

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Meeting held in Southern Region Office with the Central Region Office via VTC

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, John Stovall, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Absent
Kory Weber- Public	Present
Dr. Chang Na – Medical (Primary)	Absent
Dr. Robert Moeller – Medical (Alternate)	Present

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (Items 9-11)

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of Wednesday, March 13, 2024

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on June 12, 2024.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Weber
Seconded: Dr. Moeller
Ayes: Stovall
Abstain: None
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

4. Public Hearing

The Chair, Mr. Stovall, swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. S-24-10S	Short	Kern River Cogeneration Facility - <u>WITHDRAWN</u> PO Box 81438 Bakersfield, CA 93380

Petitioner:

No Staff Report.

Public Comment:

Moved:

Seconded:

Ayes:

Nays:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-24-11S	Short	Sycamore Cogeneration Company PO Box 81438 Bakersfield, CA 93380

Petitioner: Kristopher Rickards

Chris Kalashian presented the staff report.

SYCAMORE is requesting a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance will be from April 11, 2024, to July 9, 2024, inclusive. If granted, the variance will allow SYCAMORE to operate without a certified CEMS while the new analyzers and sample lines are installed and the CEMS is certified.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Weber

Seconded: Dr. Moeller

Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Moeller, Weber

Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-24-11S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-24-12S	Short	Aera Energy, LLC PO Box 11164 Bakersfield, CA 93389

Petitioner: Sam Parks, Shawn Holzworth

Will Coon presented the staff report.

AERA has requested a short variance from applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2080, 2201, 2520, 4101, 4102, 4201, 4301, 4305, 4306, 4320, 4405, 4406, and 4801 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be for a nonconsecutive 48 hour period to occur sometime between April 11, 2024, and June 11, 2024, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow AERA to shut down the Section 32 SOx Plant for annual cleaning/maintenance of the processing equipment.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Weber
Seconded: Moeller
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Moeller, Weber
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-24-12S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
D. S-24-13S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc- WITHDRAWN PO Box 1392 Bakersfield, CA 93302

Petitioner:

Public Comment: None

Moved:
Seconded:
Ayes:
Nays:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-24-14R	Regular	Chevron Cogeneration Company PO Box 11164 Bakersfield, CA 93389

Petitioner: Kris Rickards

Chris Kalashian presented the staff report.

CHEVRON has requested a regular variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance will be for a 768 non-consecutive hour period to occur sometime between April 30, 2024, and July 28, 2024, inclusive. If granted, the variance will allow CHEVRON to operate with excess NOx and CO emissions while the experimental testing is conducted.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Weber
Seconded: Moeller
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Moeller, Weber
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-24-14R

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-24-15S	Short	Chevron Cogeneration Company PO Box 81438 Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioner: Kris Rickards

Chris Kalashian presented the staff report.

CHEVRON has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703, in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance will be for a 60 non-consecutive day period to occur sometime between May 9, 2024, and August 1, 2024, inclusive. If granted, the variance will allow CHEVRON to operate without a certified CEMS while the new analyzers and sample lines are installed and the CEMS is certified.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Weber

Seconded: Moeller
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Moeller, Weber
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-24-15S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-24-17i	Interim	Chevron Cogeneration Company PO Box 81438 Bakersfield, CA 93308

Petitioner: Kris Rickards

Chris Kalashian presented the staff report.

Therefore, CHEVRON has requested an interim variance, to be followed by a regular variance to provide relief from the requirements of District Rules 1080, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703. The requested interim variance period would be effective from April 24, 2024, to December 31, 2024, inclusive, or until the petition for a regular variance is heard and granted. If granted, the variance will allow CHEVRON to operate without a certified CEMS while the new analyzers and sample lines are installed and the CEMS is certified.

Public Comment: None

Moved: Weber
Seconded: Moeller
Ayes: Stovall, Dr. Moeller, Weber
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-24-17i

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Member Comments:
7. New Business: None
8. Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.