

# District Highlights

## June 17, 2010 Actions by the Governing Board

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- The Governing Board approved the District's **2010 Ozone Mid-Course Review** and directed the APCO to forward the document to ARB for submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The review demonstrates significant progress toward attainment of the 1-hour and 8-hour ozone standards despite significant challenges affecting air quality in the Valley. The memorandum and full MCR report are available at [http://valleyair.org/Board\\_meetings/GB/agenda\\_minutes/Agenda/2010/June/Agenda\\_Item\\_7\\_June\\_17\\_2010.pdf](http://valleyair.org/Board_meetings/GB/agenda_minutes/Agenda/2010/June/Agenda_Item_7_June_17_2010.pdf)
- The Board amended the 2008 PM2.5 Plan to extend the **Rule 4905 (Natural Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Residential Central Furnaces)** adoption schedule from the second quarter of 2010 to the fourth quarter of 2014. The low-NOx residential furnace technology necessary for the rule amendment is not yet commercially available. Extending the rule amendment will allow the District to incorporate the best and latest-available technology to maximize emissions reductions without delaying rule implementation. The rule schedule extension will also allow the District to contribute to technology advancement. To that end, the Board authorized the District to partner with the South Coast Air Quality Management District in their residential furnace technology assessment, to be completed in April 2013. The Board also directed the staff to investigate the potential of a future residential furnace incentive program.
- The Board continued the hearing for proposed amendments to **Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities)** until October 2010. The amendments would require additional control measures for large Confined Animal Facilities (CAF) and impose new permitting and control requirements on medium-sized CAF. During the hearing, Executive Director Seyed Sadredin explained that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, while acknowledging that the rule was the most stringent in the nation, asked the Board to grant a four-month continuance of the hearing to review current research, compile additional documentation and obtain additional public input. After further public discussion, the Board voted to continue the adoption hearing until Oct. 21 to allow the EPA and the public adequate time to review the new proposed revisions. Staff will post any new proposed revisions at [http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public\\_workshops\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm) when they become available.
- The Board approved the 2010-11 budget.

## June District Activities

### *Outreach and Education*

- **Particulate conference.** The District's two-day conference, "Particulate Pollution in the San Joaquin Valley: Translating Science into Policy," June 9-10 received an enthusiastic reception from the public. About 150 attendees convened at Fresno's Holiday Inn for the conference, which drew participation from 24 of the nation's top researchers and experts in air pollution, public health and policy. Board Member Dr. Henry Forman gave a keynote speech on the toxicology of oxygen, and the District's Health Science Advisor, Dr. David Lighthall, was instrumental in retaining speakers and organizing presentations.
- **Employee Trip Reduction Rule Outreach.** Outreach and Communications assisted with workshops in all three regions to register employers who must comply with Rule 9410 Employer Based Trip Reduction (e-TRIP). The workshops offered free assistance to employers who must meet the July 1 registration deadline.
- District staff did 16 air quality presentations and attended 18 outreach events in May. Staff answered 106 public calls and 29 media calls. Five news releases were issued.

## Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 307 incentive program applications in May. Of those, 22 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program. \$24,600 was paid out in Wood Stove Change-Out Program claims.
- \$9,686,830.50 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract last month. \$65,950 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$2,696,164.97 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.
  - Ag Engines – 29                      \$ 718,418.12
  - On-Road Prop 1B – 17                \$ 764,000.00
  - Off-Road – 18                         \$ 638,746.96
  - School Bus Retrofit – 5               \$ 14,999.89
  - School Bus Replacement – 4        \$ 560,000.00

### Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)

- NOx    463
- PM     15
- ROG    31

Total:                      509

## May Operations Overview

- **The District** received 142 environmental documents for review in May.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 28 smoking vehicle reports.
- **Compliance** completed 2,492 inspections, issued 172 NOVS and finalized 183 mutual settlement cases.
- **Permits** received 125 applications and issued 331 permits.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board**  
**9 a.m. Thurs., Aug. 19, 2010**

**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**10 a.m. Tues., Aug. 3, 2010**

Meetings are held in the Governing Board Room in the Fresno office and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Meetings are webcast. Details: [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)