

Highlights



District Activities for December 2006

December 14 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board approved amendments to **Rule 4401 (Steam Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells)**. The rule addresses emissions from steam enhanced crude oil production wells and any associated vapor collection and control systems. The new amendments tighten equipment repair standards and extend emission control requirements, resulting in reductions of 330 tons per year of volatile organic compounds.
- Tulare County Supervisor Steve Worthley was elected Chair of the Governing Board and incoming Board member, San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas, was elected Vice Chair for 2007. The Board thanked members whose terms end this month including Mike Maggard, Barbara Patrick, Sam Armentrout, Dan Prince and Jack Sieglock. Outgoing member received a plaque in thanks for their years of service. Five new members will join the Board in 2007.

Outgoing Chair Maggard outlined some of the accomplishments of the Board and District including reaching PM10 attainment, increasing educational outreach and reducing 8,000 tons of emissions through grants.

“We also successfully transitioned the leadership of our director,” he said. “But while we have much to be proud of, much more lies ahead. The new standards are onerous, we have our work cut out for us and we will invite the public to help. We’re at a watershed position where in the future, without the public’s support, we’ll never be able to meet these standards.”

- The Governing Board received and filed proposed amendments to **Rule 4702 (Internal Combustion Engines – Phase 2)** and set Jan. 18, 2007 for a public hearing to consider adoption.
- The Board authorized an agreement with the Washington, DC, firm of McGuinness, Norris & Williams to seek appropriations from Congress to help the District meet federal and state attainment standards.

Public Information, Legislative, Outreach and Education

The District’s **2007 Clean Air Kids Calendar** is printed and ready for pick up in the three regional offices. Fourteen colorful entries drawn by District students are featured in the bilingual calendar. The cover art was designed by eighth-grader Taylor Corgiat of Newman. Each year the District distributes 20,000 calendars as part of its education and outreach efforts.

A **Hmong-language calendar** is also being distributed to Hmong and Laotian organizations throughout the San Joaquin Valley and at Hmong New Year celebrations in San Joaquin, Merced and Fresno counties. Calendar photos depict Laotian and Hmong dance and inform the community about the Spare the Air and Check Before You Burn programs. The calendar also advertises the District’s Hmong information phone number that Hmong-speaking residents can call to receive the day’s air quality forecast.

TV and radio commercials promoting the District’s **Residential Wood-Burning Program** are on the air in all three regions. The campaign again asks residents to “Check Before You Burn.” The

campaign includes broadcast and outdoor advertising, as well as news releases in English and Spanish plus a component to reach Hmong residents.

The residential wood-burning curtailment program is in effect Nov. 1 - Feb. 28. Stagnant weather patterns and fog brought the first wood-burning prohibited day to Fresno and Kern counties on November 18. Kern County had 3 wood-burning prohibited days in November and Fresno and Tulare had 1 each. No prohibited days were reported in other District counties last month.

In November, Public Information responded to 31 media calls and 97 public calls. Air quality presentations were given to second graders in Firebaugh, the Clovis AARP and to a CSU-Bakersfield business class.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities

- The District received a total of 52 applications for incentive programs in November.
- The District received 13 agricultural engine electrification (AG ICE) applications in November for a total of 19 engines. The District has received 299 AG ICE applications to date for a total of 877 engines.
- \$4,908,293.96 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract in November.
- \$2,130,919 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims in November.
 - Ag Engines – 20 \$624,011.00
 - Forklift – 1 \$6,575.00
 - On-Road Engines – 6 \$1,438,224.00
 - Off-Road Engines – 3 \$62,109.00
- \$76,500 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims in November.

November Operation Overview

- **The District** received 216 environmental documents in November.
- **Planning** held 9 rule and plan workshops.
- **Compliance** conducted 1,080 inspections and issued 198 NOVs. 287 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 323 applications and issued 209 permits in November.
- **ERIP** received 52 smoking vehicle reports.

Schedule of 2007 Governing Board and CAC Meetings

The Governing Board meets at 9 a.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Central Region Office Board Room.

January 18	NO JULY MEETING
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	NO NOVEMBER MEETING
June 21	December 20

The Citizens Advisory Committee meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Central Region Office Board Room.

January 2	NO JULY MEETING
February 6	August 7
March 6	September 4
April 3	October 2
May 1	NO NOVEMBER MEETING
June 5	December 4