Mr. Dean said he understood this portion of the meeting would be for members of this Committee to bring suggestions to include in the report to EJAG, which would then be presented to the CAC, which would then forward that information to the Governing Board. Mr. Williams said the Grants Committee does not set policy, but makes recommendations to EJAG. He said the committee does not report to the CAC; however the CAC does oversee EJAG.

Mr. Dean said he would like to see some part of the \$10 million be allocated to outreach opportunities for the EJ community to have input, and to promote EJAG to encourage the public to attend meetings and become more involved. He also said he would like to see the District's HAL Partnerships be integrated into the EJ communities.

6. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AS TO ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN REPORT TO EJAG AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE EJAG – Mr. Dean requested a discussion item be added to the Grants Committee agenda, titled EJAG outreach partnering with local non-profit organizations, with the goal of developing an RFP with staff input to be available to one small organization in each region and then to develop an RFP process jointly. Mr. DeYoung requested more clarification of the RFP. Mr. Dean said the Grants Committee would work with staff to develop the outline of the RFP, which he suggested would be to make EJ communities aware of the \$10 million available, receive input of how the EJ communities would like to see the monies spent, and ensure the existing programs the District has in place are effectively working for the EJ communities. Mr. Williams suggested establishing outreach programs to coincide with District programs, instead of focusing on what to do with the \$10 million. Mr. Hamilton said he was concerned about publicizing the availability of the \$10 million. Mr. Dean said his suggestion was not to advertise that there was \$10 million available, but certainly a portion of that was available for community input. Mr. Dean requested this discussion be placed on the agenda for the next Grants Committee meeting.

Mr. Williams said he will report to EJAG that the first meeting of the Grants Committee took place, that they will review legislation to determine what can and cannot be done with the monies and also determine what can be done to assist the District in its mission in the EJ communities.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY)** – Heather Gonzales, community member said she was really excited to learn this organization exists. She said it is sometimes difficult to grasp abstract concepts, and suggested utilizing other venues such as You Tube for outreach.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – The next Grants Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. Meeting held via video teleconference (VTC), with the Central Region Office (Fresno), the Northern Region Office (Modesto) and the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) participating.