

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez
DATE: May 18, 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 May 18th, 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 Governing Board met as regularly scheduled to discuss and/or approve the following significant items:

- The Board unanimously elected Ms. Sherry Marquez Vice-Chair. Mike Dispenza of Palmdale is the newly elected Chair. Mr. Marvin Crist was sworn in as an AVAQMD Board Member representing the City of Lancaster
- The Board voted to divide \$60,000 in available FY2009-10 AB2766 (motor vehicle registration) funds into two equal portions, and establish a one-time allocation of \$30,000 each to the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.
- The Board conducted a public hearing to consider amendments to Rule 301 (*Permit Fees*). The amendments focus on two specific issues: (1) A 2% fee adjustment to account for increases in the regional Consumer Price Index since 2009; and (2) updating dispensing facility nozzle permits to conform to a per-product fee structure following the requirement for Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) systems in 2003.

The remaining items approved by the AVAQMD were routine and/or adopted as consent items. The next AVAQMD Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2010.