

# District Highlights

November 17, 2016 Actions by the Governing Board

## **Two Independent Authorities Commend the District for Judicious Exercise of Fiduciary Responsibilities and Cost Containment**

The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) awarded the District the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This award was for the latest District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (fiscal year 2014-15 CAFR) representing a significant achievement for the District and representing its commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental reporting and transparency to the public. To earn this award, an impartial panel judged the CAFR as meeting the high standards of the GFOA program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the District's financial story and motivate the public to read the CAFR.

The Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a joint powers authority that provides special districts, joint power authorities, cities and other public agencies with comprehensive property, liability and workers' compensation coverage, also acknowledged the District. The SDRMA Board of Directors formally recognized "the dedicated efforts of the San Joaquin Valley Air District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention." These efforts have resulted in no paid property or liability claims for program year 2015-16. Through this great accomplishment, the District has earned two additional CIP credits which will result in reduced annual premiums.

## **2016 Wildfires Impact Valley Air Quality**

The District's Governing Board heard a summary of the California wildfires that impacted the Valley's air quality during this past wildfire season. Emissions from wildfires can easily exceed the total emissions inventory for a region, including all mobile and industrial sources combined. The magnitude of these emissions can quickly overwhelm a region's pollution control measures, creating challenging air quality conditions. Multiple fires burning throughout the State this year increased PM2.5 concentrations in the Valley this summer, which is normally a lower concentration time of the year for PM2.5. Since wildfires also produce the ozone precursors of NOx and VOC, the Valley also experienced elevated ozone concentrations during periods of wildfire impacts this past summer. The Board discussed the ongoing extreme drought in California, and how this is continuing to create a historically high potential for wildfires in the region. Staff also presented an update on their progress in working with land managers in the region to create collaborative policies to further support prescribed burning as a means to reduce fuel in the region's forests, and thereby reduce the severity of future wildfires. Specific examples were shared with the Board on successes in this area over this past fire season.

## **September District Activities**

### ***Outreach and Communications***

- The District spent September attending different events up and down the Valley as well as wrapping up the finishing touches on the complete kids kit.

- In September, District staff responded to 19 media calls and 101 public calls and 37 emails, issued seven news releases and attended 13 events and presentations.

### Grant and Incentive Programs

- In September, the District received 536 incentive program applications. 221 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 130 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In September, \$4,977,161.87 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 127 claims were paid.
- In September, \$928,488.13 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- In September, \$137,249.00 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 86 claims were processed.

	September 2016	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
Key	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
Burn Cleaner	Burn Cleaner	221	195	\$333,500.00	195	\$333,500.00	86	\$137,249.00
Heavy Duty	Ag Engine	4	8	\$156,028.55	4	\$147,333.74	19	\$252,508.19
	Off-Road	55	41	\$1,867,000.00	34	\$1,393,800.00	64	\$3,079,350.00
	On-Road DERA VIP	1	4	\$70,000.00	4	\$70,000.00	0	\$0.00
	On-Road Prop 1B	0	3	\$125,000.00	11	\$557,232.88	0	\$0.00
	On-Road TVP	69	43	\$2,031,953.13	43	\$2,031,953.13	19	\$875,685.43
	School Bus Replacement	1	6	\$711,528.24	5	\$661,220.47	10	\$859,132.05
	School Bus Tank Replacement	0	1	\$15,651.95	1	\$17,995.59	15	\$269,959.50
Lawn Garden	Lawn Mower Replacement	15	12	\$2,700.00	12	\$2,700.00	14	\$3,300.00
Public Benefit	Alt-Fuel	5	1	\$57,750.58	2	\$140,000.00	26	\$483,140.36
	Enhanced Transportation Strategies	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$43,835.00
Remove II	Bicycle Infrastructure	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$159,766.00	1	\$10,018.00
	Car Crushing	2	2	\$1,000,000.00	2	\$1,000,000.00	36	\$532,328.08
	Charge Up	0	4	\$70,700.46	1	\$6,000.00	0	\$0.00
	VVIP - Commuter Subsidy	42	1230	\$87,300.00	1230	\$87,300.00	424	\$51,142.05
	Drive Clean - Light and Medium Duty	121	156	\$452,000.00	156	\$452,000.00	120	\$335,000.00
TAP	Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$5,460.30
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>\$6,981,112.91</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>\$7,060,801.81</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>\$6,938,107.96</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
333	82	24	439

