

District Highlights

February 21, 2013 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board approved nine new projects totaling \$3,820,179 for **Technology Advancement Program** funding. The projects were received through a Request for Proposals, and competitively scored and ranked. The grant program was adopted in 2010, and identifies, solicits and supports projects that accelerate the use of innovative clean-air technologies that can bring about emissions reductions as rapidly as practicable.
- The Board heard a report on recent District **incentive program audits** by the state Air Resources Board and the state Department of Finance. The audits found the programs are efficiently and effectively achieving their emission-reduction objectives.
- The Board also heard a report on transboundary ozone – ozone that originates outside the Valley air basin – and approved a **contract amendment with University of California, Davis** for additional research.
- The Board approved amendments to **Rule 1020 (Definitions)**, which defines terms used in other District rules. The rule is periodically updated to reflect definition revisions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- The draft **2012 Annual Report** was reviewed and approved by the Board. About 5,000 copies of the publication will be produced and distributed free of charge throughout the Valley.

February Healthy Air Living Tip

Pollution levels can change significantly throughout the day. Did you know that you can get **real-time, localized** air-quality information designed to help you minimize the negative health impacts of exercise and other outdoor activities?

Tip: Be informed about the air quality in your area when planning your outdoor activities. Visit the District's RAAN website and register to receive real-time air quality email updates.

Visit: http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/RAAN/raan_landing.htm

For more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

January District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In January, Outreach and Communications fielded a high number of public inquiries about wood burning, the result of back-to-back curtailments. Staff also completed distribution of the annual Clean Air Kids Calendar, organized the District's annual attendance at the World Ag Expo in February and prepared the 2012 Annual Report.
- OC responded to 140 public calls or emails and 14 media calls, issued two news releases and gave one presentation in January.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 444 incentive program applications in January. 176 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 175 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$3,224,835 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in January, and \$8,560,178 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

January 2013	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	175	108	\$7,499,304.29	94	\$3,224,835.22	166	\$8,560,178.95
School Bus	0	4	\$824,298.74	9	\$711,148.25	0	\$0.00
On-Road Prop 1B	0	4	\$70,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	116	\$6,031,000.00
Lawn and Garden	0	0	\$0.00	1	\$600.98	17	\$94,219.50
REMOVE	92	55	\$73,710.00	60	\$82,740.00	1,487	\$322,771.00
Burn Cleaner	176	160	\$82,750.00	160	\$82,750.00	167	\$94,000.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$195,000.00
Public Benefit	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals	444	323	\$7,655,764.29	315	\$3,390,926.20	1,839	\$9,266,169.45

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
280	38	31	349

- \$322,771 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$94,000 in Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 167 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 4,897 inspections in January. 454 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 216.
- **Permits** received 540 applications in January. 365 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 11 smoking vehicle reports in January.
- **The District** received 137 environmental documents for review in January.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., March 21

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., March 5

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 pm Thurs., Feb. 28

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

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