

April 30 Actions by the Governing Board

- Board Chair Leroy Ornellas welcomed **Dr. John Telles**, a Fresno cardiologist appointed to both the District Governing Board and the Air Resources Board by Gov. Schwarzenegger. Dr. Telles said he plans to offer a balanced approach to air-quality issues. He first became involved five years ago through an air-quality committee of the Fresno-Madera Medical Society and since has given talks on the cardiovascular effects of air pollution.
- The Governing Board adopted the **2008 PM2.5 Plan**. The Plan builds upon the comprehensive strategy adopted in the *2007 Ozone Plan* to bring the Valley into attainment of the current 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Plan contains 13 regulatory control measures, 10 feasibility studies and emission reduction incentive programs. Thorough analysis of modeling results and control measures shows that all locations in the San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 nonattainment area can attain the annual PM2.5 NAAQS in 2014. Many areas will attain sooner. In fact, about 39% of the Valley's population resides in areas with air quality meeting the 1997 PM2.5 standards. By 2011, 71% of the Valley's population will reside in areas that attain the PM2.5 standards. By 2013, 82% of the Valley's population will reside in areas that attain the PM2.5 standards. The plan also makes significant progress toward the new 2006 NAAQS for PM2.5.
- The Governing Board approved the appropriation of \$5.7 million in early grant revenue from **Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program**. Two funding options are available for the disbursement. The first will provide funding up to \$50,000 per truck for the replacement of existing 2003 model year or older trucks with newer, cleaner trucks meeting 2007 emission standards. This will result in the replacement of approximately 63 trucks, totaling \$3.3 million. The second option will provide funding up to \$5,000 per truck to install an ARB verified, Level 3 diesel- particulate filter, which will result in the installation of approximately 450 retrofit devices, totaling \$2.4 million.
- The Governing Board accepted **Lower-Emission School Bus Program funds** from the California Air Resources Board. The program is aimed at retiring and replacing the oldest school buses in the state with new, lower-emitting buses. The District will target replacement of all in-use, pre-1977 buses and those 1977 to 1986 buses with the oldest engines. The program will provide up to \$140,000 of the cost of a new bus with \$25,000 matching funding required from school districts to replace buses with model years between 1977 and 1986. No match is required for replacement of pre-1977 model year buses. In the District, the funding will remove from service about 220 of the oldest, most polluting buses in our air basin and replace them with new, lower-emitting buses.
- The Governing Board received and filed proposed amendments to Rule 7070 (Perchloroethylene from Dry Cleaning Operations) and set May 15 for the public hearing to consider adoption.

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- More than 400 people got on board the District's new **Healthy Air Living initiative** at day-long summits held in March in Bakersfield, Fresno and Modesto. Attendees heard how businesses, non-profits, municipalities and individuals can help improve air quality by putting it at the forefront of decision-making. Healthy Air Living encourages organizations to make changes such as implementing telecommuting, vanpooling and flex schedules to reduce employee trips. Taking a look

at a company's operations and making adjustments to improve energy and fuel efficiency is also an important component. These voluntary measures, along with the District's regulatory program, can bring the Valley into attainment for the ozone standard more quickly.

- The District's **Burn Cleaner** fireplace and woodstove changeout program, which aims to reduce particulate pollution, ended April 30. Response has been enthusiastic with 390 Valley residents requesting vouchers for a \$350 incentive toward the cost of replacing their fireplace or wood-burning stove or insert with a gas device. All old devices are removed by hearth retailers and recycled. To date, 158 units have been replaced at a cost of \$55,300. Operation Clean Air partnered with the District to fund the program.
- In March, Outreach and Communications responded to 34 media calls and 257 public calls. Staff gave 28 presentations throughout the Valley, primarily on Healthy Air Living initiative. News releases were issued on the Healthy Air Living Summits and the end of the Check Before You Burn season.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for March

- The District received 28 incentive program applications in March.
- \$2,750,180 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract in March.
- \$5,370,633.43 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims in March.
 - Ag Engines - 20 \$2,666,977.20
 - Off-Road Engines - 3 \$2,422,513
 - On-Road - 2 \$ 281,143.23
- \$7,350 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.

Operation Overview for March

- **The District** received 150 environmental documents for review.
- **Planning** had no rules adopted or amended in March, and held four rule and plan public workshops.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,136 inspections and issued 244 NOVs. 369 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 272 applications and issued 355 permits in March.
- **ERIP** received 39 smoking vehicle reports in March.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board
9 a.m. Thurs., May 15, 2008

Citizens' Advisory Committee
10 a.m. Tues., May 6, 2008

Please see www.valleyair.org for meeting information.