

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Vice-Mayor Ron Smith
DATE: April 20, 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 April 20th, 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.

The March 16th meeting was cancelled, and the Governing Board met as regularly scheduled on April 20th, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board approved the District's Lawn and Garden Equipment Replacement Program which was very successful last year, and allocated \$10,000 matching funds for the program.
- The Board conducted a public hearing for amendments to Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust) and associated CEQA documentation. Rule 403 has been updated to better fit our region, and now requires submission of a Dust Control Plan. Councilman Smith stated Lancaster is also in the process of revising its Fugitive Dust Control ordinance, while a representative from the L.A. County Agriculture Commission expressed concerns with fire breaks that generate dust. Councilman Smith's opinion was that health issues outweigh the expense to property owners required to clear brush as a component of local fire breaks.
- AVAQMD Staff concerns over the unrealistic pace and implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) of 2006. Councilperson Marquez stated that the issue of AB 32 will be brought before Lancaster City Council at the April 27th meeting.

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 May 18, 2010.