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DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 6: REPORT ON DISTRICT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Attached are the highlights from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting held on September 1, 2026.

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Attachment: Highlights from the CAC meeting held on September 1, 2026

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
September 10, 2026

REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Attachment:
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CAC MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
(2 pages)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Executive Director/APCO Comments – Samir Sheikh, Air Pollution Control Officer, provided an update on the final State budget, including \$229 million for Community Air Protection, \$10 million for the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions Program, and \$85 million over five years for Clean Cars for All. Mr. Sheikh also highlighted approximately \$7.5 million in competitive funding for heavy-duty electric truck charging projects in Stockton and Bakersfield and additional funding for lawn mower replacement and agricultural open burning alternatives.

Report from California Air Resources Board (CARB) – Shelah Ott from CARB provided regulatory and workshop updates, including a newly verified emission-control system for stationary emergency diesel engines and upcoming meetings on carbon management, clean transportation, and AB 617. Shelah also highlighted a proposed \$1.75 million research project evaluating agricultural soil NOx emissions. CAC members requested additional information regarding applicability of the new diesel control technology.

Update on Attainment Plans and Rules – Tim Franquist, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided updates on the Valley's ozone and PM2.5 attainment plans, including CARB's 2026 Extreme Ozone Plan, EPA's proposed approval of the attainment date extension for the 2012 PM2.5 standard, and development of the required 5% Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard. Tim also discussed implementation of triggered contingency measures and ongoing rule development.

Consider Recommendations from CAC Subcommittee for Hearing Board Appointments – CAC approved the Hearing Board Appointment Subcommittee's recommendations for three regional Hearing Board positions and forwarded the recommendations to the Governing Board for final consideration.

Update on 2026 Wildfire Prevention and Response Efforts – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science and Heather Heinks, Program Manager, updated the CAC on statewide wildfire activity, smoke impacts, prescribed-burning coordination, air monitoring, public health outreach, clean air centers, and distribution of more than 26,000 residential air purifiers. CAC members discussed opportunities to improve emergency access to air filtration during wildfires and major industrial fires and to further coordinate with county health departments.

Update on District's Public Education Campaigns – Jaime Holt, Chief Communication Officer, highlighted the District's summer public education efforts, including back-to-school outreach, wildfire messaging, media engagement, bilingual digital annual-report highlights, and the new Kids Care About Our Air campaign. Jaime also discussed plans for an expanded winter residential wood-burning outreach campaign.

Assembly Bill 617 Implementation Updates – Sarah Hasan Lane, Project Manager, provided updates on implementation in South Central Fresno, Shafter, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont, including preparation of annual community reports and outreach to schools regarding air filtration, electric school buses, zero-emission landscaping equipment, and EV charging opportunities. Michelle Byars, CARB Air Resources Supervisor, also provided updates on upcoming statewide AB 617 activities including their draft Air Toxics Roadmap, which is currently accepting comments on.

Outreach and Communications Reports – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, highlighted ongoing outreach supporting wildfire preparedness, residential wood-burning requirements, District incentive programs, and the Healthier Living Schools program. Jaime also discussed efforts to increase engagement with colleges and universities throughout the Valley.