

District Highlights

April 18, 2013 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board accepted \$473,643 in unallocated funds from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and the Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District for emission-reduction projects in the San Joaquin Valley. Mojave and Tuolumne requested the Air District administer their unused funds, which would otherwise have gone to the state general fund, because of the District's track record as an effective and efficient incentive program administrator.
- The Board approved a voluntary agreement with Meritage Homes Inc. of California for \$1.94 million to be used to offset emissions associated with the planned Pillsbury Estates development in Manteca.
- The Board approved two new agreements for \$8.75 million with Hydrogen Energy California LLC to mitigate air-quality impacts of a proposed power generation facility in Kern County. If the project is ultimately approved by the California Energy Commission, the funds will be used for emission-reduction projects in the Valley, as close in proximity to Kern County and the power facility as possible.
- The Board also approved a one-year contract extension for \$878,040 with Jeffrey Scott Advertising in Fresno for public education and outreach. After a rigorous proposal process, JSA was awarded the District's contract in 2010 with potential renewals of five one-year terms.
- The 2012-13 wood-burning season was the subject of a report heard by the Governing Board. This past winter, the air basin had the highest percentage of county days meeting the federal standard for fine-particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and the lowest number of days exceeding the standard on record. The air basin also had a remarkable reduction in the number of wood-burning curtailment days this past winter compared to the 2011-12 season, from 34 percent to 94 percent, depending on county.

April Healthy Air Living Tip

In the San Joaquin Valley, passenger vehicles travel more than 67 million miles every day and collectively emit over 6,200 tons of NO_x per year.
Ref: EMFAC 2011 (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/emfac/>)

Tip: Electric and hybrid vehicles are a great way to reduce the impact of your commute. The latest information about District and other financial incentives for purchasing advanced vehicles is available at www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm and at www.energycenter.org/cvrp.

March District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- Outreach and Communications prepared for a busy springtime event season in March as staff anticipated attending several dozen Earth Day events in April throughout the region. The Healthy Air Living Schools Program expanded to include anti-idling school signage production and distribution. Outreach and Communications worked closely with the District's grants program to publicize current and upcoming funding cycles for several grants programs.
- OC responded to 43 public calls or emails and 10 media calls, attended five presentations and events and issued one news release.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 308 incentive program applications in March. 44 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 166 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.

- \$4,035,166 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in March, and \$2,319,144 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

March 2013	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
Program	Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts sent out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Claims paid	Sum of Grant Funding
Heavy Duty	166	165	\$7,842,095.28	144	\$4,035,166.06	65	\$2,319,144.37
School Bus	0	6	\$498,667.04	4	\$417,900.15	4	\$140,000.00
On-Road Prop 1B	0	20	\$1,100,000.00	29	\$1,465,000.00	88	\$4,435,000.00
Lawn and Garden	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	50	\$205,551.51
REMOVE	95	774	\$288,750.00	774	\$288,750.00	1,288	\$375,935.69
Burn Cleaner	44	59	\$32,600.00	59	\$32,600.00	223	\$115,200.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$109,727.49
Public Benefit	3	19	\$1,080,016.29	20	\$1,101,337.17	0	\$0.00
Totals	308	1043	\$10,842,128.61	1030	\$7,340,753.38	1,722	\$7,700,559.06

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
497	40	51	588

- \$375,935 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$115,200 in Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 223 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 4,050 inspections in March. 165 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 333.
- **Permits** received 203 applications in March. 337 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 21 smoking vehicle reports in March.
- **The District** received 126 environmental documents for review in March.

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 p.m. Thurs., April 25

Governing Board Study Session
May 2-3

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

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