

Action Summary Minutes  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)**

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

*The Environmental Justice Advisory Group 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, Nayamin Martinez, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – Roll was taken and a quorum was not confirmed.

Present:

Nayamin Martinez, <b>Chair</b>	Fresno County At Large Representative
Laura Gutile	Madera County At Large Representative
Dennis Brazil	Merced County At Large Representative
Esperanza Vielma	San Joaquin County At Large Representative
Richard O'Brien <sup>1</sup>	CAC City Interest Group (Primary)
Orchel Krier	CAC City Interest Group (Alternate)

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 2023– Due to a quorum not being present; approval of June 2023 minutes was tabled for the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Martinez welcomed everyone, and thanked Mr. Hayashi for facilitating the meeting.
6. DISTRICT COMMENTS – Ryan Hayashi, Deputy APCO, thanked the committee members and shared his eagerness to be receiving feedback and recommendations brought forward during the meeting. Mr. Hayashi provided an update on the District's Zero-Emissions Landscaping Equipment Program. He shared that there has been strong interest shown in the program with the help of recent in-person events to showcase the equipment, with more events planned in Turlock as well as Kern County in the coming months. Additionally, Mr. Hayashi spoke of the work the District's Outreach and Communications department has been doing in local schools to share air quality information and resources available through the District as well as the importance of anti-idling at schools. Mr. Hayashi reminded the Committee about the fireplace change out program and that advertising for that program has already begun.

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<sup>1</sup> Left at 5:54 p.m.

Ms. Gutile commended the Zero Emission Lawn Equipment program, as she has seen firsthand that her gardeners have taken advantage of the program.

Ms. Martinez inquired if there were plans to work with schools in rural communities. Mr. Hayashi expressed that if anyone has specific schools that they believe would be interested to contact Jaime Holt or Heather Heinks in the District's Outreach and Communications Department and they would be happy to provide assistance. He also shared that the District has been very proactive in reaching out to schools and school districts throughout the Valley to share this type of information.

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Emily Kneeland, Program Manager of Air Quality Science and Planning

Ms. Kneeland provided an update on the District's attainment plan and rule making efforts. Ms. Martinez stated concerns had been expressed regarding exemptions for small oil and gas producers from rule requirements. Mr. Hayashi explained that the concerns she was raising were in regards to crude oil and gas processing and storage and that this rule is separate and deals specifically with wastewater from these types of operations.

8. UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION'S (DPR's) REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT WORK – Minh Pham, Chief for the Environmental Monitoring Branch, Department of Pesticide Regulation

Mr. Pham shared an overview of DPR's proposed 1, 3-Dichloropropene Regulation. Ms. Vielma asked about the pilot program specifically, when and how the monitoring took place and how were the locations selected. Mr. Pham explained that the monitoring took place between 2020 and 2021 and selection criteria was established to cover a broad spectrum of soil compositions, climate conditions, etc.

Mr. Krier asked how the proposed changes would affect the current process when using fumigants. Mr. Pham responded that the proposal will clarify current practices and the changes for growers would vary between locations, types of crops, soils, etc. He added that the primary actions would be to clearly identify setback distances for safety.

9. EFFORTS TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE IN MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS IN LOW-INCOME AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE VALLEY – Tito Ventura, of Ecology Action

Mr. Ventura provided a presentation on Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E's) Multifamily and Small Business EV Charger Program. Ms. Martinez inquired about the map, and asked what areas would qualify. Mr. Ventura answered that this opportunity is available in all of PG&E's territory. Ms. Martinez inquired

about the need to own the building to participate because, for example, some non-profit organizations may not own the buildings. Mr. Ventura responded that it is not necessary to own the building, rather they would need permission from property owner.

Ms. Vielma inquired about a solar component to installations and also about maintenance of the chargers. Mr. Ventura responded that there are currently not any solar components available and that the maintenance is offered for two years through this program.

10. UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S VALLEYWIDE CLEAN AIR ROOMS PROGRAM  
– Brian Dodds, Program Manager

Mr. Dodds, provided an update on the District's Valley-wide Clean Air Room Program. Ms. Vielma congratulated the District on the success with the program launch and the streamlining of the process and inquired about the possibility to showcase one of the units at upcoming events in the Stockton AB 617 area in efforts to let the residents know they are available. Mr. Dodds responded that would most likely not be an issue and that he would check with the District's Outreach and Communication team to see if they were available

11. AB617 UPDATE – Stephanie Ng, Program Manager in Community Strategy and Resources

Ms. Ng provided updates on the District's work with Community Steering Committees to implement the AB 617, Community Air Protection Program including:

- District Governing Board approving the following during the August meeting:
  - Public fleet vehicle program for advanced technology vehicles in specified communities
  - \$100,000 reallocated for residential lawn and garden measure and distribution events
  - Funding cap increased to \$50,000 for each level three DC fast charger in Shafter.
- Collaborating with Central California Asthma Collaborative for outreach and state funds
- AB 617 Clean Air Rooms program active in South Central Fresno, Shafter, and Stockton communities with dedicated funding within their boundaries
- CARB required Community Identified Project plans have been submitted to CARB for passenger vehicle Community Emissions Reduction Program measures and District awaiting approval to continue to move this measure forward

- Contracts between the District and Tree Fresno finalized for urban greening and vegetative barrier programs in South Central Fresno with plantings beginning in the fall
- Planning lawnmower equipment exchange events in Stockton and Arvin Lamont communities.
- In-person meetings held, looking forward to more face-to-face engagements.

12. POTENTIAL FUTURE EJAG MEETING AGENDA ITEMS– Ms. Vielma requested reviewing a report on the dealerships available for the Clean Cars for All program. Ms. Martinez requested information on the heat pumps that can be used for heating as well as cooling.
13. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2<sup>nd</sup> Opportunity) – None
14. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.