

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Conference tackles transboundary ozone

The Valley Air District is partnering with NASA's Air Quality Applied Science Team to organize a scientific conference focusing on transboundary anthropogenic ozone (TAO) in the western U.S.

The conference will be held at Tenaya Lodge (just outside Yosemite National Park) March 31-April 2.

The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for researchers to share their latest findings in this field with air quality managers and other atmospheric scientists. In particular, a growing body of research provides clear evidence that transboundary ozone has risen substantially over the past few decades and is making non-trivial, episodic or, in some cases, near continuous contributions to ambient ozone levels throughout the western U.S.

Rising scientific awareness of TAO has stimulated questions regarding its possible contribution to local ozone exceedances of the national ambient air quality standards.

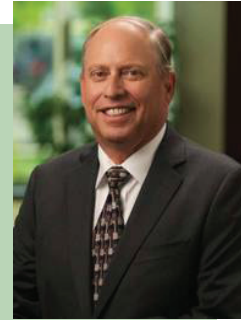
Under the federal Clean Air Act Section 179B, a nonattainment area showing that it would have attained a federal air quality standard but for emissions emanating from outside of the United States is not subject to the sanctions and penalties associated with failing to attain the standard, including section 185 nonattainment penalties, since states and local air agencies lack regulatory authority over air pollutant emissions in other countries.

For more information on the conference, visit the Valley Air District's website at: <http://www.valleyair.org/topc/>.

District welcomes new board members



Supervisor Pedersen



Supervisor Mendes

During the January 22 Governing Board meeting, the District welcomed its two newest board members, Kings County Supervisor Craig Pedersen and Fresno County Supervisor, Buddy Mendes.

Pederson and Mendes filled seats vacated by long-time board members, Judy Case McNairy of Fresno County and Tony Barba of Kings County.



As excitement for this year's World Ag Expo builds, the Air District would like to remind Valley Ag operators of available incentives to replace and upgrade agricultural equipment: Ag Tractor Replacement Program, Ag Pump Engine Replacement and Repower Program.

For complete information on agricultural equipment replacement and upgrade incentives, visit: www.valleyair.org/grants/.