

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 6, 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 – Katrina Rojas, Interim Deputy Clerk to the Boards, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rojas stated that with the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the first order of business after the roll call would be to elect a Chair Pro-Tem for this meeting.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present to hold the meeting.

County	Member Name	Interest Group	Location
Fresno	Chris McGlothlin	IAIG (A)	Fresno
	Kacey Auston-Tibbetts	EIG (P)	Fresno
Kern	Les Clark	IAIG (P)	Bakersfield
	John Sanders	EIG (P)	Bakersfield
	Orchel Krier	CIG (P)	Bakersfield
Kings	Brayden Sanchez	EIG (A)	Fresno
	Patricia Matthews	CIG (A)	Fresno
Madera	Jeff Troost	CIG (P)	Fresno
Merced	Amy Lopes	IAIG (A)	Modesto
	Jose Delgadillo	CIG (P)	Modesto
San Joaquin	David Phippen	IAIG (A)	Modesto
	Ben Cantu	CIG (P)	Modesto
Stanislaus	Richard O'Brien	CIG (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

Once roll call was completed and quorum was confirmed, Ms. Rojas stated that Chairman Cunha had recommended Mr. Derek Williams to act as Chair Pro-Tem in his absence. Ms. Rojas announced to the committee that the floor was open for anyone who would like to show interest in serving as Chair Pro-Tem for this meeting. Mr. Mederos moved to nominate Mr. Williams to act as Chair Pro-Tem for the meeting.

Moved: Mederos

Seconded: McGlothlin

Ayes: McGlothlin, Clark, Lopes, Phippen, Williams, Auston-Tibbetts, Sanders, Sanchez, Aggers, Krier, Matthews, Troost, Delgadillo, Cantu, O'Brien, Mederos

Nays: None

Motion unanimously passed to appoint Mr. Derek Williams to serve as Chair Pro-Tem for the June 6, 2023, Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2023 – Mr. Williams asked for member comments on the minutes from the May 2, 2023, CAC meeting. Hearing no comments or changes, he requested a motion to approve.

Public Comment: none

Moved: Cantu

Seconded: Clark

Ayes: McGlothlin, Clark, Lopes, Phippen, Williams, Auston-Tibbetts, Sanders, Sanchez, Aggers, Krier, Matthews, Troost, Delgadillo, Cantu, O'Brien, Mederos

Nays: None

Motion unanimously passed to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2023.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none
5. CHAIR COMMENTS – Mr. Williams welcomed the committee members and staff, and thanked everyone for their attendance.
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/APCO COMMENTS – Sheraz Gill, Deputy APCO, welcomed the committee members and provided the CAC with an update on the following items:
- On May 18, 2023, the Governing Board accepted and appropriated \$18,590,233 in additional funds awarded through a competitive solicitation by the federal EPA to replace nut harvesting equipment with new low-dust harvesting equipment, and to replace open hearth fireplaces and old wood or pellet burning devices with new, cleaner options such as gas or electric heating devices.
 - The Governing Board adopted the District's PM2.5 Contingency package including amendments to District Rule 4901 (*Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters*).
 - In June 2023, the Governing Board will consider:
 - Maintenance plan for the federal 1 hour ozone standard

- Adopting enhancements to the District's suite of leak detection and repair rules to limit VOC emissions.
- Accepting and appropriating \$30 million in state vehicle replacement funding and approving the continued implementation of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin vehicle replacement and repair programs.
- In May 2023, the District launched the Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) grant program to assist landscape maintenance professionals with transitioning to electric landscape equipment prior to state-wide regulations requiring manufacturers to meet zero emission engine standards beginning in 2024.
- In June 2023, the District relaunched the Valley-wide Clean Air Rooms grant program to provide any Valley resident living in a disadvantaged and/or low-income community the opportunity to receive a free portable air filtration unit for their homes to assist in purifying the air during periods of poor air quality, especially impacts caused by wildfires.

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. Williams encouraged the committee members to utilize the links from the ARB meetings for more information.

Mr. Cantu inquired if there is a substitution for the process of chrome plating. Ms. Carr responded that the purpose of the regulation is to encourage development and implementation for an alternative to hexavalent chromium.

Mr. Krier, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Troost all inquired about the proposed research contract with the University of California, Berkeley, focused on the impacts of air pollution on life expectancy. Ms. Carr responded she will follow-up with supplement information from program staff to answer the questions of members.

9. UPDATE ON THE STATE ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS REGULATION – Craig Duehring and Paul Arneja, representatives from CARB's Mobile Source Control Division, provided an overview of the state's recently adopted Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation. The regulation contains phased in ZEV transition requirements from Class 2b-8 vehicles across four components: 100 percent ZEV sales requirement, drayage trucks, state and local government fleets, and high priority fleets.

