

# Highlights

## District Activities for October 2006

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### October 19 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board heard an oral staff report on the draft **2007 Ozone Plan**, which was released Oct. 2 and workshopped Oct. 17. The plan provides an ambitious list of new measures to reduce smog-forming emissions to help the Valley air basin meet a new, federal air-quality standard. For example, the plan calls for further regulations on some industrial and commercial operations; new District programs to reduce emissions from cars and trucks; public funding to pay for replacing and retrofitting high-polluting engines; and other measures.

Through the plan development and workshop process, the Air District hopes to receive input on the feasibility of the proposed measures and to learn if any opportunities might have been overlooked, how soon new regulations can be adopted and how quickly affected businesses could comply. The level of state and federal funding that can be expected and when new and clean technologies can be placed in service also will be explored. The draft plan is available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or at District offices.

- The Governing Board approved the District **mission statement, vision statement, and core values**. The mission statement reads, "*The San Joaquin Valley Air District is a public health agency whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective and entrepreneurial air quality management strategies.*"

The vision statement expresses the outcome that will be reached when the District achieves its mission. It reads: "*Clean, healthful air for all Valley residents. The District is a leader in air pollution control. Valley residents will take pride in our collective efforts to improve air quality.*" These, along with the core values, will be used to develop the District's Strategic Plan.

- The Governing Board adopted **Rule 2250** (Permit Exempt Equipment Registration) and **Rule 3155** (Permit Exempt Equipment Registration Fees). These new rules are administrative in nature and serve to assure the enforceability of newly adopted and future rules that require emissions reductions from permit-exempt equipment. The registration program will offer a low-cost, streamlined process for regulated sources to demonstrate compliance and assure that the required emission reductions are achieved and enforceable.
- The Board voted to support the recommendations of the Air Quality Partnership of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and other efforts to secure federal funding for incentive programs.
- A voluntary Air Quality Mitigation Agreement in the amount of \$1,779,178 was approved for SKY 21, LLC, and North East 21 Ventures to offset proposed air-quality impacts of their proposed Riverview Development Project in the Bakersfield metro area.

### Public Information, Legislative, Outreach and Education

On Oct. 18, the District co-sponsored a **health symposium** in Fresno on the impacts, challenges and solutions to the Valley's air pollution along with the Fresno Madera Medical Society and the ARB. The District was in the news several times during September with 12 news releases issued on topics ranging from significant fires in the north and south Valley to the District's attainment of the 24-Hour PM 2.5 standard and Spare the Air seasonal totals. Public Information staff also provided outreach and awareness information at nine presentations or events and responded to 100 public calls and 46 media calls in September.

## Grant and Incentive Program Activities

- The District received a total of 37 applications for the incentive programs in September.
- The District received 9 agricultural engine electrification (AG ICE) applications in September for a total of 43 engines. The District has received 269 AG ICE applications to date for a total of 821 engines.
- \$3,663,780 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract in September.
- \$3,797,766.15 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims in September.
  - Ag Engines – 15 \$ 834,453.00
  - On-Road Engines - 9 \$2,963,313.15
- \$66,724.00 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims in September.

## September Operation Overview

- **Planning** received 197 environmental documents and held 10 rule and plan workshops. Four rules were adopted.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,103 inspections and issued 203 NOVs. 115 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 219 applications and issued 281 permits in September.
- **ERIP** received 59 smoking vehicle reports.

## Other District News

The District is sponsoring two **Environmental Justice workshops** in Fresno to give the public an opportunity to learn about important air-quality issues and provide input on the District's draft Environmental Justice Strategy. The strategy will guide the District in further integrating environmental justice in its programs, policies and activities. The workshops will be held in Fresno from 7 to 9 pm Oct. 23 at the First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., and from 9 to 11 am Oct. 25 at the Air District office and via video-conference to the District's regional offices in Bakersfield and Modesto. Additional workshops may be scheduled if necessary. Copies of the public notice and strategy are available in both English and Spanish at [http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public\\_workshops\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm).

Registration information is available at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) for the **2006 San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Symposium**. "Mission Possible: Charting the Forecast to Success" will be held Dec. 6 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bakersfield and will feature CARB Chair Dr. Robert Sawyer as the keynote luncheon speaker. Other special guests include Dr. Jane Hall and her co-authors speaking about their study, "The Health and Related Economic Benefits of Attaining Healthful Air in the SJV," and panel discussions on the Draft 8-Hour Ozone Plan, alternative compliance and maximizing resources to meet our attainment goals.

## Upcoming Meetings

The Governing Board and the Citizens' Advisory Committee are not scheduled to meet in November 2006. **The next Governing Board meeting is set for 9 a.m. Thurs., Dec. 21, and the CAC will meet at 10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 5.**