

# District Highlights

## December 20, 2012 Actions by the Governing Board

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- The Governing Board elected 2013 officers: Chairman **Skip Barwick** (Tulare Vice-Mayor) and Vice Chairman **Hub Walsh** (Merced County Supervisor). Outgoing board members were thanked for their service: **Madera County Supervisor Ronn Dominici**, **San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas** and **Kern County Supervisor Raymond Watson**.
- The Governing Board approved the District's **2012 PM2.5 Plan**. The plan will bring the air basin into attainment of 2006 standards for 24-hour fine-particulate matter by the 2019 deadline, with most areas seeing attainment well before then. Some components of the plan will be accelerated, such as lowering the threshold for wood-burning prohibitions. The plan must now be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- The Board approved **enhanced outreach** for the District's pioneering Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) through the District's existing contract with Jeffrey Scott Advertising in Fresno.
- A voluntary emission-reduction agreement with **Tesoro Viejo Inc.** for \$13,901,416 was approved by the Board. Funds will be used to mitigate air-quality impacts from the proposed Tesoro Viejo Specific Plan development in Madera County.
- The Board approved and authorized the District to continue administering the **statewide school bus retrofit program** for other California air districts at the request of the state Air Resources Board.
- The Board approved siting and a lease agreement with City Gate Business Park LLC for a new **nitrogen dioxide near-road monitoring station in Bakersfield**.
- The Board approved \$5,179,963 for 15 emission-reduction projects in the District's three regions through the **Public Benefits Grants Program**. Over their lifetimes, the projects will remove 762 tons of nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter from the air basin.

### December Healthy Air Living Tip

A traditional fireplace emits large amounts of particulate matter and does a poor job of heating your home due to a low heating efficiency. (Reference: <http://www.valleyair.org/aqinfo/WoodBurnPage.htm>)

Tip: During the winter months, be sure to "Check Before You Burn" by going to the link above, or by calling 1-800-766-4463. Consider replacing your traditional fireplace with a pellet stove or an EPA certified woodstove to help reduce up to 98% of PM2.5 emissions and increase your heating efficiency by up to 80%. Visit [http://www.valleyair.org/Grant\\_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm) for cash back incentives on woodstove replacement. For more clean air tips, see [www.healthyairliving.com](http://www.healthyairliving.com).

## October-November District Activities

### *Outreach and Communications*

- Outreach and Communications produced the 2013 edition of the annual Healthy Air Living Kids Calendar. This popular calendar is distributed free of charge to schools, healthcare facility and nonprofits throughout the Valley. The District also rebranded school outreach as the Healthy Air Living Schools program and produced a variety of collateral, including anti-idling signage, available to any school in the Valley to post at their site. A new, free iPhone application for the Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) was also finalized and readied for public release in December.
- OC responded to 117 public calls or emails and 35 media calls, and issued five news releases in October. In November, OC responded to 119 public calls and 16 media calls, and issued five news releases. During October and November, staff took part in 11 outreach events.

## Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 1,174 incentive program applications in October and November. 93 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 707 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$1,799,688 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in October and November, and \$5,988,681 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

Oct/Nov 2012	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
Program	Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts sent out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Claims paid	Sum of Grant Funding
Heavy Duty	707	159	\$9,383,141.21	117	\$ 1,799,688.65	205	\$5,988,681.30
School Bus	0	7	\$1,432,895.64	3	\$ 1,487,253.97	8	\$46,884.81
On-Road Prop 1B	0	104	\$7,827,684.00	277	\$ 16,787,684.00	40	\$2,390,000.00
Lawn and Garden	3	60	\$62,565.73	50	\$52,751.13	0	\$0.00
REMOVE	93	231	\$163,150.00	232	\$363,150.00	2828	\$374,859.11
Burn Cleaner	331	327	\$179,550.00	327	\$179,550.00	119	\$65,250.00
Technology Advancement	40	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$250,460.93
Public Benefit	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$46,927.28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>\$19,048,986.58</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>\$20,670,077.75</b>	<b>3210</b>	<b>\$9,163,063.43</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
1,986	137	66	2,190

Smoking Vehicles	30
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- \$374,859 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$65,250 in Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 119 claims were processed.

## Operations Overview

- Compliance** completed 5160 inspections in October. 188 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 198. In November, 2780 inspections were completed and 182 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 206.
- Permits** received 254 applications in October. 395 permits were issued. In November, 293 applications were received and 367 permits were issued.
- Strategies and Incentives** received 19 smoking vehicle reports in October and 11 in November.
- The District** received 132 environmental documents for review in October and 110 in November.

## Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board\*  
9 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 17

Citizens Advisory Committee\*  
10 a.m. Tues., Jan. 8

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.  
5 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 24

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

\*Webcast