

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Ron Smith
DATE: January 19, 2010
SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District**

Recommendation:

Receive a report of the proceedings and significant issues discussed at the January 19th, 2010, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District Governing Board meeting.

Background:

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) regulates stationary sources of air pollution, and is overseen by a Governing Board comprised of appointees from the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County's Fifth Supervisorial District and one Public Member appointed by the balance of the Board. Mandated by state and federal laws, the AVAQMD was created as a separate, locally controlled air district out of the South Coast Air Quality Management District in 1991, and transitioned from an air pollution control district to an air quality management district in 2002.

At the January 19th, 2010, meeting, the Governing Board adopted and/or discussed the following significant items:

- Vice-Mayor Ron Smith was unanimously voted 2010 Chair of the AVAQMD Governing Board. Councilperson Marquez rotated her position as the Board's 2009 Vice-Chair to Mr. Dispenza of Palmdale.
- Board discussed timeliness of upcoming Senator Runner's workshop intended to review new State environmental regulations. AVAQMD staff (Staff) expressed concern that (1) new State air quality regulations are evolving too fast, and (2) that the Federal Clean Air Act does not sufficiently address local and regional issues relative to a high desert environment.
- Board requested Staff report back at a future date the accomplishments/progress of Los Angeles County relative to 1988 Antelope Valley Toxic waste Task Force Report.
- Board accepted \$18,794 in Lower Emission School Bus Program funding from the California Air Resource Board for continued implementation of regional AVAQMD programs that enhance local air quality by replacing or upgrading older, less efficient school busses with new, more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles and modifications.

The remaining items approved by the AVAQMD were routine and/or adopted as consent items. The next regularly scheduled AVAQMD Governing Board Meeting is tentatively set for February 16th, 2010.