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DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO
Project Coordinator: Katrina Rojas

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 14: APPROVE ACTION
SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN
VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Governing Board Meeting held December 18, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The attached Action Summary Minutes summarize the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board Meeting of December 18, 2025.

*Attachment:
Action Summary Minutes, SJVUAPCD Governing Board Meeting of December 18, 2025 (10 pages)*

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
January 15, 2026

**APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN
VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

Attachment:

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES SJVUAPCD GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2025**
(10 pages)

Action Summary Minutes

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Meeting was held via video teleconference: Central Region Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, the Southern Region Office, VTC Room, 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, and teleconference in the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, and 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto. Members of the public were allowed to participate in-person at any of the referenced locations or remotely via Zoom webinar. The meeting was also webcast.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Supervisor Amy Shuklian, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Amy Shuklian, Supervisor, **Chair**
Bobby Macaulay, Supervisor, **Vice Chair**
Vito Chiesa, Supervisor¹
David Couch, Supervisor
Rosa Escutia-Braaton, Councilmember
Deborah Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem
Buddy Mendes, Supervisor
Tania Pacheco-Werner, PhD²
Lloyd Pareira, Supervisor³
Gilberto Reyna, Councilmember⁴
Robert Rickman, Supervisor⁵
Rusty Robinson, Supervisor
Jose Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem
Alexander Sherriffs, M.D.⁶

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Absent:

Elizabeth Wynn, Vice Mayor

City of Visalia

A quorum was present.

¹ Arrived at 9:10 a.m.

² Arrived at 9:05 a.m.

³ Arrived at 9:10 a.m. Left at 10:50 a.m.

⁴ Arrived at 9:10 a.m.

⁵ Left at 11:00 a.m.

⁶ Arrived at 9:08 a.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. END OF THE YEAR ADDRESS BY CHAIR SHUKLIAN

Chair Shuklian reflected on 2025 and thanked the Board, Executive Director/APCO Mr. Samir Sheikh, and District staff for their professionalism and dedication. She highlighted progress improving Valley air quality, including reductions in ozone and PM2.5 exceedances, and noted continued momentum through AB 617 community programs, clean air projects, and clean transportation initiatives. She emphasized the importance of ongoing community engagement and sustained focus on further air-quality improvements.

5. RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 KIDS CALENDAR WINNERS

Jaime Holt, Chief Communication Officer, presented the District's 2026 Kids Calendar to the Board. She welcomed the student winners attending from all three regional offices and via Zoom, and thanked the students, teachers, and family members for participating. Ms. Holt also expressed appreciation to everyone who submitted artwork for the calendar.

6. S.T.A.R. RECOGNITION (Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect)

Adriana Myovich, Director of Human Resources, recognized the following staff members for reaching a service milestone during the third quarter of 2025:

Five Years of Service

Muhammad Mian, Air Quality Instrument Specialist

Ten Years of Service

Alex Oregon, Senior Air Quality Inspector

Twenty Years of Service

Ross Badertscher, Senior Air Quality Specialist
David Garner, Supervising Air Quality Specialist

Twenty-five Years of Service

Brian Clements, Director of Permit Services
Jatinder Gill, Senior Accountant
Daniel Klevann, Senior Air Quality Engineer

7. 2025 S.T.A.R. EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Adriana Myovich formally acknowledged the following individuals who were recognized this past year as STAR Employees of the Year for their outstanding performance and achievement:

- Samuel Watkins – Air Quality Instrument Technician
- James Stinecipher – Senior Air Quality Specialist
- Brad Dawson – Supervising Air Quality Instrument Specialist
- Nancy Rios – Air Quality Specialist
- Sage Davis – Senior Air Quality Inspector
- Adam Jensen – Air Quality Inspector
- Lisa Middleton – Supervising Air Quality Inspector
- Karen Russell – Air Quality Inspector
- Nai Saelee – Senior Accountant
- Matthew Wiebe – Supervising Accountant
- Sandy Watkins – Senior Office Assistant
- Stephanie Garcia Beltran – Air Quality Specialist
- Oscar Hernandez – Air Quality Specialist
- Nhia Vu – Supervising Air Quality Specialist
- Tim Van Dyne – Senior Network Systems Security Analyst
- Kenny Ferrell – Programmer Analyst
- William Chen – Senior Programmer Analyst
- Maria Espinoza – Legal Technician
- Michelle Rivera – Bilingual Air Quality Education Representative
- Celina Chavez – Senior Air Quality Specialist
- Marissa Mak – Senior Air Quality Engineer
- Johnathan Yoshimura – Senior Air Quality Engineer
- Nicholas Yeung – Air Quality Specialist
- Dylan Casares – Air Quality Specialist

