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DATE: October 6, 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 August 27, 2015.

Attachments:
Highlights from the EJAG meeting of August 27, 2015 (2 page)

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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP (EJAG)
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2015**

Update on Tune In Tune Up Program and New Vehicle Retirement/Replacement Funding for Valley Residents – Todd DeYoung, Program Manager for the Strategies and Incentives Department, provided the update on this award winning District program. The program holds events on the weekends throughout the San Joaquin Valley to test vehicle emissions and provide residents with funding to repair or replace their vehicles. Over 20 events will be held in 2015 and there has been a continual increase in the number of Valley residents participating.

While the District does not have any regulatory authority to reduce the mobile source emissions that make up over 80% of the Valley's emissions, these types of programs are crucial in providing Valley residents with a way to actively participate in reducing mobile source emissions and improving air quality. From its inception, more than 12,000 Valley residents have participated in this program and received up to \$500 to make repairs and emissions improvements to their vehicles.

Mr. DeYoung also explained the recent Plus Up program enhancement to these events which assist those drivers whose vehicles are too old or unrepairable to see long term benefits through repairs. With the new retirement/replacement Plus Up option, Valley residents can receive up to \$9,500 for the purchase of a newer used vehicle. There is also a scrap only option whereby individuals can receive transit subsidy passes up to \$4,500. The District expects to receive up to \$10 million in additional funding from the State due to the success of the program. Mr. DeYoung expressed appreciation for EJAG's support in developing and implementing this new enhancement to the program that has served as a model for the statewide program.

In June 2015 the District approved an additional \$4 million for continued implementation of Tune In Tune Up which includes the retirement/replacement component along with the Plus Up program.

EJAG members praised the District for this program and acknowledged its tremendous success in Valley disadvantaged communities. EJAG members suggested that the District consider offering funding for bicycles as a vehicle replacement option and hold these events in additional smaller communities. The District will continue to work with EJAG to explore additional enhancements and outreach opportunities.

Valley Efforts Related to Cap and Trade Funds – Tom Jordan provided an update regarding the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) 3-year investment plan on how Cap and Trade monies should be spent. Several workshops have been held, including one at the Air District offices which had record attendance. Many Valley stakeholders expressed concern over the difficulties that disadvantaged communities face in applying for funds from a variety of state agencies. District staff and others indicated that a regional allocation for disadvantaged communities could overcome some of the barriers that currently exist for disadvantaged communities to access Cap and Trade funding.

The District is also working closely with technology providers and fleets to identify projects and submit applications for three upcoming CARB Cap and Trade solicitations. The District hopes to submit applications for Cap and Trade funding under the Multi-Source solicitation, the Drayage Truck solicitation, and the Zero Emission Truck and Bus solicitation. Mr. Jordan noted that the Valley needs to remain vigilant in making sure that CARB does not eliminate from consideration technologies that will work for the Valley. This is particularly true for near zero emissions technologies such as natural gas. EJAG member Kevin Hamilton expressed support for efforts to pursue near zero emissions technologies such as natural gas vehicles that would help address Valley mobile source emissions, particularly in the goods movement sector.

Update on District's Rule 9410 Employer Based Trip Reduction Strategy – Ryan Hayashi, Compliance Director provided a brief summary on the District's employer based trip reduction strategy. Mr. Hayashi described the different phases, measures and marketing tools available to employers. Annually, employers will be collecting and submitting information on the modes of transportation used for each eligible employee's commutes both to and from work for every day of the commute verification period. EJAG members expressed support for the District's efforts in this area.

Next EJAG meeting – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015.

Further information may be obtained at:

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