

District Highlights

June 21, 2012 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Board approved \$2.5 million to establish a **truck reuse program**, which will make available late-model drayage trucks from the Bay Area and South Coast (Los Angeles) for the replacement of older trucks in the San Joaquin Valley, resulting in emissions reductions in the air basin.
- The Board also approved an expanded **Tune In, Tune Up** program, from \$2 million to \$4 million this year, which provides funds for vehicle emissions screening and repair. More than 80 percent of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions in the Valley are the result of vehicle use. Tune In, Tune Up is operated in partnership with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN).
- The Board adopted the 2012-13 recommended District budget.
- Proposed amendments to **District Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI)** were tabled until recently received comments can be reviewed and considered by staff.
- The Board voted to support the **California League of Food Processors Extra Legal Weight Pilot Program** which would study the impact of increasing the federal truck weight limit from 80,000 to 94,000 pounds. If the proposal for the 90 day study for one agricultural commodity is approved by CalTrans, the District would evaluate the impact of the change on air emissions, while others would examine the impact on fuel usage, mileage, and safety. Heavy-duty trucks are the largest single source of nitrogen oxides (NOx) in the Valley.
- The Board also voted to support the **Common Sense Legislative Exceptional Events Reform Act of 2012 (H.R. 5381)**, which would require EPA to publicly disclose criteria for designating exceedances of air quality standards caused by wildfires, wind storms, etc. as exceptional events. It would also require EPA to review exceptional events requests within 90 days, and would reduce burden on states and air districts by basing EPA's determinations on a preponderance of evidence.
- The Governing Board voted to revisit initial **Public Benefits Grants** program recommendations at the next meeting.

June Healthy Air Living Tip

During the summer months, you can take steps to lower your energy bill while reducing air pollution.

TIP: Set your home thermostat 2 degrees higher to reduce your summertime energy consumption by as much as 6 percent. Also, use the summer heat to line-dry your clothes when possible. Minimizing your energy bill will also reduce air pollution from power plants. For more clean-air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

May District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- May was Bike Month and Outreach and Communications participated in numerous Bike to Work events throughout the air basin. The For Reel Video Contest continued to gain momentum and entry receipt escalated.
- OC responded to 51 public calls or emails and 13 media calls, and issued one health cautionary statement in May. District staff took part in 26 outreach events during the month.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 178 incentive program applications in May. 26 were for the Wood Stove Change Out Program and 39 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.

- \$5,514,119 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in May. \$7,965,384 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

Program	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
	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	39	79	\$2,965,434.23	118	\$5,514,118.92	89	\$7,965,384.32
School Bus	1	1	\$36,305.84	0	\$0.00	280	\$4,390,594.78
On-Road Prop 1B	1	34	\$5,670,000.00	36	\$8,631,000.00	2	\$100,000.00
Lawn and Garden	0	1	\$250.00	1	\$250.00	0	\$0.00
REMOVE	108	64	\$43,130.00	74	\$77,190.00	6	\$21,140.00
Burn Cleaner	26	18	\$9,350.00	18	\$9,350.00	645	\$360,450.00
Technology Advancement	0	2	\$280,000.00	2	\$378,250.00	3	\$116,175.00
Public Benefit	3	1	\$11,442.00	1	\$11,442.00	23	\$459,270.40
Totals	178	200	\$ 9,015,912.07	250	\$14,621,600.92	1048	\$ 13,413,014.50

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
1,942	70	50	2,062

- \$21,140 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$360,450 in Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 645 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 3,720 inspections in May. 189 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 269.
- **Permits** received 207 applications in May. 334 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 11 smoking vehicle reports.
- **The District** received 146 environmental documents for review.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., Aug. 16

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Aug. 7

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 pm Thurs., Jun 28 & Aug. 23

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: www.valleyair.org *Webcast