8. RECOGNIZE SUPERVISING AIR QUALITY INSPECTOR DAVID BORN FOR RECEIVING THE 2025 RODNEY SWARTZENDRUBER OUTSTANDING INSPECTOR AWARD

Mr. Sheikh recognized David Born, Supervising Air Quality Inspector, for receiving the 2025 Rodney Schwartzendruber Outstanding Inspector Award from the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association. He explained the award was established in honor of a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District inspector who died in the line of duty and is presented annually to an inspector who has performed exceptionally or made significant contributions that have benefited air pollution control efforts in an exemplary way. Mr. Sheikh highlighted Mr. Born's leadership, technical expertise, professionalism, and commitment to public service, and congratulated him on the honor. Mr. Born thanked Mr. Sheikh and his colleagues, expressed appreciation for the recognition, and noted his success reflects his team's collective work and support.

9. REPORT ON CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Chair Shuklian directed Board members to the written Citizens Advisory Committee report included in the agenda packet. No presentation was given.

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEM NUMBERS (21-28)

21. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD STUDY SESSION OF OCTOBER 15-16, 2025

22. RECEIVE AND FILE LIST OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2026

23. RECEIVE AND FILE SUMMARY OF RULES AND PLANS

24. RECEIVE AND FILE OPERATIONS STATISTICS SUMMARY FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025

25. RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGET STATUS REPORTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

26. EXTEND AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER CARL MOYER MEMORIAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT PROGRAM FUNDS ON BEHALF OF GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

27. AMEND APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM

28. APPROVE RECEIVE AND FILE DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 ANNUAL OFFSET EQUIVALENCY REPORT TO THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

Moved: Mendes

Seconded: Macaulay

Ayes: Chiesa, Escutia-Braaton, Lewis, Macaulay, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Pareira, Reyna, Rickman, Robinson, Rodriguez, Sherriffs, Shuklian

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar (Items 21-28).

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual(s) provided public comment during this item:

- Connie Young, Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)

12. RECEIVE THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL
REPORTING

Mario Orosco, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, reported that the District received the Government Finance Officers' Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, marking the twelfth consecutive year of recognition. He said the award reflects the Governing Board's commitment to transparency, accountability, and sound financial stewardship. Mr. Sheikh recognized Mr. Orosco and the Finance team for strong internal controls, attention to financial requirements, and expertise, and thanked the Board for its continued leadership and emphasis on fiscal responsibility.

Dr. Sherriffs commended the District's achievement.

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

13. UPDATE ON AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION

Stephanie Ng, Director of Community Strategies & Resources, provided an update on the Community Air Protection Program, highlighting clean air projects and community engagement in disadvantaged Valley communities. She reported that the program has invested \$337 million in Valley disadvantaged communities and achieved more than 12,000 tons of PM and NOx reductions. She also outlined next steps for continued implementation and potential expansion to additional communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked how communities are designated as disadvantaged under AB 617 and noted that many Central Valley communities face similar challenges. Ms. Ng explained that CARB had a formal community selection process, but she noted the State has increasingly shifted toward broader, application-based community air grant programs that expand access statewide. Mr. Sheikh added that the State uses CalEnviroScreen, which evaluates economic and environmental indicators, and he noted that much of the Central Valley ranks among the most impacted areas statewide. He emphasized that while work continues in the originally selected AB 617 communities, funding and resources are available Valley-wide through ongoing legislative appropriations.

