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DATE: October 15, 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 October 6, 2026.

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Attachment: Highlights from the CAC meeting held on October 6, 2026 (2 pages)

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
October 15, 2026

REPORT ON DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CAC MEETING HELD ON October 6, 2026
(2 pages)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2026

Executive Director/APCO Comments – Samir Sheikh, Air Pollution Control Officer, provided an overview of the upcoming November Governing Board Study Session at Bass Lake, which will include discussions on a variety of issues including, CalEnviroScreen 5.0, upcoming State Implementation Plan challenges, strategic implementation of incentive programs, outreach through healthy air living school, and wildfire impacts and fuel-reduction efforts.

Report from California Air Resources Board (CARB) – Shelah Ott, Air Pollution Specialist from CARB, provided updates on recent Board actions involving carbon capture and storage and E15 gasoline, as well as updates to the Carl Moyer and CORE incentive programs and the State's 2026 disadvantaged-community designations. CARB also highlighted upcoming workshops and the November Drive Forward Expo in Fresno featuring zero emission on and off-road equipment and incentive opportunities.

Update on Attainment Plans and Rules - Tim Franquist, Director of Air Quality Planning, provided updates to the CAC on progress toward redesignating the Valley as attaining the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards, development of the required 5% Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard, EPA's proposed five-year extension for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard, and the designation process for the new 2024 PM_{2.5} standard. Updates were also provided on ozone planning and ongoing District rule-development efforts.

Update on the Roadmap to Reduce Air Toxics – Mathew O'Donnell, CARB Risk Reduction Branch Chief of Transportation and Toxics Division, presented the proposed Roadmap to Reduce Air Toxics, which focuses on emerging non-diesel toxic pollutants, including acrolein and ethylene oxide, and improving emissions inventories, scientific understanding, prioritization, and cumulative-impact assessment. CAC members emphasized the importance of sound science, balanced stakeholder involvement, and communicating technical information to the public in understandable terms.

Update Residential Woodsmoke Reduction Strategy and Enhancements to Fireplace and Woodstove Changeout Incentive Program – Jon Klassen, Director of Air Quality Science, Brian Dodds, Program Manager, and Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, discussed implementation of recently triggered PM_{2.5} contingency measures beginning November 1, which will apply the same wood-burning curtailment thresholds throughout the Valley and are expected to increase the number of curtailment days in several counties. They also highlighted enhancements to the incentive program, which has provided more than \$72 million for over 32,000 replacements, and raised the incentive levels to support residents transitioning to cleaner heating devices.

Assembly Bill 617 Implementation Updates - Stephanie Ng, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, provided updates on continued implementation in South Central Fresno, Shafter, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont, including planning for a November

Clean Air Resource Fair in Shafter to connect residents with District incentive programs and other clean-air resources.

Michelle Byars, Air Resources Supervisor with CARB, shared information regarding an upcoming AB 617 Peer-to-Peer learning session to be held on October 29, 2026, regarding reducing air pollution, opportunities for program improvements, and community air grants. She also shared the next convening of the Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group will be held at the CARB office in Riverside on December 2, 2026.

Outreach and Communications Reports – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, highlighted the upcoming winter outreach campaign, the annual Kids Calendar contest, and improvements to the District's email subscription system to make it easier for the public to receive information on meetings, grants, press releases, and other District activities.