Mr. O'Brien asked about the disparity on the infrastructure needs to the goals CARB has put into place for electric vehicles. Mr. Arneja responded that CARB is keeping track of the infrastructure concerns and are working closely with public utilities to make sure it can happen.

Mr. Delgadillo inquired about the consequences for noncompliance. Mr. Duehring explained that there was an enforcement division who will handle those on a case-by-case depending on circumstances.

Mr. Clark inquired how a vehicle's useful life was determined. Mr. Arneja explained that the useful life of a vehicle was determined by the California Legislature and deemed 800,000 miles or 18 years old.

Mr. Sanders asked about the rationale for the exemption for designated counties. Mr. Arneja answered that those were provided to certain rural areas that may have unique challenges, so a three-year delay was provided to address those challenges. Mr. Sanders asked about the process and timing for requesting an exemption or extension. Mr. Arneja responded that the goal is to set clear criteria for exemptions/extensions so that those requests that meet the criteria would be granted promptly, with a goal of completing this process 45 days after receiving a request.

Mr. Krier shared his concern that individual sub-haulers who haul produce will end up having to shut down operations or move out of California because of the cost of the vehicles.

Mr. Sanchez asked for clarification on the 50 vehicles for high priority, does it include off road vehicles. Mr. Arneja responded that it includes any Class 2 and above on-road vehicles.

Mr. Mederos shared his concern with how this will affect interstate commerce and potential litigation.

Mr. Troost inquired about the use of clean burning fuels and why was being 100% electric necessary. Mr. Arneja explained that looking at overall climate and air quality goals, this is another step in making sure areas of the State are able to meet federal attainment goals.

Ms. Matthews spoke regarding the lack of electrical infrastructure and the way it is affecting small municipalities. Mr. Arneja and Mr. Duehring both recognized that infrastructure is a major concern and something CARB is working to address through a multi-agency effort.

Mr. McGlothlin asked if there was any cost analysis done on fuel charging comparisons. Mr. Arneja stated that the rate schedules that the utilities have offer special rates for heavy duty charging.

Mr. Williams stated that he believes with these regulations in effect, there needs to be a guarantee that power will be affordable and available so that the supply chains are not affected.

Public Comment:
Kim Mesfin, Affinity Truck Center

10. PM2.5 CONTINGENCY MEASURE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION – Emily Kneeland provided an update on the Governing Board’s recent adoption of the PM2.5 Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan Revision and amendments to District Rule 4901 (*Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters*).

Mr. O’Brien inquired about MPOs having a difficult time with transportation conformity. Mr. Gill answered that the conformity budgets are on track. He acknowledged that there are concerns and challenges, but that solutions have been developed.

Mr. Sanders requested clarification on the EPA support needed with regards to regulations on heavy duty vehicles. Mr. Gill responded that they are being evaluated in general, but not as part of the contingency plan.

11. AB 617 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES – Jessica Olsen, Director of Community Strategies and Resources, 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.

In all of these communities, the District has continued to host monthly meetings on Zoom, but based on community interest, we have now planned for an in-person meeting for each of our CSCs. The District met in person twice in Arvin/Lamont last year, Stockton and Shafter had in-person meetings in April and May, and we round out the group with Fresno’s in person meeting in Malaga on June 21. These in person meetings are great opportunities to connect with the community, have more interactive, productive discussions, and get the needed feedback on moving incentives and outreach measures forward in these communities.

The District has made progress on several incentives measures the past few weeks, including deploying the clean air rooms program on June 5, 2023. The District allocated \$1,000,000 in the Fresno, Shafter, and Arvin/Lamont CERPs for free, residential air filtration devices, and an additional \$1,000,000 Valleywide, which amounts to about 20,000 purifiers in total. While the AB 617 incentives are exclusively for those communities, the Valleywide program is open to all households in disadvantaged and low-income communities in the District.

Brian Moore from CARB's Office of Community Air Protection gave an update on the latest draft of their revised Blueprint guidance document, which is set to go to the CARB Board in October. CARB is going to hold a series of workshops to solicit feedback, and official comments on the draft are due by July 31, 2023.

12. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, shared an update on the Clean Air Room program that was just launched as well as the newly updated Zero Emissions Landscaping Equipment program that is specifically targeting commercial landscapers to help replace gas powered landscaping equipment. Ms. Holt also gave an update on the upcoming wildfire season. The District is preparing and making sure that the public is aware of how to track air quality.

13. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS –

Mr. Delgadillo shared that he was pleased to receive a Healthy Air Living Calendar and wants to share with his local schools to have them participate in something like that in their own schools.

14. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT REPORT DURING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-
Mr. Williams volunteered to present at the June Governing Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m. 11:59 a.m.