Dr. Sherriffs asked about ongoing funding and community engagement as AB 617

communities transition to maintenance. Ms. Ng responded that the District remains committed to long-term engagement beyond the five-year period, including continued monitoring, implementation of remaining measures, and regular meetings. She added that communities continue to identify priorities that also help inform broader Valley efforts.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner noted that State-level technical assistance is available to help 501(c)(3) organizations apply for Community Air Protection Program grants, which supports broader participation from Valley communities. Dr. Pacheco-Werner also praised District staff for the San Joaquin Valley's AB 617 program and described it as a statewide model.

Councilmember Escutia-Braaton asked about the allocation of the \$256 million invested in disadvantaged Valley communities. Mr. Sheikh clarified that \$146 million has been allocated through the Board-approved CERPs to the four AB 617 communities, and he stated the remainder supported other disadvantaged communities Valley-wide. He also noted that additional funding programs benefit these communities beyond CAP funding.

Councilmember Escutia-Braaton asked how CARB determines whether a community's designation continues after its five-year term. Ms. Ng explained that after the five-year term, CARB works with districts to transition and close out committed measures, and she noted additional time is often needed to complete ongoing work and maintain engagement.

Supervisor Robinson asked about key lessons from AB 617 communities that could be applied elsewhere. Ms. Ng highlighted the value of community engagement and cross-agency collaboration. Mr. Sheikh noted the program improved accessibility, understanding, and coordination among diverse residents and stakeholders. Dr. Pacheco-Werner added that community emission reduction plans provide a clear recipe of community-driven activities to reduce emissions, and emphasized that successful implementation requires additional effort, such as engaging schools and coordinating infrastructure projects.

Public Comment – The following individual(s) provided public comment on this item:

- Jasmine Martinez, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (CVAQ)

14. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISTRICT'S
INDIRECT SOURCE REVIEW PROGRAM

Mark Montelongo, Director of Policy and Government Affairs, presented the 2025 Annual Report on the District's Indirect Source Review Program and provided updates on the ongoing review of additional emission reduction opportunities under the program.

Supervisor Chiesa asked whether the District is covering its administrative costs

under the program. Mr. Sheikh explained that administrative costs have two components. He stated that, on the grant implementation side, a portion of the mitigation fee supports administration of the related grant programs. He also noted that separate application fees apply to the broader ISR program, and those fees are reviewed regularly through the District's standard fee review process. Mr. Sheikh added that the discussion for this item was focused on the mitigation fees needed to fund emission reduction projects through the District's grant programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked about managing development costs and the availability of on-site measures that could reduce fees. Mr. Montelongo emphasized the importance of early engagement with developers and encouraged them to consult with the District during project planning to identify feasible design or operational changes that reduce emissions and may minimize off-site mitigation fees. Mr. Sheikh explained that fees fund nearby cost-effective projects, and he noted that feasible on-site reductions, including cleaner construction equipment or infrastructure improvements, can offset fees and help keep the District's costs lower than other regions.

Dr. Sherriffs highlighted the Indirect Source Review program's role in protecting Valley public health.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner asked about the program's role in addressing the Valley's broader emission reduction needs. Mr. Sheikh explained that it is a non-compulsory program under the federal Clean Air Act, and was adopted by the Board to help address growth-related emissions from development projects. He noted that measures implemented to comply with the ISR rule do not receive direct emission reduction credit under the State Implementation Plans. He explained that SIP credit may be achieved when mitigation fees are used to fund emission reductions through SIP-creditable incentive programs. Mr. Sheikh added that, in the context of the emission reduction shortfalls in the State Implementation Plans related to challenges with State mobile source measures, the ISR rule cannot backfill those shortfalls.

Supervisor Macaulay asked whether AB 98 was intended to align other districts with the Indirect Source Review program or address perceived gaps. Mr. Sheikh explained that AB 98 primarily stemmed from concerns about warehouse development in Southern California, is not directly tied to the District's ISR program, but may intersect with on-site design and mitigation requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez emphasized that any fee increases should balance public health benefits with potential financial impacts on development projects and consumers. Mr. Sheikh acknowledged the concern and noted that the rule includes a public process to support careful implementation, cost-effective mitigation, and regulatory certainty, which provides value to developers while maintaining the program's goals.

