

Highlights

District Activities for September 2007



September 20 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board approved the 2007 PM10 Maintenance Plan and Request for Redesignation. The plan, which includes meteorological analysis, a contingency plan and modeling demonstrating continued attainment through 2020, will allow EPA to officially redesignate the San Joaquin Valley to attainment of the PM10 standards. The Valley's success with PM10 indicates that similar strategies will be effective in the Valley's future air-quality challenges.
- The Board adopted revised amendments to Rule 4703 (Stationery Gas Turbines) and Rule 4682 (Polystyrene Foam, Polyethylene and Polypropylene Manufacturing).
- The Board adopted amendments to Rule 4651 (Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Decontamination of Soil.)
- The Board also adopted amendments to the solvent-cleaning portions of 11 District rules (4603-07; 4612; 4653; 4661-63; 4684).
- The Board approved lease and option agreements with P&N Properties for a 10-year lease for a new location for the southern region office and approved an amendment to extend the current lease with Kern County.
- The Board approved the following contracts:
 - For \$85,000 with Calstart to provide technical assistance in analyzing the cost-effectiveness and viability of various incentive-based emission-reduction measures.
 - For up to a total of \$250,000 with Merced County Assoc. of Governments for second-year, one-to-one matching funds for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Project.

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- In August, Outreach and Communications staff responded to 120 public calls and 76 media calls. Two news releases were issued in English and Spanish. One presentation was given to a community group, and three outreach events were attended in Bakersfield, Fresno and Madera.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for August

- The District received 80 incentive program applications.
- The District received 24 agricultural engine electrification (Ag ICE) applications for a total of 61 engines. The District has received 589 Ag ICE applications to date for a total of 1,340 engines.
- \$1,183,634 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds were placed under contract.
- \$7,490,767.79 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.

▪ Ag Engines – 28	\$2,863,904
▪ Off-Road Engines – 9	\$2,230,597
▪ On Road – 1	\$149,617
▪ School Bus Retrofit – 4	\$2,246,649.79
- \$50,365.39 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.

August Operation Overview

- **The District** received 198 environmental documents for review.

- **Planning** held nine rule and plan public workshops.
- **Compliance** conducted 4,217 inspections and issued 249 NOVs. 328 cases were settled.
- **Permits** received 333 applications and issued 414 permits.
- **ERIP** received 45 smoking vehicle reports.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board
9 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 18

Citizens' Advisory Committee
10 a.m. Tues., Oct. 2

Meetings are held in the Central Region Office, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., in Fresno. The Northern Region Office at 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, and the Southern Region Office, 2700 M St., Bakersfield, participate via video teleconference. Governing Board Meetings also are webcast at www.valleyair.org.