

October 16 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board adopted amendments to **Rule 4901** (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters). The rule amendment lowers the No Burn level for residential wood-burning fireplaces and stoves and this is expected to increase the number of No Burn days. The rule amendment reduces 16.9 tons of PM_{2.5} on a Valley-wide No Burn day and achieves an average of 2.4 tons per day of PM_{2.5} reductions in the winter. Rule 4901 is coupled with the District's Burn Cleaner grant program and Winter Healthy Air Living.
- The Governing Board adopted amendments to **Rule 4354** (Glass Melting Furnaces), which controls emissions from industrial glass manufacturing plants that make flat glass (windows and automotive windshields), container glass (bottles and jars) and fiberglass (insulation). The amendments will reduce oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emission limits and add emission limits for oxides of sulfur (SO_x) and directly emitted particulate matter. When fully implemented, NO_x emissions would be reduced by 2.2 tons per day. SO_x and PM emissions would decrease by about 0.5 tons per day and .02 tons per day respectively.
- The Board adopted amendments to **Rule 4306** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters – Phase 3) and **Rule 4307** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters 2.0 MMBtu/hr to 5.0 MMBtu/hr) and new **Rule 4320** (Advanced Emission Reduction Options for Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters Greater than 5.0 MMBtu/hr). These amendments are estimated to generate 4.5 tons per day of NO_x reductions and will require the most effective controls that are available and that are technologically feasible. Rule 4320 also would produce SO_x reductions of 3.6 tons per day. The rules are the most stringent regulations in the country yet offer affected businesses cost-effective compliance options.
- The Board adopted amendments to **Rule 4603** (Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products) and **Rule 4606** (Wood Coating Operations). The amendments establish VOC content limits and work practice standards for large appliance parts and products and metal furniture and flat wood paneling product coating operations. These amendments are needed to satisfy federal Reasonably Available Control Technology and Control Technique Guideline requirements. Existing sources already comply with the requirements under District guidelines.
- The Board received and filed proposed amendments to three rules and set Dec. 18 for public hearings to consider adoption: **Rule 4607** (Graphic Arts and Paper, Film, Foil and Fabric Coatings), **Rule 2201** (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule) and **Rule 2530** (Federally Enforceable Potential to Emit).

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- **Healthy Air Living Prius Giveaway** – Gerry Koenig, a Tulare County resident, took possession of his brand new Toyota Prius in October. He was the lucky winner chosen from more than 4,600 entries. Valley residents could enter by pledging to reduce their emissions during Healthy Air Living Week or by test driving a Toyota hybrid.
- **Healthy Air Living Bike to Work Days held in three regions** – Refreshments, bike giveaways and other prizes as well as a police escort lured hundreds of commuting cyclists to join in the

District's Bike to Work morning rides held in October in Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield. Bike to Work Day was rescheduled from July due to the negative air quality impacts of the summer forest fires. The District encourages people to reduce emissions by making changes such as biking to work.

- Outreach and Communications responded to 11 media calls and 52 public calls in September. Four news releases were distributed to Valley media detailing the kids calendar deadline, a health cautionary statement, the ISR rule and the availability of Prop IB funds. Staff participated in three outreach events last month.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for September

- The District received 435 incentive program applications in September.
- \$3,535,786 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract.
- \$2,493,161.96 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.
 - Ag Engines – 18 \$1,001,628.89
 - Off-Road – 1 \$ 202,647.53
 - On-Road – 2 \$1,288,885.54
- ERIP paid \$5,050 in REMOVE II Program claims in September.

September Operations Overview

- **The District** received 110 environmental documents for review in September.
- **Planning** held 3 rule and plan workshops last month.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,411 inspections. 292 NOVs were issued and 175 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 259 applications and issued 531 permits.
- **ERIP** received 36 smoking vehicle reports in September.

Upcoming Meetings

No Board or CAC meetings are scheduled for November. The next meetings are set for December.

Governing Board

9 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 18, 2008

Citizens' Advisory Committee

10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 2, 2008

Please see www.valleyair.org for meeting agendas and other details.