

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Citizens Advisory Committee 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, Manuel Cunha, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

County	Member Name	Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Manuel Cunha	IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts ¹	EIG (P)	Fresno
Kern	Les Clark	IAIG (P)	Bakersfield
	John Sanders	EIG (P)	Bakersfield
	Orchel Krier	CIG (P)	Bakersfield
Kings	Laura Brown	IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Kelly Deming ²	EIG (P)	Fresno
	Kalish Morrow ³	CIG (P)	Fresno
	Patricia Matthews ⁴	CIG (A)	Fresno
Madera	Ashley Nebeker	EIG (P)	Fresno
	Jeff Troost	CIG (P)	Fresno
San Joaquin	Ned Leiba	EIG (P)	Modesto
	Roger Hoffdahl	IAIG (P)	Modesto
	Ben Cantu	CIG (P)	Modesto
Stanislaus	Chris Savage	IAIG (P)	Modesto
	Jami Aggers	EIG (P)	Modesto
Tulare	Derek Williams	IAIG (P)	Fresno
	Dennis Mederos	CIG (P)	Fresno

(P) = Primary, (A) = Alternate, IAIG = Industry/Ag Interest Group, EIG = Environmental Interest Group, CIG = City Interest Group

¹ Arrived at 10:12 a.m.

² Left meeting at 11:50 a.m.

³ Arrived at 10:15 a.m.

⁴ Left meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 1, 2023 – Mr. Cunha asked for member comments on the minutes from the August 2023 CAC meeting. Hearing no comments or changes, he declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment: none

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Cunha welcomed the committee members and staff, and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Cunha requested that there be a moment of silence taken in remembrance of Senator Dianne Feinstein.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, welcomed the committee members and provided the CAC with an update on the following items:

- The District received a national best practices award from the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies for the Healthy Air Living Schools program. This award showcases groundbreaking technology, innovative practices, and exemplary operations in the field of air pollution control.
- The District's 2022-23 Annual Report to the Community will soon be available. This bilingual report is an important outreach tool for staff, stakeholders, and Governing Board members to communicate the priorities and accomplishments of the District over the prior year.
- The date, location, and agenda for the 2023 Governing Board Study Session has been set. The 2023 Governing Board Study Session will be held in downtown Modesto at the DoubleTree Hotel, beginning on November 29th and concluding November 30th.

7. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANS AND RULES – Emily Kneeland, Program Manager in the District's Air Quality Science and Planning Department, provided an update on the District's planning and rule making efforts.

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) – Laura Carr, CARB representative, provided a brief update on recent and upcoming actions by CARB.

Mr. Sanders shared his concern with the upcoming heavy-duty truck deadline.

9. CARB UPDATE ON IMPENDING DEADLINE FOR TRUCK AND BUS REGULATION – Gerald Berumen, Manager of CARB's On-Road Compliance Assistance Section, provided an update on implementation of the state Truck and Bus Regulation. In addition, Mr. Berumen updated members on the implementation of the DMV Compliance Verification requirements under the Road Repair and Accountability Act

(Senate Bill 1), the Clean Truck Check Program, and the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation.

Mr. Savage requested that CARB provide outreach and additional communication to the CAC of how many fleets will be able to achieve compliance with the schedule that has been established. Mr. Berumen answered that there are outreach programs being worked on and will be creating fact sheets and videos to post on their web page.

Mr. Clark asked specifically about the health risk assessment noted and would like to see a study. Mr. Berumen replied that the studies that were used in the rule making process are on the CARB website.

Mr. Krier asked for the factors in determining what areas are considered disadvantaged community. Mr. Berumen answered that it is generally based on socioeconomic and environmental factors.

Mr. Williams asked for clarification on the DMV compliance verification. Mr. Berumen explained that CARB has a direct line with DMV's database, so when a non-compliant vehicle is sold, they must file a release of liability with DMV, and once the form is received DMV will complete the transfer of title.

Ms. Brown requested that CARB offer more outreach on the clean truck vehicle program, stating that she is a participant in the program and has not received any information.

