

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez
DATE: September 14, 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 August 17, 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 August 17, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board approved relinquishing operations and coordination efforts of the Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition and transferring these duties to Mr. Curtis Martin.
- The Board approved the transfer of \$74,595 in unobligated FY 08-09 Carl Moyer Funds to the East Kern Air Pollution District (EKAPCD) for a one-time multi-district Carl Moyer Program agreement between AVAQMD and EKAPCD. The basis of this agreement is that stationary agricultural diesel engines are a significant source of NO_x pollution in both districts. However, local agricultural operations that exist in both districts often straddle district and county boundaries with corresponding crop rotations. The benefit of partnering with EKAPCD is that transferred funds (*which are difficult to expend due to their restricted nature*) will be used to fund programs and compliance of equipment which will ultimately be moved across county lines and operated locally, thereby indirectly yet effectively enhancing Antelope Valley air quality.

The remaining items approved by the AVAQMD were routine and/or adopted as consent items. The next AVAQMD Governing Board Meeting is set for September 21, 2010.