

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

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Meeting held via Zoom Webinar

1. Call Meeting to Order

District Counsel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Due to vacancies of Chair and Vice Chair, members of the Hearing Board held votes for both Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Smedshammer was unanimously voted in as Chair and Mr. Hill was unanimously voted in as Vice Chair.

3. Chair Vote for Michael Smedshammer

Public Comment: None

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

Vice Chair Vote for Anthony Hill

Public Comment: None

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

4. 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 8, 2026

10. The Northern Region Hearing Board did not hear, nor grant any emergency variances since the April 8, 2026 meeting

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on June 3, 2026

Public Comments: None

Moved: Vierra
Seconded: Blackhart
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-26-01R	Regular	Sensient Natural Ingredients LLC 9984 West Walnut Avenue Livingston, CA 95334

Petitioner: Mark Halvorsen
Esthela Soto presented the staff report.

SENSIENT has requested a regular variance from applicable 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 April 1, 2027, inclusive. 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 (CCEJN)

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

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

5. Public Comments: None
6. New Business: None
7. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.