

District Highlights

June 20, 2013 Action by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board accepted \$143,421 in State **Carl Moyer Program** funds to be used in the Truck Improvement/Modernization Benefitting Emission Reductions (TIMBER) Program.
- The Board approved a contract with University of California, Davis for \$99,747 for an 18-month study that will **determine the impact of long-distance flows of ozone from Asia on Valley air quality using aircraft monitoring.**
- The Board adopted **Rule 9610 (State Implementation Plan Credit for Emission Reductions Generated through Incentive Programs)** This rule provides a new administrative mechanism for the District to receive Clean Air Act credit for emission reductions achieved in the Valley through incentive programs administered by the District, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and state Air Resources Board (ARB). The rule will now go to the ARB and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval.
- The Board approved a list of recommendations aimed at streamlining the implementation and effectiveness of the federal **Clean Air Act**. The Board also authorized the executive director to urge the ARB and EPA to undertake streamlining actions.
- The Board authorized the submission to EPA of the District's quantification of contingency measures regarding the **2008 PM2.5 Plan**. The quantification demonstrates that District contingency measures are more than adequate to meet the requirements of EPA policy and the Clean Air Act.
- The Board authorized the District to develop a plan to address emissions from **vehicle idling at school sites.**
- The Board approved the recommended 2013-14 District budget.

June Healthy Air Living Tip

Each weekend, approximately 54 million Americans mow their lawns. According to the federal EPA, one gas-powered push mower produces as much NO_x and VOC emissions as 11 cars over the same period of time, while riding mowers produce as much as 34 cars. Annual lawnmower usage in the USA emits as much pollution as driving an average car an incredible 500 billion miles -- equivalent to more than 1,800 roundtrips to Mars (average distance)!

Ref: <http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/newsreleases.htm>

Tip: Trade in your old gas-powered mower and receive up to \$250 toward the purchase of a new cordless electric mower. For more information about the District's Clean Green Yard Machine program, click on:

www.valleyair.org/lawnmowers.

For more clean air tips, click on www.healthyairliving.com

May District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- May was Bike to Work Month, and Outreach and Communications attended numerous events throughout the Valley. Earth Day events also continued, and staff gave presentations to Valley schools and organizations. Multiple news releases were issued about fires and dust events in the air basin.
- OC responded to 26 public calls or emails and eight media calls, attended 12 presentations and events and issued five news releases.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 248 incentive program applications in May. 14 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 123 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$5,712,157 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in May, and \$2,845,096 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

May 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	123	154	\$6,531,514.25	155	\$5,712,157.01	76	\$2,845,096.14
School Bus	10	0	\$0.00	13	\$821,828.41	3	\$167,751.51
On-Road Prop 1B	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	108	\$5,387,500.00
Lawn and Garden	9	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$851.13
REMOVE	92	180	\$282,964.00	179	\$150,120.00	1,059	\$283,474.41
Burn Cleaner	14	17	\$11,250.00	17	\$11,250.00	29	\$18,250.00
Technology Advancement	0	1	\$500,000.00	1	\$500,000.00	1	\$14,225.10
Public Benefit	0	12	\$746,976.33	2	\$157,174.26	0	\$0.00
Totals	248	364	\$8,072,704.58	367	\$7,352,529.68	1,278	\$8,717,148.29

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
776	39	104	919

Smoking Vehicles	20
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- \$283,474 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$18,250 in Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 29 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 3125 inspections in May. 200 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 138.
- **Permits** received 233 applications in May. 400 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 20 smoking vehicle reports in May.
- **The District** received 87 environmental documents for review in May.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., Aug. 15

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Aug. 6

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 p.m. Thurs., June 27

These bodies will not meet in July.

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