

August 21 Actions by the Governing Board

- The Governing Board adopted clarifications and documentation regarding the **2004 Extreme Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan**. EPA recently asked the District and ARB to clarify some of the provisions in the District's 2004 Ozone Plan so that EPA can move forward and approve the Plan. The clarifications show that the District is on-track - and exceeding - the pollution control commitments in its 2004 Ozone Plan.

The clarifications also demonstrate that the District has contingency measures - a kind of "safety net" - in place in case something goes awry. For example, if mobile source emissions don't decline as quickly as expected between now and 2010, other emission reductions are in place to compensate for a shortfall.

Finally, the clarifications use a new EPA method for calculating mobile source emission reductions. This is a recalculation that EPA insisted on, even though the ARB doesn't believe it is technically appropriate.

The 2004 Ozone Plan addressed the federal one-hour ozone standard adopted in the early 1990s, which EPA replaced with an eight-hour standard in 2004. The eight-hour standard itself was significantly strengthened in early 2008. Despite the revocation of the one-hour standard, the District is still committed to the provisions in its previous plans in accordance with federal "anti-backsliding" requirements.

- The Board heard a staff report on the inaugural **Healthy Air Living Week**, which occurred July 7-13, and presented several awards to Valley residents and organizations for making emission-reducing changes during that week. Recognized were all cities and counties that adopted a Healthy Air Living Week proclamation; Commute Green in the San Joaquin winners; the winner of the Healthy Air Living video contest; and Clean Air Champions. A drawing was also held to determine the winner of a new Toyota Prius, pending contest eligibility. Four-thousand, six-hundred entries were received for the contest.
- The Board approved a sweeping **Climate Change Action Plan** to help the Valley meet new state mandates for reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The goals of the Plan are to assist local land use agencies with issues relative to projects with greenhouse gas emissions, assist Valley businesses in complying with state law related to climate change, and to ensure that climate protection measures do not adversely impact public health or environmental justice communities in the Valley. This will allow the District Board to take a leadership role in fashioning strategies to address global climate-change issues in a manner that will allow the Valley's unique attributes to be both considered and addressed.

Over the next several months, the District will go through a public process to develop new guidelines. Recommendations will be brought to the Board in summer 2009 for consideration.

- The Board approved up to \$550,000 in matching incentive funding to assist school districts in environmental justice communities with the purchase of new school buses through the **Lower-**

Emission School Bus Program. The matching funding assistance is a significant step in moving forward with replacing older, diesel school buses with new buses, and will reduce the health impact associated with children riding on school buses. School districts will have further opportunity to submit applications to replace their older school buses and take advantage of the available matching funding assistance.

- The Board appointed nine members of the District's first **Environmental Justice Advisory Group**. The EJAG is a key initiative of the District's Environmental Justice Strategy and has been formed to assist the District with the implementation of that strategy including such things as providing compliance assistance, communication and outreach to ethnic and low-income communities. Applications are still being taken for three remaining positions.
- The Board received and filed proposed amendments to several rules including Rule 4534 (Glass Melting Furnaces), **Rule 4306** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters-Phase 3), and **Rule 4307** (Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters- 2.0 MMbtu/hr to 5 MMbtu/hr) and proposed new **Rule 4320** (Advanced Options for Boilers, Steam Generators and Processed Heaters Greater than 5 MMbtu/hr). Sept. 18 was set for the public hearing to consider adoption.
- In a report from Eco Transport, the Board heard about a **short sea shipping project** that has the potential to significantly reduce daily truck trips between the Port of Oakland and the San Joaquin Valley. Currently about 1,600 containers move daily between the Oakland and Stockton ports, which is a major source of both air pollution and traffic congestion. Mr. Sadredin asked the board to permit the District work with the company to further evaluate the project and joint funding possibilities with the Bay Area.

Public Information, Outreach and Education

- **Calendar contest entries due Oct. 13** – Entries for the 2009 Healthy Air Kids calendar contest are due Oct. 13. The contest is open to all students in grades k-12 who live in the air district and there is no charge to enter. See details at [www.valleyair.org/kids/clean air calendar contest.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/kids/clean_air_calendar_contest.htm).
- The public's interest in Healthy Air Living Week increased the number of calls to Outreach and Communications. Staff responded to 59 media calls and 181 public calls in June. In July, staff responded to 105 media calls and 244 public calls. Staff participated in 18 outreach events or presentations in June and July, and issued 11 news releases during that time. Prop. IB funds, health cautionary statements, workshops on the Rule 4901 amendments and Healthy Air Living were among the news releases distributed in July.

Grant and Incentive Program Activities for June - July

- The District received 58 incentive program applications in June and 41 in July.
- Heavy-Duty Engine Program and REMOVE II Program grant funds: \$1,795,844 was placed under contract in June. \$1,795,220 was placed under contract in July.
- June: \$6,049,086.55 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims.
 - Ag Engines – 18 \$ 522,128.82
 - Off-Road Engines – 1 \$2,075,331.25
 - On-Road – 4 \$2,775,572.26
 - Locomotive – 1 \$ 182,400.00
 - School Bus Retrofit – 1 \$ 78,594.52
 - School bus Replacement – 1 \$ 415,059.70Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)
 - NOx 432
 - PM 11

- ROG 47
 - Total 490
- July: \$3,653,216.37 was paid out in Heavy-Duty Engine Program claims
 - Ag Engines - 26 \$1,988,314.45
 - Off-Road Engines – 2 \$ 293,393.00
 - On-Road – 2 \$ 565,205.48
 - School Bus Retrofit – 1 \$ 92,507.42
 - School bus Replacement – 1 \$ 713,796.02
 - Heavy-Duty Emission Reductions (tons)
 - NOx 378
 - PM 10
 - ROG 29
 - Total 417
- \$14,700 in REMOVE II Program claims were paid out in June with \$80,923 paid out in July.

June - July Operations Overview

- **The District** received 148 environmental documents for review in June and 108 in July.
- **Planning** held 6 public workshops in June and 6 in July.
- **Compliance** conducted 2,373 inspections in June and 2,805 in July. 214 NOVs were issued in June and 276 were issued in July. 239 cases were settled in June with 240 settled in July.
- **Permits** received 336 applications in June and 324 in July. 353 permits were issued in June and 459 were issued in July.
- **ERIP** received 33 smoking vehicle reports in June and 36 in July.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board

9 a.m. Thurs., Sept. 18

Citizens' Advisory Committee

10 a.m. Tues., Sept. 2, 2008

Please see www.valleyair.org for meeting information.