

Action Summary Minutes
San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency

STUDY AGENCY MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2026
9:00 a.m.

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 meeting was also webcast.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Chair, Supervisor Shuklian, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL – was taken and a quorum was present.

Present:

Supervisor Amy Shuklian, Chair	Tulare County
Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Vice Chair	Fresno County
Supervisor Vito Chiesa	Stanislaus County
Supervisor David Couch	Kern County
Supervisor Bobby Macaulay	Madera County

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026

Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO, stated that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Study Agency follows a county-based rotation policy for Chair and Vice Chair, which expired at the end of 2025. It was recommended that the Board adopt a revised eight-year rotation schedule through 2033, with Fresno County Supervisor Buddy Mendes as chair and Merced County Supervisor Lloyd Pereira as vice chair for 2026.

Mr. Sheikh recognized outgoing Chair Supervisor Shuklian for her service to the Study Agency.

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

Moved: Macaulay
Seconded: Mendes

Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Macaulay, Mendes, Rickman, Shuklian
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to adopt a revised eight-year county rotation policy and elect Supervisor Mendes as Chair and Supervisor Pareira as Vice Chair for 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR - Item numbers 9-10

9. APPROVE ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEYWIDE AIR POLLUTION STUDY AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

10. RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Public Comment – No individuals provided comments during the time allotted for public comments on this item.

Moved: Mendes
Seconded: Macaulay
Ayes: Chiesa, Couch, Macaulay, Mendes, Rickman, Shuklian
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar (Items 9-10).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individual provided public comment during this item:

- Thomas Menz, Resident

7. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

8. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – Supervisor Shuklian adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.