

District Highlights

January 19, 2012 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board welcomed new members **Skip Barwick**, vice-mayor of Tulare, who will serve as **vice chair** of the District board; **Oliver L. Baines III**, Fresno city councilmember; **Sally J. Bomprezzi**, Madera city councilmember; and **Harold Hanson**, Bakersfield councilmember. The Board also recognized the service of outgoing **Chair Steve Worthley**, Tulare County supervisor, who gave a State of the District Report. Supervisor Worthley will remain on the board.
- The Board approved an agreement with **Kings County Association of Governments** for \$97,500 to prepare a community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory.
- The Board adopted amendments to **Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking)**, which will allow Valley businesses and other entities to receive credit for voluntary GHG emission reductions that go beyond regulatory requirements for GHG reductions and occur in the air basin.
- The Board adopted the District's **2012 Legislative Platform**. The platform reflects the District's air quality priorities and provides guidance for District input on state and federal legislative and regulatory actions.
- A new **Green Procurement and Sustainable Practices policy** was adopted. The policy is part of the District's Fast Track component of the Dual Path Ozone Strategy, which implements a variety of voluntary approaches to enable attainment of the 8-hour ozone health standard. It was written to encourage the use of green and sustainable practices within our agency, and also may serve as a model for outside organizations.
- District Health Science Advisor David Lighthall, Ph.D., reported on enhancements to the **Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN)**, which was developed in 2010 to provide Valley schools and the general public with up-to-date, timely, localized air quality information. Version 2.0 of RAAN was launched in January and incorporates feedback from users over the past 18 months of RAAN's operation and additional insights from current research on the health effects of ozone and fine-particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).
- Jonathon London, Ph.D., director of the UC Davis Center for Regional Change and professor of Human and Community Development, reported on **opportunities for enhancing regional clean-air policy**.

January Healthy Air Living Tip

Be sure to **Check Before You Burn** and consider replacing your wood-burning fireplace with a pellet stove or an EPA-certified woodstove to help reduce the amount of harmful particulate matter (PM) released into the atmosphere. To learn about our "Burn Cleaner" woodstove change-out grants, visit www.valleyair.org and for more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

December District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In December, Outreach and Communications finalized, received and distributed 20,000 Healthy Air Living Kids Calendars throughout the eight-county air basin. As in preceding years, the calendar proved to be extremely popular and numerous requests were fulfilled throughout the holiday season.

OC also diligently responded to a steady number of public and media inquiries about the season's historically high number of wood-burning curtailments in the Valley.

- Outreach and Communications responded to 167 public calls or emails and 20 media calls in December. Six news releases sent to Valley-wide media focused on a variety of topics, including Check Before You Burn, new Technology Advancement Program funds and mitigation funds received from a Bay Area power plant. District staff took part in six outreach events.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 216 incentive program applications in December. 140 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 35 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$6,161,636 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in October and November and claims totaling \$6,351,611 were paid.

Component	Number of Claims	Amount Paid
Ag Engine	9	\$115,073
Ag-UTV	2	\$4,650
Marine Vessel	2	\$375,000
Off-Road	14	\$772,691
On-Road	0	\$0.00
On-Road DERA VIP	9	\$280,515
On-Road Prop 1B	64	\$3,072,000
On-Road VIP	12	\$325,000
School Bus Replacement	6	\$375,082
School Bus Retrofit	111	\$948,744
School Bus Tank Replacement	5	\$82,853

Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)

• NOx	524
• PM	25
• ROG	<u>81</u>
Total:	630

- \$230,000 in Technology Advancement Program claims were paid in October and November.
- \$99,180 in REMOVE II Program claims were paid in October and November.
- \$13,500 was paid out in Wood Stove Change Out Program claims in December. A total of 21 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 2,058 inspections in December. 237 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 384.
- **Permits** received 223 applications in December and issued 779 permits.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 18 smoking vehicle reports.
- **The District** received 126 environmental documents for review.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 16

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Feb. 7

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 pm Tues., Feb. 23

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast