

District Highlights

October 18, 2012 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board accepted up to \$2 million in funding from the U.S. EPA for two projects: \$500,000 for the **Technology Advancement Program**, which accelerates the development and deployment of new clean-air technologies for the Valley; and \$1.5 million to replace older, higher emitting **heavy-duty waste transportation trucks that impact Valley environmental justice communities**.
- The Board approved a 14-month agreement with Providence Engineering for \$149,915 to study **differences between neighborhoods in exposure to fine-particle pollution (PM2.5)**. PM2.5 has been identified as a significant health risk and in addition to exposure differences between large metro areas and smaller communities, there are exposure differences across urban neighborhoods and within communities. This heightened understanding of PM2.5 exposure is critical in the ongoing development of the District's risk-based strategy for reducing particle pollution.
- The Board also authorized a 12-month contract, up to \$26,600, with **UCSF-Fresno** to provide consultation on the design and implementation of Valley-specific health research.
- The Board approved a contract with the **Fresno Council of Governments** for up to \$32,380 for developing land-use scenarios in order to complete their Sustainable Communities Strategy as required by state legislation.
- The Board heard an update on the development of the **PM2.5 plan**, due to EPA later this year.
- In continuing to enhance the District's paperless agenda, the Board authorized the executive director to pursue establishing a **Paperless Agenda Resource Consortium** with other public agencies to share costs and resources. The Board also approved a resolution allowing Governing Board members to receive a monthly tablet allowance in lieu of a District-provided tablet.
- The Board voted to cancel the November meeting because of scheduling difficulties. The December meeting will be held.

October Healthy Air Living Tip

With increased traffic, idling vehicles, high temperatures and stagnant wind conditions, the start of the school year has resulted in an increase in vehicle-related emissions in the San Joaquin Valley.

Tip: To reduce air impacts all school-year long, reduce vehicle use, refrain from idling when dropping off or picking up students, use carpools or alternate transportation, and avoid drive-through services. For more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

August-September District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- Outreach and Communications conducted outreach for Air Alerts in August and September. The Central California Asthma Collaborative was selected as the District's new flag program outreach partner and OC began drafting new collateral materials that reflect the incorporation of a school-based anti-idling program into school outreach, which also includes the Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN).
- OC responded to 90 public calls or emails and 33 media calls, and issued 10 news releases in August. In September, OC responded to 86 public calls and 18 media calls, and issued three news releases. During August and September, staff took part in eight outreach events.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 416 incentive program applications in August and September. 110 were for the Wood Stove Change Out Program and 82 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$8,006,633 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in August and September, and \$4,937,917 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

Aug/Sept 2012	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
Program	Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts sent out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Claims paid	Sum of Grant Funding
Heavy Duty	82	124	\$9,107,188.9	115	\$8,006,633.49	177	\$4,937,917.79
School Bus	0	8	\$428,086.55	9	\$368,987.23	39	\$643,879.00
On-Road Prop 1B	0	305	\$23,566,000.00	176	\$22,860,000.00	28	\$1,450,000.00
Lawn and Garden	64	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$900.00
REMOVE	151	540	\$257,740.00	541	\$258,460.00	1455	\$2,111,389.33
Burn Cleaner	110	80	\$44,750.00	80	\$44,750.00	32	\$19,350.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	1	\$28,250.00	1	\$73,282.00
Public Benefit	9	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	45	\$806,302.29
Totals	416	1057	\$33,403,765.45	922	\$31,567,080.72	1781	\$10,043,020.41

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
3,410	166	68	3,644

- \$2,111,389 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$19,350 in Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 32 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 3197 inspections in August. 177 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 167. In September, 2408 inspections were completed and 159 NOV's were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 108.
- **Permits** received 241 applications in August. 380 permits were issued. In September, 141 applications were received and 313 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 17 smoking vehicle reports in August and 20 in September.
- **The District** received 146 environmental documents for review in August and 107 in September.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 20

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 4

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 pm Thurs., Oct. 25

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast