

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The Citizens Advisory 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 teleconference in the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 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 CAC Meeting was also webcast.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chair, Ben Cantu, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

County	Member Name	Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Manuel Cunha	IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Mary Fast	CIG (P)	Fresno
Kern	Les Clark	IAIG (P)	Bakersfield
	John Sanders	EIG (P)	Bakersfield
Kings	Brayden Sanchez	IAIG (A)	Fresno
	Patricia Matthews	CIG (A)	Fresno
Madera	Donald Horal	IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Nick DeHart	EIG (A)	Fresno
	Jeff Troost	CIG (P)	Fresno
Merced	Amy Lopes	IAIG (P)	Modesto
	Denise Holmes	EIG (P)	Modesto
	Jose Delgadillo	CIG (P)	Modesto
San Joaquin	Roger Hoffdahl	IAIG (P)	Modesto
	Jeri Bigbee	EIG (A)	Modesto
	Ben Cantu	CIG (P)	Modesto
Stanislaus	Jami Aggers	EIG (P)	Modesto
	Richard O'Brien	CIG (P)	Modesto
Tulare	Fernando Rios	IAIG (P)	Bakersfield
	Dennis Mederos	CIG (P)	Fresno
	Dennis Tristao	EIG (P)	Fresno

(P) = Primary, (A) = Alternate, IAIG = Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG = Environmental Interest Group, CIG = City Interest Group

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR April 2, 2024 – Mr. Cantu asked for member comments on the minutes from the April 2024 CAC meeting. Hearing no comments or changes, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment: none

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none
6. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cantu welcomed the committee members and staff, and thanked everyone for their attendance.
7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, welcomed the committee members and provided the CAC with an update on the following items:
 - The District has published the latest Annual Report to the Community which provides Valley residents with a detailed account of the District's operations in the preceding year. In contrast to the many detailed, highly scientific and technical reports regularly published by the District, this report outlines the District's goals, objectives, legal obligations, and actions in a more concise and easy-to-follow format for the general public.
 - The District received two awards from the Central California Chapter of Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The District received an Award of Merit for the Agricultural Tractor Preplacement Program Video and an Award of Excellence for the 2022-23 Annual Report to the Community. The PRSA Central California Image Awards honor works of distinction in the practice of public relations by Central Valley professionals working in public relations, communications, marketing and advertising.
 - In April 2024, the Governing Board adopted the Ozone Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2008 and 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standards to address ozone contingency measure requirements under the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Cunha thanked Mr. Sheikh and all District staff for their efforts on programs that help small farmers upgrade to lower-emission equipment.

Mr. Mederos thanked Mr. Sheikh for addressing the concerns he shared last month regarding Highway 41 construction project by reaching out to the Caltrans director to start a dialogue about the issue.

8. CARB UPDATE – The Honorable Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D., CARB Executive Officer, presented an update on the state's Advanced Clean Fleets regulation.

Mr. Cunha shared his concern with the lack of infrastructure to support rural communities.

Mr. Mederos stated that the Zero Emissions Vehicle regulations are critical, but may not be practical without the infrastructure to support it.

Dr. Cliff emphasized the importance of early communication between fleets, vehicle providers, and utilities to address specific power supply challenges.

Mr. O'Brien spoke about the concerns with the power grid's ability to keep up with mandates.

Ms. Fast stated that she has concerns about the lack of charging stations in small rural communities and the ability to afford electric fleet trucks.

Mr. Cantu echoed his concern over the issues related to the shortage of charging stations and infrastructure in rural regions.

9. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Mr. Sheikh referred the committee members to the written report and upcoming item on the agenda.
10. APPOINT CAC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, explained that one of the duties assigned to the CAC by the District's Governing Board is to provide recommendations for the Board to consider in appointing new Hearing Board members. Mr. Lambert said that historically the CAC has created an ad-hoc subcommittee to interview the Hearing Board candidates and provide a recommendation for CAC consideration at a future meeting. The CAC appointed an Ad-hoc Subcommittee for Hearing Board Appointments consisting of the following members: Central region: Manuel Cunha and Patricia Matthews, Southern Region: Dennis Tristao and John Sanders, Northern Region: Ben Cantu and Jeri Bigbee.

Public Comment: None

11. REPORT ON 2023-2024 WINTER RESIDENTIAL WOODSMOKE REDUCTION STRATEGY – Item 11 was continued to the June meeting.
12. RECEIVE UPDATE ON REVISED PM2.5 PLAN FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL PM2.5 STANDARD – Emily Kneeland, Program Manager, Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science, and Sylvia Vanderspeck, Air Quality Planning Branch Chief for CARB's Air Quality Planning and Science Division, presented an update on the status and next steps for District attainment planning efforts to address the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard.

Mr. Cunha commended the District for the recent workshop that was held.

Public Comment: None

13. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES – Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided an update on the District’s ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. Ms. Olsen spoke about upcoming events for AB 617 communities. An in-person meeting was scheduled in Fresno, concluding a series of annual in-person meetings across four communities. Additionally, two lawnmower exchange events are scheduled: one on May 23rd in Stockton and another on June 6th in Arvin/Lamont. These events allow residents to trade-in old gas-powered mowers for free electric mowers as part of the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP).

Brian Moore from CARB’s Office of Community Air Protection announced that the annual Community Air Protection Program update will be presented to the CARB Board on July 25th. Mr. Moore shared that the notice will be available soon and would to share it with CAC members for future discussion.

14. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, thanked everyone who has attended any of the events in which the District has recently been participating. Additionally, Ms. Holt shared details about the upcoming Bike to Work Week.
15. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha thanked the Chair, Mr. Cantu, for his communication with CARB. Mr. Tristao spoke about the District’s Certified Air Permitting Professional training and encouraged anyone interested to register.
16. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Mr. Sheikh shared that the May Governing Board meeting would be a Special Public Hearing for the proposed budget, and there will not be a CAC update on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.