

## **Update on Valley Air District's Response to COVID-19 Pandemic March 18, 2020**

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in the Valley, the state, and the country, but the Valley Air District's continues **to provide essential services to all stakeholders.**

As of noon today, March 18, **the District offices will not be physically accessible to members of the public.** The District continues to remain operational and accessible by phone and email, with all essential services available to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. As the situation evolves, the District will continue to provide updates.

We are providing these 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:

- **District staff remain available by phone**, either via 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
  
- **We will be rescheduling all public meetings, or holding them by teleconference or video-teleconference.**
  
- **All public hearings will be webcast, with no option for the public to attend 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, and have been authorized by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

**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: (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](http://www.valleyair.org)