

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, October 4, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Katzakian, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Presentation by San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Regarding Current State of Air Quality (CM)

City Manager Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of the current state of air quality.

John Cadrett, Compliance Manager for San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current state of air quality. Specific topics of discussion included physical environment, pollutant emissions, successful clean air strategies, population growth, regulatory progress, offsetting emissions reductions, county air quality progress, core values for valley air district, sources for pollution, federal mandates and sanctions, innovative and transformative measures to address challenges, and increased grant funding.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Cadrett stated the air pollution business is driven by state and federal health standards, whatever happens in the District generally also affects the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County fairs better than other counties in the District because the air quality is better, and wind patterns generally push south in the District.

A brief discussion ensued between Mr. Cadrett, Mayor Johnson, and Council Member Hansen regarding the effect of the pollution from the Bay Area and the Delta breeze.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Cadrett stated the District does have regulatory and fining authority of its own.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Cadrett stated the District has been successful in working with businesses on the standards and to the best of his knowledge no businesses have been shut down.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Cadrett provided a brief overview of carbon credits and the State being the driver behind the green house gas emissions regulations.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Cadrett stated current makeup of the Board of Directors includes one supervisor from each county, a rotation of small, medium, and large cities appointed by the League of California Cities, and appointments made by the Governor. Further, Mr. Cadrett stated that, while fog does play a part, it is mainly particulates that are the problem in the winter.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Cadrett stated while no one is taking away cars right now there is no way to meet the standards with current technology.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Cadrett stated emissions have been reduced through the formation of the District and most businesses prefer to deal with a local entity instead of the state or federal agencies.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Cadrett stated cities are appointed on a rotation basis through the League of California Cities and some of those appointed cities may be members of the National League of Cities as well.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Cadrett stated the District issues grants and the money comes from a variety of sources including state and federal funding as well as developer fees.

In response to City Manager Bartlam, Mr. Cadrett stated the District failed to meet federal air quality standards and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) imposed a \$29 million penalty on the valley, which was initially to be paid by businesses but is now being partially paid through a \$12 per vehicle registration fee.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Cadrett stated to the best of his knowledge no other area in the state has been leveled such a similar fine.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Cadrett stated the District does not have the ability to force tree planting but it does encourage it.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Cadrett stated that, if the District had not come up with a way to impose the EPA fine, the federal government would have come up with a way and also kept the proceeds. Further, Mr. Cadrett stated the level of public participation varies with the public interest in various District matters and to date he has received no comments regarding Agenda 21.

In response to Ed Miller, Mr. Cadrett stated the old standards are based on eight hours and the new proposals are related to the ozone only and not particulates.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Cadrett stated agriculture is a part of the pollution issue because of both cause and effect and the Ag community, while exempt before, is now covered under different regulations.

B-2 Presentation by San Joaquin Council of Governments Regarding Regional Smart Growth Plan (PW)

This item was not heard and was continued to a future Shirtsleeve Session.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items - None

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk