

Highlights

District Activities for January 2006



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

January 19, 2006 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board received a staff report on the District's **2005 Conservation Management Practices** program. The results of Rule 4550 (CMPs), adopted in August 2004 to reduce PM10 emissions by agricultural sources, were reviewed. Simplified application forms, a web page, additional staff assigned to the effort and workshops helped ensure compliance by affected sources. As a result, the CMP program now includes more than 6,000 approved CMP plans covering 3.2 million acres of farmland and more than 30,000 miles of unpaved roads. Calculated reductions are estimated to reduce PM10 emissions by at least 35.3 tons per day, surpassing the PM10 Plan commitment. Staff is continuing to work with stakeholders and others to ensure the success of the CMP program.
- The Governing Board accepted \$2.9 million in Valley Emergency Clean Air Attainment Program (**VECAP**) funds from CALTRANS for the District's Heavy-Duty Engine Emission Reduction Incentive Program (ERIP). VECAP provides grants for reduced emission engines for heavy-duty on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, irrigation pumps and alternative fuels infrastructure.
- The Governing Board heard an informational report on the findings from the **2005 Public Opinion Survey and Market Research Report** conducted during the Spare the Air season by True North Research. The study measured the views of District residents on air quality, driving behavior, the Spare the Air campaign, District perceptions and reduction strategies. The Executive Summary and the complete report are available on the District's website: http://www.valleyair.org/General_info/pubdocs/pubdocs.htm
- The Governing Board received and filed the following items and will consider them for adoption Feb. 16:
 - 2006 PM10 Plan.
 - Proposed Natural Events Action Plan, designed to protect public health during natural events that could cause PM10 exceedances.
- The Governing Board amended the **2005-06 Legislative Platform** to include supporting legislation that provides litigation relief on air quality issues during the CEQA process for new development projects that satisfy the emission reduction requirements of Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) or standards set by local communities or land-use agencies.
- The Governing Board signed an Air Quality Mitigation Agreement with Lennar Communities, Bakersfield Land Division. The agreement requires the District to use the \$16,800 mitigation fee to fund projects that create contemporaneous emissions reductions and localized air-quality benefits. The 366-home project is on 100 acres within the Bakersfield city limits.

Public Relations, Legislative, Outreach and Education

During December, Public Education handled 140 news media inquiries, responded to 238 public inquiries and conducted three public outreach activities. Fourteen of the 238 public inquiries were related to concerns about the ability of low-income households to adhere to the Residential Wood-

burning Program. Staff issued three news releases – one on the Residential Wood-burning Program and two on the Indirect Source Rule.

The District recorded 12 days in December when **residential wood burning** was prohibited due to Air Quality Index forecasts of 151 and above. The Valley portion of Kern topped the list with 10 days followed by Fresno County with nine days and Kings and Tulare counties with eight each. Three curtailment days were declared in Stanislaus, two in Madera and Merced and one in San Joaquin. Twenty-three wood-burning related NOVs were issued in the Northern Region, 71 in the Central Region and 47 in the South. Contact Public Information for a current list of curtailments by county.

In a move to consolidate daily forecast notification lists, in December **Air Quality Analysis** began sending daily emails to more than 950 web subscribers in a revised, easy-to-understand format. The forecast summarizes AQI by county and includes a two-day fireplace/wood-burning status report and school flag color notice. The public can join any of the District's 25 mailing lists at www.valleyair.org/lists/list.htm or by visiting the Public Information section of the web site.

Grants and Incentive Program Activities

- The District received 36 Ag Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) applications in December for a total of 84 engines. The District has received 132 applications to date for a total of 508 engines.
- \$2,077,723 in heavy-duty component REMOVE II grant funds was placed under contract in December.
- \$818,610 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Program component claims in December.

Operation Overview

- 2,278 inspections were conducted by **Compliance** in December. 192 NOVs were issued and 234 mutually settled cases were recorded.
- 391 **Permit** applications were received and 1,877 permits were issued in December.
- **Planning** received 218 environmental documents, held six workshops, provided 384 educational opportunities and had six rules adopted in December. 56 smoking vehicles were reported.

Upcoming Meetings

2006 CAC Schedule -- Meetings begin at 10 a.m.

February 7, 2006	NO JULY MEETING
March 7, 2006	August 1, 2006
April 4, 2006	September 5, 2006
May 2, 2006	October 3, 2006
June 6, 2006	NO NOVEMBER MEETING
	December 5, 2006

2006 Governing Board Schedule – Meetings begin at 9 a.m.

February 16, 2006	NO JULY MEETING
March 16, 2006	August 17, 2006
April 20, 2006	September 21, 2006
May 18, 2006	October 19, 2006
June 15, 2006	NO NOVEMBER MEETING
	December 21, 2006