

District Highlights

October 21, 2010 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Board approved amendments to **Rule 4570 (Confined Animal Facilities)**. These are the latest phase in the District's ongoing effort to reduce emissions from Valley dairies and poultry farms. In developing these amendments, the District has worked closely with animal researchers and industry stakeholders, and this work has yielded new scientific information that sheds new light on dairy feed emissions and potential emission control measures. The reductions required by the rule will far exceed the 2007 Ozone Plan reductions commitment of 22.9 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) per day.
- The Governing Board took action to use motor vehicle registration fees to address federal penalties triggered by a few recent exceedances of the federal 1-hour ozone standard. Without this Board action, the 29 million dollar federal penalty would have been charged to Valley businesses that have already made huge investments in technology to reduce their air emissions. The proposal adopted by the Board was consistent with EPA guidance from January 2010 that provided more equitable options for spreading the penalties between mobile sources, which generate over 80% of smog-forming emissions in the Valley, and stationary source businesses, which only cause about 20% of the Valley's air pollution. Money generated by the new \$12 per vehicle fee will be used to purchase new school buses, clean fleet vehicles and other equipment to reduce air pollution. The implementation of this proposal will also ensure that the penalty money can be used to reduce air pollution here in the Valley, and is not consigned to the federal treasury.
- District Health Science Advisor Dr. David Lighthall gave a demonstration of the pilot **Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN)**, an important new tool for schools to obtain current, localized air-quality information that will give them the flexibility to make timely adjustments in their day-to-day outdoor activities. The program enhances a school's ability to allow their students to enjoy outdoor sports and activities as much as possible while protecting students' health when air quality is poor in their specific area. The RAAN program will be officially rolled out in November. Schools, parents and other interested individuals can sign up for RAAN on the District website, www.valleyair.org.
- The Board approved amendments to **Rule 4612 (Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations)**. Proposed amendments are to clarify existing rule language and do not impact the scope, meaning or VOC content limits of current rule language.

September District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- **Check Before You Burn season begins Nov. 1st** – Remember to check your county's air quality before you light a fire from Nov. 1 through Feb. 28. Wood burning will be prohibited when fine particle pollution reaches unhealthy levels in your county. Subscribe to the daily forecast and wood-burning status report list online at www.valleyair.org. If you do have a fire, please burn cleanly by using pellets, manufactured logs or dry, seasoned wood. Gas fireplaces and homes using propane or without natural gas service are exempt from the rule. For more information, please see the website.
- **Thank you, student artists and Valley teachers!** Hundreds of Valley students submitted drawings for the 2011 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar contest and selecting just 14 winners was difficult. The bilingual calendars are free and will be available at the end of December in all offices.

- **District staff is available to make presentations** on the Valley’s air quality or to attend events in your community. Submit a Speaker Request online or call the nearest District office and ask for Outreach and Communications.
- **Free air quality curriculum.** Any Valley teacher can receive free standards-based air quality curriculum. “Blue Sky, Brown Sky...it’s up to YOU!” includes a teacher’s manual, student workbooks plus pencils and stickers for grades K-2 or 3-5. Order online at Programs/Curriculum.
- In September, staff responded to 180 public calls and 24 media calls and issued four news releases. Staff also participated in five outreach events in all District regions.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 115 incentive program applications in September. Of those, 72 were for the Woodstove Change-Out Program, which paid out \$4,700 in claims.
- \$3,634,761.51 in Heavy-Duty Engine program and REMOVE II program grant funds were placed under contract. \$4,735.40 in REMOVE II program claims and \$11,616,855.57 in Heavy-Duty Engine program claims were paid in September.

Component	Number of Claims	Amount Paid
Ag Engine	13	\$ 227,686.72
Ag-UTV	1	\$ 1,605.00
Off-Road	10	\$ 628,900.66
On-Road	1	\$ 226,698.49
On-Road Prop 1B	30	\$ 1,488,500.00
On-Road VIP	3	\$ 135,000.00
School Bus Replacement	156	\$ 8,591,659.11
School Bus Retrofit	44	\$ 307,370.19

Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)

○ NOx	478
○ PM	13
○ ROG	<u>12</u>
Total:	504

September Operations Overview

- **The District** received 139 environmental documents for review in September.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 21 smoking vehicle reports.
- **Compliance** completed 2,832 inspections, issued 281 NOVS and finalized 147 mutual settlement cases.
- **Permits** received 148 applications in September. 262 permits were issued.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., 12/16/10

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., 12/7/10

Environmental Justice Adv. Group
5:30 pm Tues., 12/14/10**

No Governing Board or CAC meetings will be held in November. Meetings take place in the Governing Board Room in the Fresno office and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: www.valleyair.org

* Webcast.

** Tentative