



**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
FROM: Council Member Sherry Marquez
DATE: June 17, 2009
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 16, 2009, 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.

At the June 16, 2009, meeting, the Governing Board discussed the following significant item(s) with AVAQMD staff (Staff):

- Approval of an agreement between the AVAQMD and Mojave Desert AQMD to provide contract air pollution control services and operations for five years (July, 2009 – July, 2014). Governing board members complimented staff performance since the AVAQMD's inception, but questioned the current level of AVAQMD autonomy and stand alone staffing and operational capability should the AVAQMD Governing Board ever decide to cancel the agreement and proceed separately. Agreement was approved unanimously, and the Governing board members indicated there was no desire to alter the current working arrangement with MDAQMD.

The remaining items approved by the AVAQMD were routine and/or adopted as consent items. The AVAQMD will not meet in July, so the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting will be August 18, 2009.