

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)

Central Region Office, Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA.

Monday, February 9, 2009
11:00 a.m.

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 the Northern Region Office, VTC Room, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 11:20 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL - was taken and a quorum was present to hold a meeting.

County	Member Name/Interest Group	Location
San Joaquin	Jeremy Terhune, At-large Rep.	Northern*
Stanislaus	Rosenda Mataka, At-large Rep.	Northern
Merced	Melissa J. Kelly Ortega, At-large Rep.	Northern
Madera	Catherine Garoupa, At-large Rep.	Central
Fresno	Lourdes Medina, At-large Rep.	Central
	Kevin Hamilton, CAC	Central
	Riley Jones, CAC	Central

*Arrived during item #6

Staff present in Central Region Office (Fresno) – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer; Scott Nester, Director of Planning; Dave Warner, Director of Permits; Jon Adams, Director of Compliance; Claudia Encinas, Bilingual Public Information Representative; Maricela Velásquez, Senior Public Information Representative

Staff present in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) – Anthony Presto, Public Information Representative

Members of the Public present in the Central Region Office (Fresno) – Aprile Haupt and Rey León

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 – Kevin Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Catherine Garoupa. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS– None.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS – The Chair reminded the EJAG members about the importance of the state budget and requested that they speak to their Capitol leaders on issues that are affecting their communities.
6. RULES UNDER DEVELOPMENT – Scott Nester, Director of Planning, presented the report. In addition to the information in the EJAG packet, he stated that Rule 4902, Residential Water Heaters, a point-of-sale rule, will reduce NOx emissions from 40 nanograms per joule of NOx to 10 nanograms per joule. An amendment to Rule 4570, Confined Animal Facilities, will broaden the applicability of the Rule. For example, Rule 4570 currently applies to dairies with 1,000 dairy cows and that threshold would probably be reduced to 500 dairy cows. Regarding Rule 9410, Employer Based Trip Reduction Programs, the EJAG will be instrumental in providing comments from their constituents to the District's Planning Department on issues relating to this rule. There was also a discussion on how this would impact city, county and state governments. Regarding Rule 4311, Flares, quantification of emissions from this kind of rule is difficult due to the nature of flares because flares do not operate at a steady and predictable process rate. There was a discussion on flares: what they are, when they are used and the process for variances. Hearing Board information is available on the District website at www.valleyair.org.

EJAG members requested a summary of expected reductions of emissions from the rules on the rule summary updates.

7. WOOD-BURNING RULE OUTREACH IN EJ COMMUNITIES – Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, discussed the Check Before You Burn media campaign. She played several TV and radio spots in the various languages. This year, the placement of billboards and bilingual posters was strategic. In addition to the media campaign, Claudia Encinas and Maricela Velásquez have been doing public outreach to various agencies and organizations in EJ communities.

Rosenda Mataka thanked the District for having Spanish-speaking staff.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Preliminary language was discussed for the Public Information Requests Fee Waiver. The Chair decided that this Item needs to be tabled for the next month due to time constraints.
 - b. The Outreach Materials Item was also tabled until next month due to time constraints.
9. EJAG GOALS FOR 2009 – Tabled until next month due to time constraints. The March meeting will begin several hours earlier to discuss this item.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SECOND OPPORTUNITY) – None.
11. EJAG MEMBER COMMENTS AND EJAG SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE EJAG REPORT DURING THE CAC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009 – None.
12. VOLUNTEER TO PRESENT EJAG REPORT DURING CAC MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. – Mr. Hamilton volunteered to report at the March meeting.

Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next meeting – The next EJAG meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.