

**MEMORANDUM  
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members  
FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez  
DATE: October 20, 2010  
SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District**

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**Recommendation:**

Receive a report of the proceedings and significant issues discussed at the October 19, 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 October 19, 2010, discussed and/or approved the following significant items:

- The Board awarded the AVAQMD's highest honor, the Wm. J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award to Lancaster's Coast Auto Salvage for local recycling in "salvaging" and support of the AVAQMD's Lawnmower Exchange Program. The Wm. J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award is presented each year in conjunction with National Pollution Prevention Week.
- The Board awarded \$310,364 in Carl Moyer funds to Golden Valley Construction of Tehachapi to retrofit/repower two pieces of off-road, diesel fueled heavy equipment (i.e. scrapers). In the opinion of the Board, funding compliant equipment which operates locally as well as across county lines accomplishes the intent of the program by effectively enhancing Antelope Valley air quality through proximity and in situ operations.
- The Board approved allocating up to \$73,000 in Mobile Source Emission Reduction (AB2766 grant) funds to the Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency (AVSTA) towards the expansion of the AVSTA's slow-fill natural gas fueling station.

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