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DATE: December 2, 2014
TO: SJVUAPCD Citizens Advisory Committee
FROM: Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO
Project Coordinator: Samir Sheikh
RE: **REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) ACTIVITIES**

Attached are highlights from the Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting of August 28, 2014.

Attachments:
Highlights from the EJAG meeting of August 28, 2014 (1 page)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2014

Update on potential amendments to Rule 4901 and Burn Cleaner program – Anna Myers and Jaime Holt presented the update. Ms. Myers mentioned how Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters) is the most stringent wood burning rule in the nation in addition to being the most cost effective and health protective. It is anticipated that this amendment will reduce 5.15 tons of directly emitted PM2.5 per day. The primary change is that instead of two declaration levels (*Please Burn Cleanly* or *Wood Burning Prohibited*), there will be three levels: *No Restrictions*, *Burning Discouraged*, *No Burning Unless Registered* and *No Burning for All*. The mid-range level, *No Burning Unless Registered*, allows individuals with clean EPA Phase II certified devices to register those devices with the Air District and then be able to burn on more days than in years past. In addition to the changes to Rule 4901, the District is also proposing increases in the incentive amount and also allows residential property owners to apply for the low income provision if the tenant is low income.

Overview of District Fugitive Dust Regulations – Ryan Hayashi, Compliance Director, presented the overview of the regulations. Regulation VIII limits dust from construction sites; earth moving and excavation activities; bulk material handling, storage and transport; paved and unpaved roads; and unpaved vehicle traffic areas. Regulation VIII requires visible dust be limited to 20 percent opacity and that disturbed surfaces or soil be stabilized. Conservation Management Practices (CMPs) applies to any agricultural operation with 100 continuous acres, and allows farmers to pick from various mitigation measures. 54.4 tons of PM10 have been reduced per day due to these regulations. These CMPs have been instrumental in the District achieving attainment of the federal PM 10 standard and working toward attainment of the federal PM2.5 standard.

Next EJAG meeting – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2014 (*Note, this meeting was subsequently canceled due to there being no pressing issues and the Governing Board Meeting being canceled*)

Further information may be obtained at:

http://www.valleyair.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice/Environmental_Justice_idx.htm