

Highlights

District Activities for November 2005



November 17, 2005 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Board received and filed the following items and will consider them for adoption at the Dec. 15 meeting:
 - Proposed amendments to Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review)
 - Proposed Rule 4307 (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters – 2.0 MMBtu/hr to 5.0 MMBtu/hr)
 - Proposed Rule 4309 (Dryers, Dehydrators and Ovens)
 - Draft Rule 4694 (Wine Fermentation and Storage Tanks)
 - Proposed Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) and Rule 3180 (Administrative Fees for Indirect Source Review)

- The Governing Board approved a proposal for executive search services to recruit for a new District APCO. **Dave Crow** announced his retirement Nov. 3 after 14 years as the District's chief, effective February 2006. Crow complimented District staff in his message announcing his early retirement. "I got to this point in my long career only because each of you represents the best there is in public service," he said. "We have worked smart and hard over the years and it shows. ... As to the future, I have no worries. Each of you has the brains, experience and integrity to continue to offer the highest level of service to the Board and public."

- The Governing Board approved a contract between the District and Southwest Transportation Agency and Harris Farms, Inc., for the development and construction of **small-scale LNG liquefier**. Upon completion in mid-2006, the liquefier will provide a local source of low-cost LNG for existing, expanding and new Valley heavy-duty fleets. At full capacity, it is estimated that the heavy-duty vehicles utilizing LNG produced by this liquefier will reduce approximately 1,640 tons of NOx and 180 tons of PM. SWTA will own the liquefier unit, which will likely be situated at the Harris Ranch feedlot adjacent to Interstate 5, near Coalinga. The total project cost for the San Joaquin Valley liquefier is \$2.5 million.

Public Relations, Legislative, Outreach and Education

In October, Public Information handled 57 news media inquiries, responded to 149 public inquires and conducted 5 public outreach activities. In addition two press releases dealing with the upcoming potential PM10 attainment and the beginning of the residential wood-burning curtailment season were issued.

The District has launched a multi-media campaign to promote the **Residential Wood-Burning Program**, which began Nov. 1. This year's theme is "Thanks for Checking Before You Burn." In addition to news releases, the District-wide promotion includes radio, TV, print and outdoor advertising in both English and Spanish, as well as a component to reach Hmong residents.

155 schools in five District counties are taking part to date in the Air Quality Flag Program. Fresno Unified School District has committed to placing the flag program, which also includes an

educational component, in 100% of its schools. Each school raises a colored flag that corresponds to that day's AQI to alert staff, students and parents about air quality concerns. Ideas for indoor recess activities also are provided in the free program, sponsored by the District in partnership with the American Lung Assn. of Central California.

Grants and Incentive Program Activities

- The District received **76** Ag Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) applications in October for a total of **380** engines to date.
- **\$599,866** in REMOVE II grant funds was placed under contract in October for qualifying projects.
- **\$1,276,729** was paid out in claims in October.

Recent Efforts of Note

District staff successfully completed the move to the new **northern regional office** at the end of October. Through the Administration Department's excellent planning, cubicle panels, furniture, electronic equipment and supplies for 35 employees were smoothly relocated to the new single-story building at 4800 Enterprise Way, just 1½ blocks from the old building. Information Technology Services met the challenge of getting staff's computers and phones working quickly with the least disturbance and expects the Modesto VTC to be online by the December Governing Board meeting.

The **Tracy Airport Monitoring Site** was brought online Nov. 1. PM2.5, PM10, ozone and NOx levels in western San Joaquin County are being recorded. The site replaces the old one on Tracy-Patterson Pass Road and is a significant area to study the impact of Bay-Area transport on air quality with its proximity to Altamont Pass.

Operations Overview

- 1,196 inspections were conducted by Compliance in October.
- 246 permit applications were received and 958 permits were issued in October.

Upcoming Meetings

2005 Citizens Advisory Committee Schedule – Meetings begin at 10 a.m.

December 6, 2005

2006 CAC Schedule

January 3, 2006

February 7, 2006

March 7, 2006

April 4, 2006

May 2, 2006

June 6, 2006

NO JULY 2006 MEETING

August 1, 2006

September 5, 2006

October 3, 2006

NO NOVEMBER 2006 MEETING

December 5, 2006

2005 Governing Board Schedule – Meetings begin at 9 a.m.

December 15, 2005

2006 Governing Board Schedule

January 19, 2006

February 16, 2006

March 16, 2006

April 20, 2006

May 18, 2006

June 15, 2006

NO JULY 2006 MEETING

August 17, 2006

September 21, 2006

October 19, 2006

NO NOVEMBER 2006 MEETING

December 21, 2006