

Highlights

District Activities for August 2007



August 16 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board approved a \$256,000 contract with **University of California, San Francisco** to conduct a **Valley-specific health study** determining the relative contribution of PM2.5 and ozone inducing lung inflammation in non-atopic asthmatics. The study will take about 18 months to complete.
- The Board approved the District's **Environmental Justice Strategy**, a comprehensive strategy serving as a roadmap by which the District will be guided in integrating Environmental Justice principles and augmenting the steps already taken by the District in reaching out to the community. Public comments were unanimous in support of the strategy.
- The Board received and filed proposed amendments to the following rules:
 - Rule 4651 (Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Decontamination of Soil);
 - Rule 4682 (Polystyrene, Polyethylene and Polypropylene Products Manufacturing);
 - Rule 4703 (Stationary Gas Turbines);
 - Solvent-cleaning portions of 11 District rules (4603-07; 4612; 4653; 4661-63; 4684).
- The Board appointed the standing chair to serve on the **San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council**.
- The Board appointed an **evaluation committee** for hearing board reappointments.

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- In June, Outreach and Communications staff responded to 107 public calls and 65 media calls. Seven news releases were issued in English and Spanish. Five presentations were given to community groups and staff attended the Clean Energy Expo in Fresno. In July, staff responded to 88 public calls and 72 media calls. One news release was issued and staff attended in the Tune In, Tune Up event in Bakersfield. The Chief Communications Officer accompanied the Executive Director to public meetings, and staff traveled to Arvin to meet with officials.
- The Spare the Air media campaign launched in July with new radio and TV spots and a new, catchy jingle: "Do your share, Spare our air."

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for June and July

- The District received 114 incentive program applications in June and 144 applications in July.
- The District received 40 agricultural engine electrification (Ag ICE) applications in June for a total of 82 engines. The District received 65 Ag ICE applications in July for a total of 115 engines. The District has received 528 Ag ICE applications to date for a total of 1,279 engines.
- In June, \$1,491, 378.09 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract. In July, \$716,399 in these grant funds were placed under contract.
- In June, \$6,520,708.96 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.

▪ Ag Engines – 28	\$ 2,055,040.00
▪ Off-Road Engines – 18	\$ 3,178,791.00
▪ On Road – 5	\$ 1,156,433.00
▪ School Bus Retrofit – 1	\$ 130,444.96
- In July, \$6,692,872.18 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.

▪ Ag Engines – 32	\$ 3,156,906.00
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▪ Off-Road Engines – 4	\$ 437,361.00
▪ On Road -11	\$ 523,287.51
▪ School Bus Retrofit – 3	\$ 1,182,801.28
▪ School Bus Replace – 4	\$ 1,392,516.39

- \$111,793 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims in June. \$92,595.65 was paid out in July.

June-July Operation Overview

- **The District** received 243 environmental documents for review in June and 207 in July.
- **Planning** held 9 rule and plan public workshops in June. Two rules were adopted. In July, five rule and plan public workshops were held. There were no rules adopted.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,441 inspections in June and issued 306 NOVs. 219 cases were settled. In July, 2,703 inspections were conducted, 227 NOVs issued and 353 cases settled.
- **Permits** received 392 applications and issued 267 permits in June. In July, 225 applications were received and 413 permits were issued.
- **ERIP** received 60 smoking vehicle reports in June and 40 in July.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board
9 a.m. Thurs., Sept. 20

Citizens' Advisory Committee
10 a.m. Tues., Sept. 4

Meetings are held in the Central Region Office, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., in Fresno. The Northern Region Office at 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, and the Southern Region Office, 2700 M St., Bakersfield, participate via video teleconference. Governing Board Meetings also are webcast at www.valleyair.org.