

Highlights

District Activities for July 2006



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Upcoming Governing Board Agenda

- The EPA proposed finding the Valley air basin to be in attainment for PM10. A final determination will be made following a public-comment period. This is a historic achievement for the Valley and reflects the hard work and dedication of Valley residents, businesses, organizations and communities.
- During the Governing Board's summer meeting break in July, Air District staff has been busy researching and developing new draft rules for school bus fleets, stationary gas turbines and glass melting furnaces.
- District staff worked with the EPA to strengthen incentive programs so that emission reductions from incentives can be credited in air quality plans. The work will be used to develop a future Governing Board item.
- Several workshops also were held relating to Draft Rule 4602 and 4612 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations Phase I and II), Rule 4311 (Flares) and rule 4103 (Open Burning).

At its August 17 meeting, the Governing Board will hold public hearings about and consider for adoption:

- Amendments to **Rule 4703 (Stationary Gas Turbines)**
- Amendments to **Rule 4354 (Glass Melting Furnaces)**
- **Eight-hour Ozone** Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) SIP Analysis

Other District News – Town Hall Meetings Planned

A series of six Air Quality Town Hall Meetings will be held throughout the Valley July 26-28. The meetings will focus on the state of the Valley's air quality and future challenges to meet new federal, health-based standards for ozone. A discussion paper on the 8-Hour Ozone Plan has been prepared for background information and is available at

http://www.valleyair.org/Town_Hall/Town_Hall_Meetings.htm

Stakeholders and the general public are invited to participate. Town Hall meeting dates are:

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| July 26 | 1 to 4 pm, Bakersfield , Air District offices
7 to 10 pm, Delano , Cesar Chavez High School |
| July 27 | 1 to 4 pm, Fresno , Air District offices
7 to 10 pm, Huron , Huron Middle School |
| July 28 | 9 am to 12 noon, Modesto , Air District offices
2:30 to 5:30 pm, Stockton , San Joaquin COG offices |

Public Information, Outreach and Education

An early start to a hot Valley summer resulted in Spare the Air days being issued in June in all three regions of the air basin. The first Spare the Air day was called in the central and southern regions on June 22. The first for the northern region was June 25. By comparison, the first Spare the Air days last year were July 1 and July 14, respectively.

Also during June, the Air District was frequently in the news. Public Information issued five news releases on the Clean Green Yard Machine program, Spare the Air, PM10, the CAF rule and the ISR rule. Staff handled 75 inquiries from the news media, attended 12 outreach events and answered 130 public calls. See *Valley Air News* for a summary of the 2006 Clean Green Yard Machines program.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- REMOVE II marked its first anniversary at the beginning of July. In the program's initial year, \$1.8 million was executed in grant funds. Among the projects were a videoconference system for Fresno Pacific University to foster e-mobility among the main and regional campuses, and mechanic's training for hybrid and alternative-fuel vehicles. The remainder of the funds went to bike paths and lanes, vanpools, transit buses and hybrid and alternative-fuel fleet vehicles.
- Another \$22.3 million in heavy-duty component funds were executed during the 2005-06 fiscal year for school bus replacement and retrofit, ag internal-combustion engines, infrastructure and other on- and off- road vehicles.
- In June, \$5,924,865 of heavy-duty engine program and REMOVE II grant funds were placed under contract.
- The District received 16 Ag Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) applications in June. A total of 35 engines were included in those applications. The District has received 235 applications to date for a total of 820 engines.
- \$224,137 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Program component claims in June.

AG Engines - 8	\$214,137
Off Road - 1	\$ 10,000

Operation Overview

- **Planning** held 10 rule or plan public workshops or stakeholder meetings in June. During the month, 237 environmental documents were received for review and comment upon and two rules were adopted.
- **Compliance** conducted 1,516 inspections in June and issued 123 NOVs. 271 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 244 applications and issued 323 permits in June.

Upcoming Meetings

Citizens' Advisory Committee – 10 a.m. Aug. 1, 2006

Governing Board – 9 a.m. Aug. 17, 2006