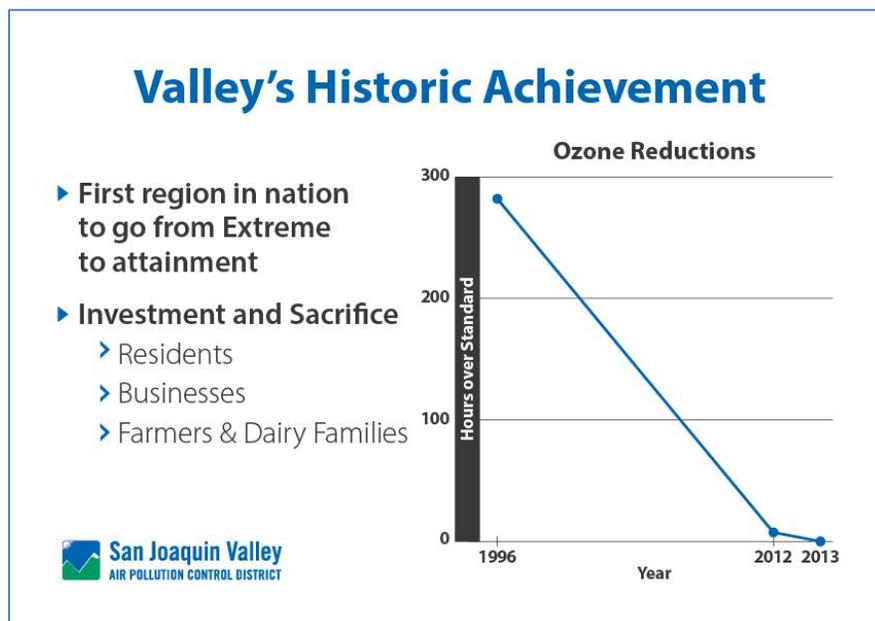


District Highlights

November 21, 2013 Actions by the Governing Board

The District's Governing Board approved sending a request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to declare the Valley air basin in attainment of the federal 1-hour ozone standard - For the first time in recorded history, the San Joaquin Valley in 2013 had zero violations of the hourly ozone standard established under the federal Clean Air Act. With the conclusion of the official ozone season that runs from March through October, the District will now submit a formal request to the federal Environmental Protection Agency to declare the Valley in attainment of the key standard and lift the \$29 million penalty mandate that Valley residents have been paying since late 2010. Reaching this milestone has been the key focus of the Valley's air quality-management strategies for more than two decades. In 2004, EPA classified the Valley as "Extreme" non-attainment for this standard, meaning that reaching the standard, at that time, was deemed impossible. San Joaquin Valley is the first and only region in the nation with 'Extreme' classification to meet the standard.



The District's Governing Board approved an additional \$6 million in funding for school buses and trucks - The District has provided more than \$47 million in incentive funding to retrofit and replace aging school buses in the San Joaquin Valley (Valley). To date, the District has replaced 240 school buses and retrofitted an additional 995 school buses. However, because the Valley is home to the oldest school bus population in California, we continue to have a large population of older, high-polluting school buses operating throughout the District that are chronic self-polluters, putting children at risk.

Valley school districts have been requesting funding assistance to upgrade aging school bus fleets. Recognizing the health benefits to children riding these buses, the District Governing

Board appropriated \$3 million from the District's Public Benefit Grants Program for school bus replacements. District funding will be utilized to leverage an additional \$3 million from Valley school districts by providing up to 50 percent of the cost of a new school bus.

In addition to funding for school buses, the District Governing Board approved an additional \$3 million for truck replacements for small truck fleets impacted by the statewide Truck and Bus regulation. The District has been active in emphasizing the need for solutions surrounding the upcoming regulatory deadlines affecting small truck fleets and single owner/operators. This new funding builds upon the Governing Board's August, 2013 action to prioritize up to \$7 million in local District funding for small truck fleets and single owner-operators and will be available to assist small truck fleets in replacing their old, high-polluting trucks.

District to conduct foothill wood-smoke study – Consistent with the District's Health-Risk Reduction Strategy, the Governing Board approved a field study to assess wood smoke concentrations in the air basin's foothill communities. The study will use smoke assessment by field inspectors and computerized modeling to quantify potential wood smoke concentrations and identify geographic areas likely impacted. The study is being done in lieu of more costly, less effective ambient air quality monitoring, and avoids an unnecessary burden on the Valley's stationary sources under the Clean Air Act.

