

District Highlights

February 18, 2016 Actions by the Governing Board

Tejon Ranchcorp Voluntarily Offers \$127 Million to Mitigate Air Pollution

Tejon Ranchcorp approached the District and offered to enter into a Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreement (VERA) to fully mitigate the emissions associated with construction and operation of the Grapevine Project. Tejon Ranchcorp will incorporate this VERA into their project proposal to Kern County, the Lead Agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Grapevine Project encompasses approximately 8,010 acres southwest of Bakersfield and includes up to 12,000 residential units and up to 5.1 million square feet of commercial land uses to be constructed over a 20-year period. The project is expected to create 600 tons of nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and particulate matter in construction-related emissions, and over 1200 tons per year during peak operations at the development.

The District Governing Board approved the VERA and directed that the dollars provided by the project be reinvested in clean air projects that benefit the area. Utilizing the District's incentive grant programs, the funds provided through the VERA will be awarded to businesses, residents, and municipalities to generate real and quantifiable reductions in emissions. Given the District's experience in administering grants for emission reduction projects, with adequate funding the District can bring about sufficient emission reductions from existing sources of emissions to fully mitigate the project construction and operational emissions. The emission reduction projects will be in place contemporaneously with the various phases of the Grapevine Project and will directly provide air quality benefits in the San Joaquin Valley.

State Cap & Trade Funds to Valley to Advance and Demonstrate Clean Truck Technology

The District Governing Board approved the District's participation in a \$40 million Cap and Trade funded project to demonstrate advanced zero and near zero emission heavy-duty truck technology in the San Joaquin Valley. The California Collaborative Advanced Technology Drayage Truck Demonstration project is a multi-agency partnership between the largest air districts in California focused on demonstrating cutting-edge truck technology capable of operating with zero emissions, particularly when travelling in and around the state's disadvantaged communities. This project supports the necessary development of transformative, zero and near-zero emission technologies for the heavy-duty truck sector, the single largest source of emissions in the Valley. The Governing Board authorized the District to provide up to \$1 million in necessary match funding bringing approximately \$2.3 million in funds to support the demonstration of this technology in the Valley.

January District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- The District spent January compiling the Annual Report to the Community, launching a new grants page for Prop 1B Locomotives, and participating in HAL Schools Press Events. The District also released an RFP in order to obtain a highly qualified full-service advertising agencies with proven work experience in the San Joaquin Valley to develop and execute the District's annual advertising campaign

- In January, District staff responded to 7 media calls and 61 public calls and 32 emails, issued six news releases and attended 4 events and presentations.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- In January, the District received 597 incentive program applications. 378 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 55 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In January, \$4,710,130.19 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 99 claims were paid.
- In January, \$463,110.26 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- In January, \$718,025.23 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 476 claims were processed.

January 2016	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	55	119	\$4,710,130.19	12	\$735,592.58	99	\$2,322,542.35
School Bus	12	1	\$15,582.38	0	\$0.00	12	\$22,035.10
On-Road Prop 1B	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	8	\$360,000.00
Lawn and Garden	5	1	\$150.00	1	\$150.00	8	\$1,645.62
REMOVE	147	148	\$360,243.98	146	\$252,243.98	89	\$463,110.26
Burn Cleaner	378	417	\$698,500.00	417	\$698,500.00	476	\$718,025.23
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$106,498.69
Public Benefit	0	3	\$123,787.73	5	\$360,000.00	33	\$759,414.01
Totals	597	689	\$5,908,394.28	581	\$2,046,486.56	727	\$4,753,271.26

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
37	142	3	182

Smoking Vehicles	9
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Operations Overview

- Completed 2323 inspections in January, and 203 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 132.
- Received 103 permit applications in January, and 128 permits were issued.
- Received 9 smoking vehicle reports in January.
- Received 111 environmental documents in January.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9:00 a.m. Mar. 17, 2016

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10:00 a.m. Apr. 5, 2016

Enviro. Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 p.m. Apr. 28, 2016

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