

District Highlights

The District's Governing Board approves an additional \$3.6 million in funding for the highly-successful Burn Cleaner Incentive Program – The Burn Cleaner Incentive Program is a critical part of the District's strategy to address the impacts of residential wood burning. This voluntary incentive program provides Valley residents with funding to replace their old, high-polluting open hearth fireplaces or uncertified devices with new, cleaner certified units. Public response to the program has been tremendous with the District receiving thousands of applications from Valley residents wanting to upgrade their older dirty devices to new devices which are 20 to 50 times cleaner.

The initial \$2,100,000 funding allocation for this program was exhausted shortly after the program re-launch in September, 2014. To meet the high demand in this program, at the November 2014 Governing Board meeting, the District Governing Board authorized an additional \$2,000,000 in funding bringing the total investment in this important program to \$4,100,000. This additional funding was again quickly exhausted. Interest in this program has remained extremely strong with waiting lists established in all counties of the District.

Given this program's critical role in supporting the District's efforts to address the impacts of residential wood burning, the District's Governing Board approved an additional **\$3.6 million** of funding to the program to address applicants on the waiting lists as well as accommodate new applications for the remainder of the fiscal year. Along with the additional funding, the Board approved several programmatic changes to ensure that the program would remain successful and accessible to the maximum number of Valley residents. These changes included lowering the voucher incentive amount for non-low-income applicants from \$1,500 to \$1,000 to ensure that this popular program is available to as many Valley residents as possible. The District will continue to provide a larger incentive of \$2,500 for low-income residents. The District will also continue to pay an additional \$500 for natural gas fired devices.

December Healthy Air Living Tip

Warm air can leak through improperly sealed areas around windows and doors and into inadequately insulated attics and basements. Eliminating these problems can save up to 20% on your energy bill. Collectively, San Joaquin Valley residents can help reduce smog-causing NOx emissions from energy production by as much as 178 tons per year by sealing and insulating our homes.

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 and ensuring that your attic and basement are properly insulated.

For more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

October District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- Outreach and Communications ramped up for this season's Check Before You Burn program and changes to the Burn Cleaner program with extensive public and media outreach. The annual kids' calendar contest concluded and staff finalized calendar production.
- OC staff responded to 25 media calls and 144 public calls and emails, attended five events and presentations, and issued three news releases in October.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 904 incentive program applications in October. In October, 665 were for the wood stove change-out program. 62 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$2,536,066 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 86 claims were paid.
- \$1,013,042 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- \$12,000 was paid out in Burn Cleaner claims and 20 claims were processed.

November District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- Outreach and Communications was kept busy responding to a high number of public and media calls and emails concerning changes to Check Before You Burn and the Burn Cleaner grant program. The public response to CBYB registrations and Burn Cleaner funding changes was overwhelmingly positive and exceeded staff's expectations.
- OC staff responded to 19 media calls and 709 public calls and emails, attended one event and presentations, and issued four news releases in November.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 1779 incentive program applications. 1649 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 31 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$3,061,320 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 72 claims were paid.
- \$1,038,036 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- \$18,750 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 17 claims were processed.

October 2014	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	62	80	\$3,606,350.53	60	\$2,536,066.59	86	\$2,539,646.34
School Bus	0	3	\$339,119.46	7	\$906,651.32	9	\$159,057.46
On-Road Prop 1B	0	61	\$2,648,100.00	87	\$3,718,400.00	15	\$690,000.00
Lawn and Garden	2	9	\$1,359.00	9	\$1,359.00	8	\$2,000.00
REMOVE	171	330	\$390,960.00	332	\$495,670.00	123	\$1,013,042.01
Burn Cleaner	665	378	\$720,500.00	360	\$683,000.00	20	\$12,000.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$218,004.52
Public Benefit	4	1	\$39,374.00	2	\$1,000,000.00	28	\$479,963.91
Totals	904	862	\$7,745,762.99	857	\$9,341,146.91	290	\$5,113,714.24

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
735	136	32	903

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Heavy Duty	31	48	\$2,584,044.35	44	\$3,061,330.25	72	\$3,046,130.48
School Bus	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	44	\$328,330.64
On-Road Prop 1B	0	74	\$3,059,300.00	54	\$2,454,000.00	36	\$1,641,158.82
Lawn and Garden	2	11	\$2,750.00	11	\$2,750.00	11	\$1,859.00
REMOVE	84	155	\$203,338.00	153	\$178,320.00	3,687	\$1,038,036.73
Burn Cleaner	1649	868	\$1,725,000.00	867	\$1,723,000.00	17	\$18,750.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$2,077.58
Public Benefit	13	0	\$0.00	1	\$804,123.00	0	\$0.00
Totals	1779	1156	\$7,574,432.35	1130	\$8,223,523.25	3,869	\$6,076,343.25

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
802	3,348	36	4,186

Smoking Vehicles	18
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Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 2,391 inspections in October and 2,131 in November. 190 NOVs were issued in October and 195 in November. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 129 in October and 176 in November.
- **Permits** received 181 applications in October and 111 in November. 241 permits were issued in October and 246 in November.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 33 smoking vehicle reports in October and 18 in November.
- **The District** received 133 environmental documents in October and 128 in November.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22

Citizens Advisory Committee*

10 a.m. Tues., Jan. 6

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.

5 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 29

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