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DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 7: REPORT ON DISTRICT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Attached are the highlights from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting held on August 4, 2026.

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San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
August 20, 2026

REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CAC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2026
(1 page)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2026

Executive Director/APCO Comments - Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, welcomed new Tulare County environmental representative Nebeyu Menkir, provided an update on wildfire activity and potential impacts to the Valley, and highlighted the District's participation in the Clean Air/Clean Solutions showcase at the State Capitol.

Verbal Report from California Air Resources Board (CARB) - Mark Hixon, Manager of CARB's Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, provided updates on the Community Air Protection Program and the 2026 Extreme Ozone State Implementation Plan revision. CAC members expressed concerns regarding information presented about agriculture during the recent CARB Board meeting and discussed the Valley agricultural community's emission-reduction efforts. The Committee agreed to bring an item back at its next meeting to consider a letter clarifying the record while preserving the collaborative relationship with CARB.

Receive Update on the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Program – Todd DeYoung, Director of Strategies and Incentives provided updates on the repair, replacement, and rebate components of the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin program. The vehicle replacement program is anticipated to reopen in September, while the clean vehicle rebate program is expected to relaunch in mid-August with an additional \$3 million in District funding. CAC members expressed strong support for sustained program funding.

Verbal Report on Clean Air Act Implementation – Tim Franquist, Director of Air Quality Planning provided updates on federal air quality planning requirements, including associated contingency measures, pending EPA actions on Valley attainment plans and rules and development of a new "5%" Plan for the 2006 PM2.5 standard.

Assembly Bill 617 Implementation Updates - Stephanie Ng, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, reported that approximately \$391 million in Community Air Protection funding has been invested in low-income and disadvantaged Valley communities, resulting in more than 27,000 tons of emission reductions. Ms. Ng also highlighted ongoing community engagement and AB 617 projects throughout the Valley.

Outreach and Communications Reports – Heather Heinks, Program Manager, highlighted participation in the Clean Air/Clean Solutions showcase at the State Capitol and upcoming outreach efforts focused on back-to-school air quality education, wildfire readiness, and the District's student calendar program.