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for

public comments on this item.

15. ALLOCATE UP TO \$2,000,000 IN EXISTING INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT'S ZERO-EMISSION LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, presented an update on the Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) Program and recommended Board approval to reallocate up to \$2,000,000 from state Community Air Protection (CAP) funding to meet remaining demand.

Supervisor Macaulay asked whether the small business and public agency cost-share waiver could be extended to local nonprofits. Mr. DeYoung said the request would be considered and invited follow-up regarding the specific organization.

Supervisor Macaulay asked about adoption of electric equipment, including chainsaws, by tree and fuel break companies, particularly in foothill and mountain areas. Mr. DeYoung noted that participation has largely been limited to traditional commercial landscaping, with few larger tree maintenance companies taking part. Mr. Sheikh added that technology advancement continues in this space, and he stated the District will monitor availability and work with local dealers so funding and equipment can reach these users as the equipment becomes more accessible.

Dr. Sherriffs commended the landscaping equipment program for supporting vulnerable populations and AB 617 communities and asked about cost-effectiveness and how the program relates to the State's small engine rule. Mr. Sheikh explained that the State's rule is a point-of-sale requirement, and the District's program accelerates the transition to cleaner equipment by incentivizing replacement of equipment that might otherwise continue operating for many years. Mr. DeYoung reported overall cost-effectiveness of \$92,000 per ton and stated that smaller equipment is the most cost-effective, at approximately \$28,000 to \$30,000 per ton.

Supervisor Robinson asked how Kings County achieved high participation despite its small population. Mr. DeYoung explained it was driven primarily by applicant interest and dealer engagement, and he noted that school districts, public agencies, and companies recognized both cost savings and other program benefits.

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

Moved: Mendes

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Escutia-Braaton, Lewis, Macaulay, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Reyna, Robinson, Rodriguez, Sherriffs, Shuklian

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to (1) allocate up to an additional \$2,000,000 in existing incentive funding for the District's Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment Program to accommodate program demand for the remainder of the 2025-26 Fiscal Year; and (2) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to make administrative changes to the programs, in order to ensure successful implementation of program funding.

16. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, presented a resolution for Board consideration to update Governing Board member compensation consistent with AB 2522, which increased the allowable stipends and annual compensation cap in state law for unified air district boards. Mr. Lambert stated that, if approved, the updated compensation would be effective January 1, 2026.

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

Moved: Mendes

Seconded: Sherriffs

Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Lewis, Macaulay, Mendes, Pacheco-Werner, Reyna, Robinson, Rodriguez, Sherriffs, Shuklian

Nays: Escutia-Braaton

Motion carried to adopt the attached resolution authorizing updated compensation of Governing Board members, consistent with California Health & Safety Code (CH&SC) § 40154 as amended by AB 2522 (Carrillo).

17. VERBAL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES

Dr. Pacheco-Werner provided an update on CARB-related activities and highlighted priorities for the upcoming calendar year. She discussed allocation of funds for incentive programs, potential amendments to rules, and continued implementation of legislation and programs, including carbon sequestration efforts and the Cap-and-Invest program.

18. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS

Mr. Sheikh expressed appreciation for the well-attended Governing Board Study Session that included CARB Chair Lauren Sanchez and Executive Officer Dr. Steve Cliff and stated it helped set the stage for ongoing Clean Air Act discussions. He noted the State budget process is underway and emphasized the importance of advocating for air quality priorities, including FARMER funding, amid fiscal challenges. Mr. Sheikh highlighted recent stakeholder engagement, including a podcast with Supervisor Couch and participation by Councilmember Escutia-Braaton and Supervisor Chiesa in community forums, and he thanked Board

Members for their accessibility. Mr. Sheikh wished everyone happy holidays and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

19. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were provided by Governing Board members under this item.

20. CLOSED SESSION

Conference With Legal Counsel Existing Litigation

The Board may hold closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation as follows:

SJVAPCD v. Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Tulare County Superior Court No. PCU298746.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6 for the following:

- a) Executive Director/APCO
- b) District Counsel

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

ADJOURN – Chair Shuklian adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.