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DATE: March 3, 2015
TO: SJVUAPCD Citizens Advisory Committee
FROM: Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director/APCO
RE: **REPORT ON DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG) ACTIVITIES**

Attached are highlights from the Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting of February 26, 2015.

Attachments:
Highlights from the EJAG meeting of February 26, 2015 (1 page)
2015-16 Incentives and Funding Recommendations (2 pages)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2015

Update on AB 32 Cap and Trade funding for Valley EJ communities – Tom Jordan, provided an overview of Cap and Trade funding that is available and encouraged EJAG to get the word out about funding opportunities. He also provided an update on the CalEnviro Screening tool that has moved away from zip codes to census tracts. Mr. Jordan also mentioned two bills authored by Assemblymember Henry Perea. AB 156 which would provide a 3-year spending plan and provide technical assistance to EJ communities, and AB 904 which would increase access to clean vehicles for low income Californians as part of the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program.

Brown Act Refresher – Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel provided the refresher on the Brown Act. Ms. Fierro provided a brief history on the Act and an overview of how this Act helps to facilitate public participation at public meetings.

EJAG Grants Subcommittee 2015-16 Incentives and Funding Recommendations – The EJAG reviewed and approved the 2015-16 Incentives and Funding Recommendations provided by the Grants Subcommittee (attached).

Next EJAG meeting – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Further information may be obtained at:

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP
GRANTS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF DISTRICT FUNDS FOR 2015-2016**

This recommendation by the committee to the Environmental Justice Advisory Group, EJAG, shall be reviewed at least annually and may be changed at the direction of the EJAG, subject to approval and review by the APCO of the District in conjunction with the CAC of the District, final authority being reserved to the Governing Board of the District.

The Grants Committee hereby makes the following itemized recommendations to the EJAG for the District use of incentive funds including but not limited to, funds provided by DMV fees pursuant to AB 2522, AB 32 and SB 535:

- 1) **SCHOOL BUSES:** That funds be set aside and for the replacement of school buses in environmental justice (EJ) communities/districts as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three District regions.

- 2) **REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the replacement or retrofitting of privately owned refuse collection vehicles operating primarily in environmental justice communities as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three District regions and that the District aggressively explore ways and means to fund this program outside of the existing State Truck Rule Program or any other SIPS.

- 3) **ON-ROAD HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the retrofitting or replacement of on-road heavy duty trucks for fleet operators, and/or to provide additional funding for certain small fleets or single owner operators, operating primarily within environmental justice (EJ) areas as defined by the EJ Map of the District, divided equally between each of the three Regions of the District.

- 4) **LIGHT DUTY PASSENGER VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the continuing TUNE-IN TUNE-UP VOUCHER PROGRAM as well as for the re-establishment of the VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, with additional funding allocated specifically within environmental justice (EJ) areas as defined by the EJ Map of the District.

- 5) **HEAVY DUTY ENGINE PROGRAM:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the heavy duty engine program of the District, including but not limited to the following:
 - A) Agricultural Irrigation Pump Engine Component
 - B) Agricultural Equipment Replacement Component
 - C) Forklift Component
 - D) Off-Road Equipment Component

6) **BICYCLE/NON-COMBUSTION MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the continued development of bicycle and non-combustion motorized vehicle components including updating the REMOVE II program, including but not limited to boulevards, green ways development, path development, sharing programs, and the development and modifying of components as appropriate and needed. That said, allocated funds be divided equally between each of the three Regions of the District. That the District work with CAL-TRANS and the State of California to, where appropriate, be involved in transportation planning.

7) **BURN CLEANER PROGRAM:** That funds be set aside and allocated for the Burn Cleaner Program, a highly successful existing program of the District, to continue to replace existing non-compliant wood or pellet stoves or fireplace inserts with EPA compliant units meeting the Districts standards. Special incentives and/or larger amounts to remain available for property owners and/or residents of EJ communities and areas as defined by the EJ Map of the District.