Verbal status report on the implementation of state Air Resources Board's Truck

Regulation: January 1, 2014 is the next deadline in the state's Truck and Bus regulations. The District has expressed a number of concerns regarding the potential economic and air quality impacts of these regulations. Specifically, the District offered a number of suggestions to the state's Air Resources Board to provide additional flexibility and assistance to small fleets and owner/operators subject to the upcoming deadline. Acting on the recommendations of the District and other stakeholders, the state's Air Resources Board is providing the following flexibility and regulatory relief:

1. Recognize small fleet's "good faith efforts" to comply with the January 1, 2014 regulatory deadline through a compliance advisory. This advisory provides small fleets access to Proposition 1B incentive funding and provides six months for small fleets to take steps to purchase new vehicles, while being considered in compliance with the regulation.
2. Provide additional funding opportunities to assist truck fleets with compliance. This includes a recommendation proposed by the District to prioritize up to \$40 million in Proposition 1B grant funding and loan assistance for small fleets.
3. Provide additional outreach to truck fleets and ongoing compliance assistance to build upon ARB's existing efforts to maximize the reach of their outreach and compliance assistance strategies.
4. Allowing additional trucks to use existing flexibility options including re-opening the low-use agricultural vehicle option and low-mileage construction vehicle option. Additionally, ARB staff recommended increasing the low-mileage exemption from 1,000 miles to 5,000 miles per year through 2020.

November Healthy Air Living Tip

An open-hearth fireplace emits about 50 grams per hour of harmful fine particulates and is only 10 percent efficient in heating your home – not a good deal for your health or your heating bill.

Reference: http://www.valleyair.org/BurnPrograms/wood_burning.htm

Tip: The Air District's Burn Cleaner program gives you money to upgrade to an efficient, low-emission unit that eliminates up to 98 percent of fine-particulate emissions and can increase heating efficiency up to 80 percent! Visit www.valleyair.org/burncleaner for information and streamlined application.

And don't forget to Check Before You Burn this winter: www.valleyair.org/CBYB or 1-800 SMOG INFO.

For more clean air tips, see www.healthyairliving.com.

September-October District Activities *Outreach and Communications*

- Outreach and Communications compiled and reviewed entries for the annual Healthy Air Living Kids Calendar in September and October, and began production. As ozone season wrapped up, OC strategized outreach for pending 1-hour ozone attainment. Staff also produced new collateral and application materials for the Burn Cleaner wood stove change-out grant program, continuing website redesign and coordinated flag program enrollment requests with the District's contractor.
- OC staff responded to 17 media calls and 53 public calls and emails, attended six presentations and events, and issued two news releases in September. In October, staff responded to 11 media calls, 67 public calls and emails, attended six presentations and outreach events and issued three news releases.

Grant and Incentive Programs

- The District received 326 incentive program applications in September and 618 in October. In September, 76 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 106 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program. In October, 163 were for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 142 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- \$5,194,977 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program grant funds in September and 167 claims were paid. In October, \$5,109,239 was placed under contract and 135 claims were paid.
- In September, \$444,513 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims. In October, \$781,129 was paid out in REMOVE II program claims.
- \$11,500 was paid in Burn Cleaner program claims in September and 21 claims were processed. In October, \$20,500 was paid and 37 claims were processed.

September 2013	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid	
		Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts sent out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Claims paid
Heavy Duty	106	98	\$3,902,962.58	87	\$3,305,023.00	167	\$5,650,917.71
School Bus	0	4	\$422,855.76	9	\$835,900.67	29	\$1,130,500.86
On-Road Prop 1B	27	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	44	\$1,728,147.50
<i>Lawn and Garden</i>	10	17	\$3,950.00	17	\$3,950.00	19	\$4,049.00
REMOVE	98	420	\$317,187.00	419	\$251,720.00	501	\$444,513.89
Burn Cleaner	76	56	\$31,750.00	56	\$31,750.00	21	\$11,500.00
Technology Advancement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$144,192.48
Public Benefit	9	3	\$558,799.00	3	\$142,390.96	8	\$117,368.90
Totals	326	598	\$5,237,504.34	591	\$4,570,734.63	792	\$9,231,190.34

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
384	22	42	448

Smoking Vehicles	20
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October 2013	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
Heavy Duty	142	136	\$6,716,195.56	105	\$5,109,239.43	135	\$5,172,377.18
School Bus	0	15	\$978,231.41	5	\$578,711.58	7	\$294,573.12
On-Road Prop 1B	174	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	11	\$480,000.00
Lawn and Garden	10	7	\$1,399.50	7	\$1,399.50	14	\$3,049.50
REMOVE	116	229	\$664,757.69	225	\$264,775.69	1,727	\$781,129.93
Burn Cleaner	163	165	\$92,850.00	165	\$92,850.00	37	\$20,500.00
Technology Advancement	0	1	\$192,400.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Public Benefit	13	5	\$294,187.26	1	\$46,795.45	81	\$1,194,499.65
Totals	618	558	\$8,940,021.42	508	\$6,093,771.65	2,012	\$7,946,129.38

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
Nox	PM	ROG	Total
715	46	46	807
Smoking Vehicles	16		

Operations Overview

- **Compliance** completed 2,484 inspections in September and 3,061 in October. 187 NOVS were issued in September and 187 in October. Mutual settlement case completions in September totaled 114; in October, settlement cases totaled 187.
- **Permits** received 309 applications in September and 261 in October. 332 permits were issued in September and 253 in October.
- **Strategies and Incentives** received 20 smoking vehicle reports in September and 16 in October.
- **The District** received 141 environmental documents for review in September and 166 in October.

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 3

Environmental Justice Adv. Grp.
5:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 5

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room and via video teleconference to the Modesto and Bakersfield offices. Details: www.valleyair.org *Webcast