

# District Highlights

## June 18, 2015 Actions by the Governing Board

### **Board Approves Funding for Particulate Emission Control Technology Demonstration Projects for Under-Fired Charbroilers at Valley Restaurants**

Despite significant progress in improving the Valley's air quality, the ever tightening federal standards demand more reductions in emissions throughout the San Joaquin Valley. With the Valley's businesses already subject to the toughest air regulations in the nation, the District has had to explore possible reductions from a wide variety of non-traditional sources including under-fired charbroilers to meet these federal mandates.

Despite extensive research efforts by the District, other California air districts, other states, and the federal EPA, effective and feasible control technologies for reducing particulate emissions from under-fired charbroilers have remained elusive. However, a number of promising technologies have emerged from recent laboratory demonstration projects. Before imposing regulations that may require installation of such technologies on a larger scale at commercial facilities, the District plans to partner with Valley businesses to ensure the viability of such technologies in real world installations at Valley restaurants. Towards that end, the Governing Board approved \$750,000 in funding for the District's new Restaurant Charbroiling Technology Partnership (RCTP) program.

Program will fund the full cost of purchase, installation, operation, and maintenance of pollution control technologies. Project participants must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- Demonstration restaurants must be located in the District
- Systems will be operated and maintained for two years
- Restaurants required to make fiscally reasonable efforts to continue operating control equipment after demonstration
- Funding not be used for day to day operations

### **Board Approves \$4,000,000 for Continued Operation of the Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair Program**

The Governing Board approved \$4 million for the continued implementation of the award-winning Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair Program. This successful partnership with Valley Clean Air Now provides funding for Valley residents to make smog-related repairs to their existing vehicles. To date, the District has held more than 60 weekend repair events throughout the Valley resulting in the repair of over 12,000 vehicles. At these events, Valley residents receive a free smog test and if eligible will receive a voucher worth up to \$600 for smog related repairs. Along with the continuation of the repair program, the District will also implement a new vehicle replacement program through the weekend events utilizing \$2.4 million in funding from the California Air Resources Board. This funding will provide incentives ranging from \$2,500 to \$9,500 to replace older, high emitting vehicles with newer, cleaner, and more fuel efficient models.

## May District Activities

### **Outreach and Communications**

- Outreach and Communications spent May supporting local communities with their Bike-to-Work month activities, prepared for the summer Healthy Air Living and Air Alert campaigns, assisting with the appointment process for a new EJAG member, preparing for the relaunch of the Rule 4901 residential wood burning device registration process and hosting the annual Governing Board Study Session. News items included the smoke impacts from a large biomass fire in Tracy and the ongoing state drought and its effects on air quality.
- In May, OC staff responded to 16 media calls and 69 public calls and emails, issued two news releases and attended 9 events and presentations.

### **Grant and Incentive Programs**

- In May, the District received 324 incentive program applications. 54 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 69 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In May, \$3,297,060 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 74 claims were paid.
- In May, \$311,503 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- In May, \$458,042 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 283 claims were processed.

May 2015	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	69	34	\$1,205,006.08	32	\$1,046,137.01	74	\$3,297,060.21
School Bus	0	1	\$49,620.33	2	\$171,472.75	44	\$530,168.70
On-Road Prop 1B	0	20	\$1,820,000.00	13	\$2,030,000.00	76	\$3,204,200.00
Lawn and Garden	45	34	\$7,599.00	34	\$7,599.00	30	\$6,499.00
REMOVE	153	116	\$655,284.00	116	\$714,777.00	1,774	\$311,503.46
Burn Cleaner	54	52	\$90,500.00	51	\$87,500.00	283	\$458,042.36
Technology Advancement	0	1	\$300,000.00	1	\$300,000.00	0	\$0.00
Public Benefit	3	0	\$0.00	7	\$944,121.00	5	\$100,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>\$4,128,009.41</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>\$5,301,606.76</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>\$7,907,473.73</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
218	18	17	253

### **Operations Overview**

- **Compliance** completed 2327 inspections in May, and 133 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 175.
- **Permits** received 128 applications in May, and 216 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 18 smoking vehicle reports in May.
- **The District** received 115 environmental documents in May.

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### April District Activities

#### **Outreach and Communications**

- Outreach and Communications was busy with outreach for Earth Day events in April, attending 13 events and presentations. The Transboundary Ozone Conference was held at Yosemite, and staff organized the Governing Board's annual study session, which was held in May. News items included the ongoing state drought and its effects on air quality.
- In April, OC staff responded to 12 media calls and 46 public calls and emails, issued two news releases and attended 13 events and presentations.

#### **Grant and Incentive Programs**

- In April, the District received 284 incentive program applications. 74 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 44 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In April, \$1,872,771 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 106 claims were paid.
- In April, \$994,024 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- In April, \$900,597 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 563 claims were processed.

April 2015	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	44	29	\$1,078,098.99	39	\$1,872,771.93	106	\$3,036,681.91
School Bus	1	2	\$171,472.75	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
On-Road Prop 1B	0	7	\$905,000.00	0	\$0.00	68	\$2,863,601.20
Lawn and Garden	19	25	\$4,898.50	25	\$4,898.50	16	\$3,194.49
REMOVE	142	361	\$308,835.27	360	\$249,012.27	3,728	\$994,024.39
Burn Cleaner	74	85	\$150,500.00	81	\$138,500.00	563	\$900,597.35
Technology Advancement	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Public Benefit	3	0	\$0.00	10	\$597,017.93	11	\$163,758.52
<b>Totals</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>\$2,618,805.51</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>\$2,862,200.63</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>\$7,961,857.86</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
150	39	15	204

#### **Operations Overview**

- **Compliance** completed 2741 inspections in April. 146 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 290.
- **Permits** received 166 applications in April. 281 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 20 smoking vehicle reports in April.
- **The District** received 179 environmental documents in April.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Governing Board\***  
**No Board Meeting in July**  
**August 20, 2015**

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***  
**No CAC Meeting in July**  
**August 4, 2015**

**Enviro. Justice Adv. Grp.**  
**5:30 p.m. Aug. 27, 2015**

*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*