

September 18 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Board received an overview of the **Report to the Community**. The publication provides an account of the District's activities for the preceding year, during which seven rules, the 2007 Ozone Plan and the PM10 Maintenance Plan and Request for Redesignation were adopted. In May 2008, the 2008 PM2.5 Plan also was adopted and submitted to the EPA for approval. The District also has awarded over \$190 million in incentives to reduce emissions with nearly \$38 million awarded in 2007. The report also details the fast track strategy to cleaner air, extensive public outreach efforts and statistics on the number of permits issued and applications processed. Through the District's rules and ongoing efforts, significant improvements have been in the Valley's air quality but more work remains to be done. The complete report will be posted on www.valleyair.org within a few weeks, once changes requested by the Board have been made.
- The Governing Board considered an offer by Tejon Ranch Co. to donate an **air monitoring station** near Lebec (Kern County) to the District. Tejon Ranch installed the monitoring station in 2004 to collect baseline data for the Tejon Mountain Village project. Since it is no longer needed by the company, it was decided to offer the station to the District for its use. The station will monitor the following criteria pollutants: Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Oxide, Ozone, PM2.5 & PM10. Staff will look into the terms of transfer and return to the Board with a formal proposal for final approval at a later date.
- The Board received and filed proposed amendments to **Rule 4901** (Wood-Burning Fireplaces and Heaters), **Rule 4603** (Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products) and **Rule 4606** (Wood Products Coating Operations). Oct. 16 was set for public hearings to consider adoption of these amendments.
- The Board continued until October 16 the public hearings to consider adoption of four rules. **Rule 4534** (Glass Melting Furnaces), **Rule 4306** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters-Phase 3), **Rule 4307** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters- 2.0 MMbtu/hr to 5 MMbtu/hr) and proposed new **Rule 4320** (Advanced Options for Boilers, Steam Generators and Processed Heaters Greater than 5 MMbtu/hr). Continuing the public hearings will give the District time to ensure that all stakeholders have been notified of the hearings. The continuation was due to a public notice printing problem at one Valley newspaper that raised concerns that all members of the public in Tulare County had not received required notices.
- The Governing Board approved increasing the 2008-09 District budget by \$7,651,884 to cover costs to administer the **Lower Emission School Bus Program** for neighboring air districts who have requested that the Valley Air District implement their programs. These funds are for the specific purpose of school bus replacement and retrofits.

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- **Healthy Air Living Prius Giveaway** – Gerry Koenig, a Tulare County resident, was the happy winner of the new Toyota Prius given away as the grand finale to Healthy Air Living. More than 4,600 people entered the contest by pledging to reduce their emissions during Healthy Air Living Week or taking a test drive in a Toyota hybrid.
- **Enter the Healthy Air Kids Calendar Contest** – Drawings are due by Oct. 13 for the 2009 Healthy Air Kids calendar contest. See details at www.valleyair.org/kids/clean_air_calendar_contest.htm.
- Outreach and Communications responded to 29 media calls and 131 public calls in August. Four media releases were distributed and focused on the Healthy Air Living awards, a health cautionary statement and truck idling. Staff participated in six outreach events in August.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for August

- The District received 126 incentive program applications in August.
- \$826,292.00 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract in August.
- \$798,325.22 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims in August.
 - Ag Engines - 25 \$ 409,172.41
 - On-Road – 3 \$ 369,466.43
 - School Bus Retrofit – 1 \$ 19,706.38

Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)

- NOx 130
 - PM 4
 - ROG 15
- Total: 149
- \$9,465.00 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims in August.

August Operations Overview

- **The District** received 110 environmental documents for review in August.
- **Planning** held 13 rule and plan workshops in August.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,130 inspections in August. 259 NOVs were issued and 185 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 285 applications in August and issued 435 permits.
- **ERIP** received 41 smoking vehicle reports in August.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board

9 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 16, 2008

Please see www.valleyair.org for meeting information.

Citizens' Advisory Committee

10 a.m. Tues., Oct. 7, 2008