Smoking Vehicles	22
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## Operations Overview

- Completed 3,339 inspections in September, and 171 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 164.
- Received 155 permit applications in September, and 225 permits were issued.
- Received 22 smoking vehicle reports in September.
- Received 154 environmental documents in September.

## October District Activities

### Outreach and Communications

- The District spent October gearing up for Wood Burning Season and encouraging the public to register their devices. The District also did some outreach with regards to wind related events, dust and PM. The District also spent most of October soliciting entries for the Kid's Calendar as well as selecting the 14 winners of the Kid's Calendar drawings.
- In October, District staff responded to 17 media calls and 61 public calls and 29 emails, issued three news releases and attended 12 events and presentations.

### Grant and Incentive Programs

- In October, the District received 687 incentive program applications. 289 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 155 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In October, \$12,564,081.23 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and 78 claims were paid.
- In October, \$1,472,552.84 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- In October, \$190,132.85 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims and 110 claims were processed.

Key	October 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
Burn Cleaner	Burn Cleaner	289	285	\$450,500.00	285	\$450,500.00	110	\$190,132.85
Heavy Duty	Ag Engine	4	4	\$292,944.30	6	\$84,303.96	6	\$50,011.39
	Forklift	0	1	\$34,598.16	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Off-Road	48	39	\$1,942,960.42	47	\$1,780,760.42	48	\$1,512,550.00
	On-Road DERA VIP	0	2	\$50,000.00	2	\$50,000.00	0	\$0.00
	On-Road Prop 1B	0	3	\$6,000,000.00	5	\$180,000.00	4	\$200,000.00
	On-Road TVP	103	70	\$3,230,094.86	70	\$3,230,094.86	15	\$703,312.25
	School Bus Replacement	0	6	\$1,003,655.18	8	\$1,213,573.70	5	\$389,630.32
	School Bus Tank Replacement	0	1	\$9,828.31	2	\$64,775.02	0	\$0.00
Lawn Garden	Lawn Mower Replacement	9	10	\$2,300.00	10	\$2,300.00	15	\$3,350.00
Public Benefit	Alt-Fuel	6	18	\$1,210,060.11	5	\$213,783.15	3	\$53,554.87

	Enhanced Transportation Strategies	0	1	\$699,930.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Remove II	Bicycle Infrastructure	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Car Crushing	16	21	\$187,000.00	21	\$187,000.00	190	\$1,078,929.41
	Charge Up	4	2	\$22,000.00	2	\$16,000.00	2	\$12,000.00
	VVIP - Commuter Subsidy	31	2557	\$139,710.00	2557	\$139,710.00	292	\$9,810.00
	Drive Clean - Light and Medium Duty	176	116	\$340,813.43	116	\$340,813.43	128	\$371,813.43
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>3136</b>	<b>\$15,616,394.77</b>	<b>3136</b>	<b>\$7,953,614.54</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>\$4,575,094.52</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
497	112	26	635

Smoking Vehicles	20
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### Operations Overview

- Completed 1,693 inspections in October, and 157 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 197.
- Received 85 permit applications in October, and 182 permits were issued.
- Received 20 smoking vehicle reports in October.
- Received 171 environmental documents in October.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***  
9:00 a.m. Jan. 19, 2017

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***  
10:00 a.m. Jan. 3, 2017

**Enviro. Justice Adv. Grp.**  
5:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 2017

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

\*Webcast