

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez
DATE: June 15, 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 June 15, 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 on June 15, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board approved the payments made to MDAQMD for services provided during the month of April, 2010, in the amount of \$87,495.66.
- The Board approved the adoption of a Resolution approving and adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- The Board approved the amendments to Rule 301 (Permit Fees). The amendments consist of: (1) A 2% fee increase based on the Consumer Price Index; and (2) a \$24.70 fee increase per product or a 15% flat fee increase (whichever is less) for dispensing facility product nozzle permits. State law prohibits any increase over 15%.
- The Board heard a presentation by Inland Energy, Inc. on the proposed Palmdale Hybrid Power Project. A report assessing this presentation and details about Palmdale's proposed power-plant provided by Inland Energy, Inc. is in process and forthcoming from City Staff.

The remaining items approved by the AVAQMD were routine and/or adopted as consent items. The next AVAQMD Governing Board Meeting is set for August 17, 2010.