

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Meeting held in Southern Region Office with the Central Region Office via VTC

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, John Stovall, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
Dr. Chang Na – Medical (Primary)	Present
Dr. Robert Moeller – Medical (Alternate)	Absent

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, September 13, 2023

10. The Southern Region Hearing Board has not heard, nor granted any emergency variances since the May 17, 2023 hearing.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on November 8, 2023.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Dr. Na
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Na, Dunn
Abstain: None
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

4. Public Hearing

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. S-23-30S	Short	Aera Energy LLC PO Box 11164 Bakersfield, CA 93389

Petitioner: Sam Parks & Nicholas Manning

Will Coon presented the staff report.

AERA has requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2080, 2201, 2520, 4320, 4406, and 4801 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be for a non-consecutive 48 hour period to occur sometime between October 12, 2023, and December 11, 2023, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow AERA to continue operation of the subject steam generators with excess SOx emissions while the Section 32 Sulferox Plant is bypassed in order to complete all necessary cleaning and maintenance.

Mr. Stovall asked what cost AERA would face if they were to shut down. The Petitioner, Sam Parks, confirmed it would be a cost of \$1,890,000 per day.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Dr. Na
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Na, Dunn
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-23-30S

5. Public Comments: None

6. Hearing Board Member Comments: None

7. New Business: None

8. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.