

Update on Valley Air District's Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

While the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in the Valley, the state, and the country, the Valley Air District **remains open to provide essential services to all stakeholders.**

Simultaneously, we are providing safeguards to keep employees and stakeholders healthy, and to slow and prevent transmission of the virus. To that end, we are following guidelines established by the federal Centers for Disease Control, California Department of Public Health, and local public health agencies, and executive orders by the Governor and the President, and are taking the following precautionary steps:

- **We are asking that stakeholders work with our staff via telephone and email, and refrain from coming to District offices, if at all possible.** For more information about how this is possible, please call your District contacts directly or the District's general phone number for your area:
 - Northern office: (209) 557-6400
 - Central office: (559) 230-6000
 - Southern office: (661) 392-5500
- While we will do all we can to keep our doors open for those who need personal attention, **we ask that those that do come into the office follow the posted procedures, and directions of office staff, to maintain proper social distancing** (staying at least 6 feet away from those you come in contact with at our office).
- **We will be rescheduling all public meetings, or holding them by teleconference or video-teleconference.**
- **We ask that people refrain from attending public hearings in person (e.g. Governing Board, Hearing Board, and other meetings)** – the District will provide alternative methods to provide comments (generally by email or by phone) for all such meetings. These methods will assure that public voices are heard and your comments are considered by our staff, committees, and boards. However, if members of the public do consider it necessary to attend such meetings at our District offices, they will be provided a safe space at our offices from which to attend.

If you run a small business and need assistance, the District's Small Business Assistance office remains operational:

- Northern office: (209) 557-6446
- Central office: (559) 230-5888
- Southern office: (661) 392-5665

If you have an air pollution complaint, call:

- Northern office: (800) 281-7003
- Central office: (800) 870-1037
- Southern office: (800) 926-5550

If you have questions about emission reduction incentive grants, or the status of pending grant applications, call: (559) 230-5858

We intend to keep the public informed of this evolving situation, but for the latest information, or to learn how to remotely attend one of the District's meetings, hearings, or workshops, see the District website: www.valleyair.org