

District Highlights

January 17, 2013 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board heard the annual State of the District report by outgoing Chair William O'Brien. The new chair is Tulare Vice-Mayor Skip Barwick. The Board also recognized outgoing Board member Chris Vierra (Ceres City Council) and welcomed new members Supervisor David Couch (Kern County) Supervisor Bob Elliott (San Joaquin County) and Supervisor Tom Wheeler (Madera County).
- The Board accepted **\$50,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** to fund dairy digester demonstration projects in the Valley. The funds will be dispersed through the District's Technology Advancement Program, which encourages the development of emission-reducing technology, or through funding mechanisms created through ongoing collaboration with other agencies.
- The Board approved the District's **2013 legislative platform**. Among the legislative priorities are seeking common-sense improvements to the federal Clean Air Act, support for bills that would reauthorize the Carl Moyer Act and other incentive programs, and streamlining the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and supporting the establishment of an Air Quality and Health Empowerment Zone designation.

January Healthy Air Living Tip

During the winter, warm air escapes through improperly sealed areas around windows and doors. Eliminating such air leaks can save up to 20% on your energy bill and can help District residents collectively reduce NOx emissions by up to 178 tons per year.

Ref: www.energystar.gov and www.arb.ca.gov

Tip: Make your home more energy efficient by plugging air leaks with caulking, sealing, or weather stripping. For more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

December District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- Outreach and Communications distributed most of 20,000 Healthy Air Living Kids Calendars to schools, healthcare facilities and nonprofit organizations throughout the District. The District also released its first iPhone app to the public. The new app features easy-to-navigate information including daily air quality forecasts, wood-burning forecasts and RAAN data.
- OC responded to 62 public calls or emails and 21 media calls, and issued three news releases in December.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 400 incentive program applications in December. 116 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 181 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$4,160,379 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in December, and \$8,021,820 in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims was paid.

December 2012	Applications		Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
	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	181	65	\$4,652,136.63	99	\$ 4,160,379.03	86	\$8,021,820.99	

School Bus	0	12	\$670,882.89	8	\$ 1,285,019.75	0	\$0.00
On-Road Prop 1B	0	1	\$10,000.00	4	\$ 2,630,000.00	66	\$3,540,000.00
Lawn and Garden	0	5	\$417,310.18	9	\$419,919.46	0	\$0.00
REMOVE	100	90	\$133,705.00	88	\$120,490.00	519	\$182,136.25
Burn Cleaner	116	145	\$78,350.00	145	\$78,350.00	78	\$44,000.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$79,000.00
Public Benefit	3	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals	400	318	\$5,962,384.70	353	\$8,694,158.24	751	\$11,866,957.24

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
476	46	55	577

Smoking Vehicles	13
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- \$182,136 was paid out in REMOVE II Program claims.
- \$44,000 in Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change Out Program claims was paid and 145 claims were processed.

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 3,207 inspections in December. 185 NOVS were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 191.
- **Permits** received 203 applications in December. 283 permits were issued.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 13 smoking vehicle reports in December.
- **The District** received 84 environmental documents for review in December.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 21

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Feb.5

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 pm Thurs., Jan. 24

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

New & Renewing Healthy Air Living Partners

California Citrus Mutual, Exeter □ Chevron North America, E & P, Bakersfield □ Children's Museum of Stockton □ Craig Lemos family, Tracy □ Crescent Work & Outdoor, Modesto □ Escalon Premier Brands, a Division of Heinz North, Escalon □ Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., Arvin □ Hilmar Cheese, Hilmar □ Independent Living Center of Kern County, Bakersfield □ John Border Insurance Services, Bakersfield □ Kaiser Permanente Fresno □ Kern High School District, Bakersfield □ Local Lending, Bakersfield □ Macroscopic, Bakersfield □ Madera County □ San Joaquin Community Hospital, Bakersfield □ Stria, Bakersfield □ Turlock USD

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