

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
NORTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Meeting held via Zoom Webinar

1. Call Meeting to Order

District Counsel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Michael Smedshammer – Public (Chair Pro-Tem)	Present
Chris Vierra – Engineer (Primary)	Present
Dr. Bruce Blackhart – Medical (Primary)	Present
Anthony Hill – Attorney (Primary)	Present

Due to absence of Chair and vacancy of Vice Chair, members of the Hearing Board held a vote for a Chair Pro-Tem for the April 8 meeting. Mr. Smedshammer was unanimously voted in as Chair Pro-Tem

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (Items 9-11)

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of Wednesday, April 2, 2025

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on May 6, 2026

Public Comments: None

Moved:	Blackhart
Seconded:	Hill
Ayes:	Smedshammer, Blackhart, Hill, Vierra
Abstain:	None
Nays:	None

4. Pro-Tem Chair Vote for Michael Smedshammer

Moved:	Blackhart
Seconded:	Hill
Ayes:	Vierra, Smedshammer, Blackhart, Hill
Abstain:	None
Nays:	None

5. Public Hearing

The Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
N-26-01i	Interim	Sensient Natural Ingredients LLC 9984 West Walnut Avenue Livingston, CA 95334

Petitioner: Mark Halvorsen, Paul Nguyen
Esthela Soto presented the staff report.

SENSIENT has requested an interim variance, to be followed by a regular variance to provide relief from the requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2092, 2201, 2520 and 4309, in addition to the applicable conditions on the subject permits. The requested variance period would be from April 1, 2026, through May 1, 2027, inclusive, or until the petition for a regular variance can be heard. If granted, the variance would allow SENSIENT to continue to operate the dehydrators with excess emissions and would allow the exceedance of the daily fuel usage until the troubleshooting on the new burners is complete and the dehydrators are back into compliance.

Public Comment: Christian Bisher

Moved: Blackhart
Seconded: Vierra
Ayes: Smedshammer, Blackhart, Hill, Vierra
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. N-26-01i

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
N-26-04S	Short	Darling Ingredients Inc. 11946 Carpenter Road Crows Landing, CA 95381

Petitioner: William Holmes, Joel Lunsford
Chris Kalashian presented the staff report.

DARLING has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4104 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be from April

10, 2026, to April 14, 2026, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for the rendering process to occur without the RTO online.

Public Comment: Christian Bisher

Moved: Hill
Seconded: Blackhart
Ayes: Smedshammer, Hill, Blackhart
Abstain: Vierra
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. N-26-04S

5. Public Comments: Christian Bisher
6. New Business: Assistant District Counsel reminds the board of a current Primary Public member availability on the Northern Region Hearing Board and alternate positions available.
7. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.