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**DATE:** February 3, 2015  
**TO:** SJVUAPCD Citizens Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO  
**RE:** **REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) ACTIVITIES**

Attached are highlights from the Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting of January 29, 2015.

*Attachments:*  
*Highlights from the EJAG meeting of January 29, 2015 (1 page)*  
*2015 EJAG Goals, Objectives and Action Plan (3 pages)*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)  
MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2015

**Update on AB 32 Cap and Trade funding for Valley EJ communities** – Tom Jordan, provided an update on funding being allocated by the state under AB32. EJAG continued to recommend that District staff work to support bringing these funds into the Valley to fund EJ projects.

**EJAG 2015 Goals and Objectives Action Plan** – The EJAG reviewed the 2014 Goals and Objectives and voiced support to continue the ongoing work to meet these goals in the coming year. The EJAG unanimously approved the 2015 Goals and Objectives (attached).

**EJAG Bylaws** - As previously established by the EJAG, there was an annual review of the EJAG bylaws to ensure understanding of the purpose, responsibilities and duties of the EJAG as well as the rules and authority under which it functions.

**Transboundary Ozone Conference** – The EJAG discussed having the District financially support three EJAG members to attend the Transboundary Ozone conference to be held March 31 through April 2, 2015. Marvin Dean was assigned one of the three slots by the EJAG Chair. The other two slots were randomly awarded to interested EJAG members.

**Next EJAG meeting** – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Further information may be obtained at:

[http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice/Environmental\\_Justice\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice/Environmental_Justice_idx.htm)

**2015 Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)  
 Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan**

EJAG bylaws require that for each calendar year, EJAG establish goals and objectives, and an action plan to achieve those goals and objectives. These shall strictly adhere to the District's Environmental Justice Strategy. The Air Pollution Control Officer in consultation with the CAC shall have the final authority on approving or revising the EJAG's goals and objectives and the action plan.

The following goals, objectives, and action plan are based on the proposal prepared by the EJAG while incorporating APCO revisions:

**Goal/Objective 1:** Work collaboratively to maintain a strong working relationship with the CAC.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Increase EJAG representation at CAC monthly meetings	EJAG Chair	On-going	Assign or seek volunteers to attend the next CAC mtg

**Goal/Objective 2:** Work with the District to ensure specific public documents created by the District are culturally sensitive and reflect EJ principles.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Review documents as selected or recommended by staff and/or EJAG members (outreach materials, etc.)	EJAG District	As needed	Revised or approved documents

**Goal/Objective 3:** Increase public participation in the efforts of EJAG.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Solicit input from community members and collaborate with community organizations /entities on specific goals/issues/concerns & respond in a timely and appropriate manner.	EJAG Members	On-going	*Documented input from community members.  *Each EJAG member will bring a short summary of responses from specific events where appropriate  *Collaboration documented
Assist the District with community events and utilization of Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) in EJ communities <i>Examples: *Tune Up / Tune In *Business gatherings</i>	EJAG members / Staff	On-going	Send out flyers, make calls
Update non-profit/EJ organizational list		Ongoing	

**Goal/Objective 4:** Work with the District to secure grants for public education or emission reduction projects in EJ communities in San Joaquin Valley.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who's Responsible?</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Utilizing State's CalEnviroScreen EJ tool, advocate for the expenditure of AB 32 Cap and Trade revenues in the Valley to achieve both GHG and criteria emissions reductions	EJAG Members	On-going	Develop recommendations
Provide support for grant opportunities identified by the District	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Letters of support  In-kind service as needed by EJAG members or community organizations
Explore new grant funding opportunities for community capacity building	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Example: Organizations working with or in environmental justice communities know about & apply for grants such as the EPA Small Grants

**Goal/Objective 5:** Work with the District to enhance the effectiveness of emission reduction incentive programs in EJ communities in San Joaquin Valley.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who's Responsible?</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Provide input for enhancements in the following areas: -Adoption of zero-emission and other low-emission vehicles in EJ communities -Bicycle lanes and infrastructure -Woodstove upgrades -other incentive programs	Staff	Ongoing	
Continue to make recommendations to the District considering the spending plan for grants	EJAG Members	March/April 2014	Develop recommendations

**Goal/Objective 6:** The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to be informed and updated regarding: AB32; Cap-and-Trade; SB 375 target; and other air quality legislation and regulation as appropriate and ensure that Environmental Justice communities' concerns are taken into account.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who's Responsible?</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Receive presentations from ARB and/or District staff concerning ARB actions on AB32 and SB375	ARB District	On-going	Presentations made
Review and assess potential impacts of ARB actions on EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	Develop draft comments
Present comments to CAC for approval	EJAG	On-going	Written comments concerning ARB actions  Present formal written or verbal comments to ARB upon approval by CAC
Review California Air Resources Board's efforts towards "Adaptive Management" under AB 32 which are aimed at EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	Offer recommendations as appropriate, if any

**Goal/Objective 7:** The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to encourage consistency and improve attendance at EJAG meetings.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who's Responsible?</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Actively recruit community members to apply for the seats	District / EJAG Members	On-Going / As needed	All seat filled and attendance robust

**Goal/Objective 8:** The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to be informed and updated regarding the Health-Risk Reduction Strategy.

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who's Responsible?</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Receive presentations from District staff concerning Health-Risk Reduction Strategy	District Experts in the field	On-going	Presentations made
Review and assess potential impacts of risk-based criteria on EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	