Public Comment: None

This item was taken out of order

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CAC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, reported that after carefully considering the recommendations of the CAC Subcommittee for Hearing Board appointments, the CAC unanimously voted to recommend the following individuals be forwarded by the CAC to the Governing Board for final consideration and appointment to fill the current Northern and Southern Region Hearing Board member vacancies:

- Anthony Hill – Northern Region Hearing Board Attorney Primary Member
- Bruce Blakhart, M.D. – Northern Region Hearing Board Medical Primary Member
- Kory Weber – Southern Region Hearing Board Public Primary Member
- Shannon Miller – Southern Region Hearing Board Attorney Alternate Member
- Kaitlyn Hulsy – Southern Region Hearing Board Public Alternate Member
- Sintahyu Yirgo – Southern Region Hearing Board Public Alternate Member

Public Comment: None

Moved: Clark
Seconded: Williams
Ayes: Cunha, Clark, Brown, Hoffdahl, Savage, Williams, Auston-Tibbetts, Sanders, Deming, Nebeker, Aggers, Krier, Morrow, Troost, Cantu, Mederos, Leiba
Nays: None

Motion carried to recommend Hearing Board appointments.

This item was taken out of order

12. APPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) – Morgan Lambert, Deputy APCO, explained that the District’s Environmental Justice Advisory Group includes six members from the CAC to serve as primary and alternate from each interest group category. In January the terms will expire for the Environmental Interest Group representatives and the CAC will need to recommend members for appointment to the primary and alternate positions.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Williams
Seconded: Auston-Tibbetts
Ayes: Cunha, Clark, Brown, Hoffdahl, Savage, Williams, Auston-Tibbetts, Sanders, Deming, Nebeker, Aggers, Krier, Morrow, Troost, Cantu, Mederos, Leiba
Nays: None

Motion carried to recommend that the Governing Board appoint Ned Leiba (primary) and John Sanders (alternate) to serve 2-year terms representing the CAC Environmental Interest Group on the District’s Environmental Justice Advisory Group.

10. UPDATE ON ATTAINMENT PLANNING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FEDERAL STANDARDS – Emily Kneeland provided an update on District planning projects.

Mr. Leiba inquired about the Valley’s progress in achieving the existing and new standards. Mr. Sheikh responded that a majority of the Valley is meeting the existing standards, yet there are some locations that face more challenges in achieving attainment. Mr. Sheikh added that there is a new PM2.5 standard that is scheduled to be finalized by the end of the year. The District is watching this process closely and once the standard is finalized and timeframes are established, the District will begin planning for this new standard.

Mr. Troost inquired about the impact of pollution coming from Southeast Asia and China. Mr. Sheikh explained that the Valley is affected by multiple sources of pollution and that there are studies on transboundary pollution, the District is following that science to see how it impacts the air quality.

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES – Stephanie Ng, Program Manager in the District’s Community Strategies and Resources department, provided an update on the District’s ongoing activities related to AB 617 implementation. CARB has selected 4 communities in the Valley for focused clean air resources - South Central Fresno, Shafter, Stockton, and Arvin/Lamont. Each community has developed a community emissions reduction program and a community air monitoring plan. And each of these have a community steering committee made up of residents, business representatives, community-based organizations, local agencies, and other stakeholders who meet and work together to see the various adopted measures implemented in their community.

Brian Moore from CARB’s Office of Community Air Protection gave an update on the final draft of their revised Blueprint guidance document, which is set to go to the CARB Board in October.

Mr. Clark requested information about reporting from the portable air monitoring trailer. Ms. Ng responded that the District website has real time live data for all four of the AB 617 community air monitoring. Mr. Sheikh shared that the specific air monitoring is conducted by District employees with District equipment, and it is high grade data.

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, provided updates on outreach regarding a variety of grant opportunities and school programs that the District offers. Ms. Holt also gave an update on wildfire season and the outreach being done to help residents be prepared for any air quality impacts.

Mr. Cunha thanked Ms. Holt and all of the staff at the District for their efforts in promoting the programs that the District offers.

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Williams requested a discussion at the next meeting about including the Pledge of Allegiance.

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mr. Cunha confirmed that he would present the CAC update at the October Governing Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.