



San Joaquin Valley

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Application Process

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (the District) is dedicated to Environmental Justice (EJ) and in recent years has worked to incorporate Environmental Justice into core programs and activities. Environmental Justice is defined in California law (Government Code section 65040.12.e) as “The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of all environmental laws, regulations and policies.”

The Environmental Justice Strategy’s mission, goals and action items approved by the District’s Governing Board in August of 2007 provide the roadmap by which the District will be guided in further integrating Environmental Justice principles.

As part of this strategy, the District is **currently taking applications to fill open positions on a 13-member Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)**. The EJAG will work to collaboratively educate the public and community stakeholders about current District activities and air quality in general, and will review overarching District programs and strategies to provide feedback.

All EJAG members must be residents of the San Joaquin Valley. Eight of these members, one from each county within San Joaquin Valley, must have experience and interest in representing ethnic and/or low-income communities. Two of the members shall be ethnic, small-business owners. Three members shall be members of the District’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), one representing each of the three CAC interest groups.

Interested candidates should have a demonstrated interest and/or experience in air-quality issues and in representing Valley residents and businesses, especially ethnic and low-income communities.

Members shall serve two-year terms at the pleasure of the District’s Governing Board and will meet at least quarterly.

Any individual interested in serving on the EJAG should complete an “Application for the Environmental Justice Advisory Group” and return it to the Air District’s Central office prior to the deadline. Complete instructions and deadline information is available on the application.

For additional information regarding the function of the EJAG and the EJ strategy in general or to download an EJAG application, please visit the District’s website:

http://valleyair.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice/Environmental_Justice_idx.htm

You can also call the District offices at 559-230-6000 and ask to speak to the Clerk of the Boards.



**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP
(EJAG)**

The EJAG was established by the Valley Air District’s Governing Board as part of the Environmental Justice Strategy in August of 2007. The EJAG consists of 13 members; these members must be residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

Eight of these members, one from each county within the San Joaquin Valley, must have experience and interest in representing ethnic and/or low-income communities. Two of the members shall be ethnic, small-business owners. Three members shall be members of the District’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), one representing each of the three CAC interest groups.

The District is currently seeking candidates for an Ethnic, Small Business Owner seat (2), and an At-large County Representative for Kern County (1). Interested candidates should have a demonstrated interest and experience in air- quality issues and in representing Valley residents and businesses, especially ethnic and low-income communities.

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____
Business/Cell/Home Business/Cell/Home

E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Address: _____

County: _____ Occupation: _____

EJAG Position applying for (check any that apply):

_____ Small Business Owner (Business: _____)

_____ At-large County Representative (County: _____)

The application deadline for the current EJAG vacancies is **Thursday, August 3, 2023**. Please see mailing address at the end of the application form for details on where to send your application.

Applicant Name: _____

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Supplemental Application Form
for the
Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)**

All applicants are required to complete and return this application form for a seat on the EJAG. Your responses to the questions contained in this application form will be used by the EJAG Appointment Subcommittee when making EJAG appointment recommendations to the District's Governing Board.

1. State briefly your reasons for wanting to serve on a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG).

2. What are your interests or experiences, which you feel, will be helpful if you are selected to serve on the EJAG?

3. What are your specific interests or experiences regarding air-quality issues and in representing Valley residents and businesses, especially ethnic and low-income communities?

4. Include any other information you would like to submit such as a resume: summary of background and skills; professional and educational experience; community organizational involvement; personal hobbies; and languages spoken.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Return original signed hard copy prior to the deadline listed at the bottom of the EJAG application to the address below:

**Attn: EJAG Applications
Deputy Clerk of the Boards
San Joaquin Valley APCD
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave
Fresno, CA 93726
Or
Email to:
katrina.rojas@valleyair.org**