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DATE: April 1, 2014

TO: SJVUAPCD Citizens Advisory Committee

FROM: Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) ACTIVITIES**

Attached are highlights from the Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting of February 27, 2014.

Attachments:

Highlights from the EJAG meeting of February 27, 2014 (1 page)
EJAG Grants Committee recommendations for 2014-15 (2 pages)
2014 EJAG Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan (3 pages)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Note: EJAG meetings are now being held every other month.

2014 dates: Feb. 27, April 24, June 26, Aug 28, Oct 23 and Dec 4

EJAG 2014-15 Incentives and Funding Recommendations for Review and Approval – EJAG voted to accept the Grant Committee's incentive funding recommendations (attached). The recommendations now go to the Citizens Advisory Committee for approval and forwarding to the District's Governing Board.

Update on California Air Resources Board (CARB) Truck Rule – Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives program manager, provided a presentation regarding the District's truck incentive programs and the State Air Resources Board's (ARB) implementation of the Truck and Bus Regulation. Todd summarized recommendations adopted by the District's Governing Board for policy and regulatory changes for ARB consideration designed to ensure that the regulation achieves the critical emissions reductions needed to meet the Valley's air quality goals and protect public health, but in a reasonable and pragmatic manner that does not devastate the State's economy. EJAG voted unanimously to fully support the recommendations adopted by the District's Governing Board and to communicate their support to ARB.

EJAG Action Plan – 2014 Goals and Objectives – EJAG unanimously accepted the 2014 Goals and Objectives (attached).

Review of District Outreach Materials – EJAG reviewed the new Healthy Air Living Partners brochure and made suggestions to improve the content.

Next EJAG meeting – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014

Further information may be obtained at:

http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice/Environmental_Justice_idx.htm

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP
GRANTS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF DISTRICT FUNDS FOR 2014-2015**

This recommendation by the committee to the Environmental Justice Advisory Group, EJAG, shall be reviewed at least annually and may be changed at the direction of the EJAG, subject to approval and review by the APCO of the District in conjunction with the CAC of the District, final authority being reserved to the Governing Board of the District.

The Grants Committee hereby makes the following itemized recommendations to the EJAG for the District use of incentive funds including but not limited to, funds provided by DMV fees pursuant to AB 2522:

- 1) **SCHOOL BUSES:** That funds be set aside and for the replacement of school buses in environmental justice (EJ) communities/districts as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three District regions.
- 2) **REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the replacement or retrofitting of privately owned refuse collection vehicles operating primarily in environmental justice communities as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three District regions.
- 3) **ON-ROAD HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the retrofitting or replacement of on-road heavy duty trucks for fleet operators , and/or to provide additional funding for certain small fleets or single owner operators, operating primarily within environmental justice (EJ) areas as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three Regions of the District.
 - 3a) That the District maintain the DMV fee assessed for the EPA non-compliance exceedence for a period of three additional years ONLY if all said monies are used to complete the process of assisting through grants and incentives the replacement or retrofitting of all remaining small fleet and/or single operator trucks as per Item 3 heretofore recommended AND that said funds be matched by CARB or any other entity so empowered by the State of California by not less than \$3.00 for every dollar so generated by the continued DMV fee revenues. In addition the continuation of the fee shall also be contingent upon CARB and/or the State of California also extending the deadline for complete compliance by the same three-year period.
- 4) **LIGHT DUTY PASSENGER VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the continuing Tune-In Tune-Up VOUCHER PROGRAM and the vehicle replacement pilot program, with additional funding allocated specifically within environmental justice (EJ) areas as defined by the EJ Map of the District.
- 5) **HEAVY DUTY ENGINE PROGRAM:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the heavy duty engine program of the District, including but not limited to the following:
 - A) Agricultural Irrigation Pump Engine Component

- B) Agricultural Equipment Replacement Component
- C) Forklift Component
- D) Off-Road Equipment Component

6) **BICYCLE/NON-COMBUSTION MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the continued development of bicycle and non-combustion motorized vehicle components including updating the REMOVE II program, including but not limited to blvds, green ways development, path development, sharing programs, and the development and modifying of components as appropriate and needed. That said allocated funds be divided equally between each of the three Regions of the District. That the District work with CAL-TRANS and the State of California to, where appropriate, be involved in transportation planning.

