

# Highlights

## District Activities for November 2006

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### Rule Development

- The Governing Board was not scheduled to meet in November. However, District staff continued to move forward on several rules that are under development for 2007. The first public workshop of the draft **2007 Ozone Plan** was held Oct. 17 in Fresno, Bakersfield and Modesto. The draft plan will be presented to the Governing Board in spring 2007 for its approval following public review and discussion. The draft plan is available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or by calling (559) 230-6000.
- Initial workshops for **Draft Rule 4565 (Composting/Biosolids Operations)** were held in October. New Rule 4565 would implement a VOC control measure in the Ozone Plan. It would establish emission control requirements and work management practices to reduce VOC emissions during composting of biosolids. It is expected to go before the Governing Board in a public hearing during the first quarter of 2007.
- Workshops also were held in October for amendments to current rules that would implement VOC control measures in the Ozone Plan for soil decontamination and organic solvents. These are expected to receive a public hearing before the Governing Board in the third quarter of 2007

### Public Information, Legislative, Outreach and Education

- Public workshops were held Oct. 23 and 25 at all three of the District offices and the First Congregational Church in Fresno to discuss the Air District's **Environmental Justice Strategy**. The EJ Strategy will identify and address any gaps in existing programs, policies and activities that may delay the achievement of environmental justice. The strategy outlines goals that will help further integrate environmental justice into District efforts. Staff plans to review oral and written comments received during the workshop comment period and revise the strategy as appropriate before it goes before the Governing Board in early 2007. It is available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or by calling (559) 230-6000.
- The District was featured in several news articles during October with five news releases issued on topics ranging from high wind advisories to the start of the "Check Before You Burn" season and the new Ozone Plan. Public Information staff also provided outreach and awareness information at eight presentations and six events and responded to 95 public calls and 51 media calls in October.

### Grant and Incentive Program Activities

- The District received 59 applications for its incentive programs in October.
- The District received 14 agricultural engine electrification (AG ICE) applications for a total of 25 engines. The district has received 286 AG ICE applications to date for a total of 858 engines.
- \$6,006,875 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract in October.
- \$2,318,925 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims in October.
  - Ag Engines – 16 \$777,825.00
  - On-road Engines – 5 \$890,776.00
  - Off Road Engines – 7 \$276,668.00
  - School Bus Replacement –8 \$373,656.45
- \$8,400 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims in October.

## October Operation Overview

- **The District** received 101 environmental documents in October.
- **Compliance** conducted 729 inspections and issued 259 NOVs. 129 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 190 applications and issued 282 permits in October.
- **ERIP** received 88 smoking vehicle reports.

## Other District News

Registration closes Nov. 30 for the **2006 San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Symposium**, "Mission Possible: Charting the Forecast to Success." CARB Chair Dr. Robert Sawyer will be the keynote luncheon speaker at the Dec. 6 event, which will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bakersfield. Other presentations will focus on health impacts of poor air quality and a recent study on the potential economic benefits of improved air quality; an in-depth outline of the District's newest plans to meet even more stringent air-quality standards; panel discussions on "green contracting," alternative compliance and bringing much-needed money into the Valley to combat our air problems. Information is available at (559) 230-6000 or [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).

## Upcoming Meetings

The Governing Board and the Citizens' Advisory Committee were not scheduled to meet in November 2006. **The next Governing Board meeting is set for 9 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 14. The CAC will meet at 10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 5.**

### The Mission Statement of the Valley Air District

**The San Joaquin Valley Air District is a public health agency whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective and entrepreneurial air quality management strategies.**