



ACTION SUMMARY
(Unofficial)

April 3, 2024

9:30 A.M.

APCD Hearing Board

Dr. Steven Colome, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Cook
Lee-Volker Cox
Terence Dressler, Chair
Robert J. Saperstein

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
105 EAST ANAPAMU STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA**

Counsel of the Hearing Board:
Amber Holderness
Paul Lee

Due to technical difficulties, meeting start time was delayed.

A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Convened by Chair Dressler at 9:38 a.m.

Present: 4 - Cook, Cox, Dressler, Saperstein.

Absent: 1 - Colome.

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024

Elect the Chair and Vice-Chair to serve as APCD Hearing Board Officers for calendar year 2024.

A motion was made by Hearing Board member Saperstein, seconded by Hearing Board member Cook to reelect Terence Dressler as Chair and Steven Colome as Vice-Chair for calendar year 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Cox, Dressler, Peters, Saperstein.

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 1 - Colome.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of the October 4, 2023 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Hearing Board member Cox, seconded by Hearing Board member Saperstein that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Cook, Cox, Dressler, Saperstein.

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 1 - Colome.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Receive announcements or reports from staff on matters of interest to the Hearing Board. There will be no Hearing Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff; and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

Clerk of the APCD Board
Aeron Arlin Genet

Aimee Long of the District informed the Hearing Board that there are no staff reports or announcements at this time.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Persons desiring to address the Hearing Board on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Hearing Board not included as part of the agenda may do so at this time.

There were no public comments.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS - Administration of Oath conducted prior to each hearing.

**F-1) Case No. 2024-02-R (Regular Variance)
Pacific Coast Energy Company LP, 1555 Orcutt Hill Road, Orcutt, CA 93455**

To consider a Regular Variance from District Rule 206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 8240-R11, Condition 9.C.6.a submitted on February 15, 2024, for relief from conducting annual source testing on steam generator, SG 100, until repairs can be made.

The Petitioner operates the equipment at the Newlove Lease located 2.5 miles south of the town of Orcutt in Santa Barbara County. The steam generator described in the Petition is not operating due to necessary repairs. Until the repairs can be made, the Petitioner is requesting relief from conducting the annual source testing specified in the Petitioner's permit to operate. As a result, no excess emissions are expected with the granting of this request.

Representatives for the Hearing Board: Amber Holderness (Counsel).
Representatives for the District: Aimee Long, Kaitlin McNally.
Representatives for the Petitioner: Marianne Strange.

Public hearing held. The Hearing Board determined that the six findings were made. A motion was made by Hearing Board member Saperstein, seconded by Hearing Board member Cook to accept the findings as stated in Regular Variance 2024-02-R and be granted as submitted in the draft Findings and Order for the period of April 3, 2024 through July 2, 2024, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Cook, Dressler, Saperstein.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 1 - Colome.

Recused: 1 - Cox.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

**G-1) Case No. – 2023-04-E
Sierra Resources Inc., 500 Associated Road, Casmalia, CA**

On November 9, 2023, Hearing Board member Terence Dressler approved an Emergency Variance for Sierra Resources Inc., from November 6, 2023 through November 20, 2023, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. Said Emergency Variance provides relief from District Rules 325.D.1.a., 325.E.1.c., 326.D.1.b, 326.E.3, and 206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 7744-R12, Conditions 1, 2.f, 7, and 9 and allows for continued operation without a vapor control device for four 2,000 bbl crude tanks (APCD Device IDs 106307, 107311, 05262, and 05325), one wash tank (APCD Device ID 108103), one diluent tank (APCD Device ID 110970), one produced water tank (APCD Device ID 110971) and two freewater knock out vessels (APCD Device ID 1112503 and 104067).

**G-2) Case No. – 2023-05-N
United States Space Force, 1028 Iceland Avenue, Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA**

On February 20, 2024, Hearing Board member Terence Dressler approved a 90-Day Variance for United States Space Force from February 26, 2024 through May 25, 2024, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. Said 90-Day Variance provides relief from District Rules 316.G.1, and 206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 13968-R3, Condition 9.C.9.e and allows for the vapor recovery testing requirements to be postponed until repairs can be made and testing can be conducted.

**G-3) Case No. – 2024-01-I
Pacific Coast Energy Company LP, 1555 Orcutt Hill Road, Orcutt, CA**

On March 4, 2024, Hearing Board member Terence Dressler approved an Interim Variance for Pacific Coast Energy Company LP from February 16, 2024 through May 15, 2024, or the date a decision is made on a Regular Variance, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. Said Interim Variance provides relief from District Rule 206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 8240-R11, Condition 9.C.6.a and allows for the source testing requirements to be postponed for SG 100 until the repairs can be made and source testing can be conducted.

**G-4) Case No. – 2024-03-E
Pacific Coast Energy Company LP, 1555 Orcutt Hill Road, Orcutt, CA**

On March 4, 2024, Hearing Board member Terence Dressler approved an Emergency Variance for Pacific Coast Energy Company LP from February 28, 2024 through March 28, 2024, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. Said Emergency Variance provides relief from District Rules 325.E.1 and 206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 8296-R12, Conditions 1, 11, and 14 and allows for continued operation of Production Well Morganti #04 without controlling produced gas at all times, until the repairs can be completed.

A motion was made by Hearing Board member Cook, seconded by Hearing Board member Saperstein that Administrative Agenda items G-1 through G-4 be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Cook, Cox, Dressler, Saperstein.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 1 - Colome.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to May 1, 2024.