**2014 Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)
Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan (02/28/14)**

EJAG bylaws require that for each calendar year, EJAG establish goals and objectives, and an action plan to achieve those goals and objectives. These shall strictly adhere to the District's Environmental Justice Strategy. The Air Pollution Control Officer in consultation with the CAC shall have the final authority on approving or revising the EJAG's goals and objectives and the action plan.

The following goals, objectives, and action plan are based on the proposal prepared by the EJAG while incorporating APCO revisions:

Goal/Objective 1: Work collaboratively to maintain a strong working relationship with the CAC.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Increase EJAG representation at CAC monthly meetings	EJAG Chair	On-going	Assign or seek volunteers to attend the next CAC mtg

Goal/Objective 2: Work with the District to ensure specific public documents created by the District are culturally sensitive and reflect EJ principles.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Review documents as selected or recommended by staff and/or EJAG members (outreach materials, etc.)	EJAG District	As needed	Revised or approved documents

Goal/Objective 3: Increase public participation in the efforts of EJAG.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Solicit input from community members and collaborate with community organizations /entities on specific goals/issues/concerns & respond in a timely and appropriate manner.	EJAG Members	On-going	*Documented input from community members. *Each EJAG member will bring a short summary of responses from specific events where appropriate *Collaboration documented
Assist the District with community events and utilization of Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) in EJ communities <i>Examples: *Tune Up / Tune In *Business gatherings</i>	EJAG members / Staff	On-going	Send out flyers, make calls
Update non-profit/EJ organizational list		Ongoing	

Goal/Objective 4: Work with the District to secure grants for public education or emission reduction projects in EJ communities in San Joaquin Valley.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Utilizing State's CalEnviroScreen EJ tool, advocate for the expenditure of AB 32 Cap and Trade revenues in the Valley to achieve both GHG and criteria emissions reductions	EJAG Members	On-going	Develop recommendations
Provide support for grant opportunities identified by the District	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Letters of support In-kind service as needed by EJAG members or community organizations
Explore new grant funding opportunities for community capacity building	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Example: Organizations working with or in environmental justice communities know about & apply for grants such as the EPA Small Grants

Goal/Objective 5: Work with the District to enhance the effectiveness of emission reduction incentive programs in EJ communities in San Joaquin Valley.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Provide input for enhancements in the following areas: -Adoption of zero-emission and other low-emission vehicles in EJ communities -Bicycle lanes and infrastructure -Woodstove upgrades -other incentive programs	Staff	Ongoing	
Continue to make recommendations to the District considering the spending plan for grants	EJAG Members	March/April 2014	Develop recommendations

Goal/Objective 6: The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to be informed and updated regarding: AB32; Cap-and-Trade; SB 375 target; and other air quality legislation and regulation as appropriate and ensure that Environmental Justice communities' concerns are taken into account.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Receive presentations from ARB and/or District staff concerning ARB actions on AB32 and SB375	ARB District	On-going	Presentations made
Review and assess potential impacts of ARB actions on EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	Develop draft comments
Present comments to CAC for approval	EJAG	On-going	Written comments concerning ARB actions Present formal written or verbal comments to ARB upon approval by CAC
Review California Air Resources Board's efforts towards "Adaptive Management" under AB 32 which are aimed at EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	Offer recommendations as appropriate, if any

Goal/Objective 7: The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to encourage consistency and improve attendance at EJAG meetings.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Actively recruit community members to apply for the seats	District / EJAG Members	On-Going / As needed	All seat filled and attendance robust

Goal/Objective 8: The Environmental Justice Advisory Group will continue to be informed and updated regarding the Health-Risk Reduction Strategy.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Receive presentations from District staff concerning Health-Risk Reduction Strategy	District Experts in the field	On-going	Presentations made
Review and assess potential impacts of risk-based criteria on EJ communities	EJAG	On-going	