

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 4, 2011

AGENDA NO. 20

PROPOSAL: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights January 2011 outreach activities of Legislative and Public Affairs, which include: Environmental Justice Update, Community Events/Public Meetings, Business Assistance, and Outreach to Business and Federal, State, and Local Government.

COMMITTEE: Not Applicable

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

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Background

This report summarizes the activities of Legislative and Public Affairs for January 2011. The report includes four major areas: Environmental Justice Update; Community Events/Public Meetings (including the Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services, Communications Center, and Public Information Center); Business Assistance; and Outreach to Business and Federal, State, and Local Governments.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE UPDATE

The following are key environmental justice-related activities in which staff participated during January 2011. These events involve communities which suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

On January 20, staff attended a meeting at Saul Martinez Elementary School to discuss odor issues attributed to three recycling facilities on Cabazon Tribal land. The recycling facilities are working with petroleum fluids, green waste and mixed refuse processing and incinerating. The community affected is outside of Cabazon tribal lands including two public schools, residential and public housing and a community center. AQMD

staff provided technical information, as well as information on how to file air quality complaints in English and Spanish.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Each year, thousands of residents engage in valuable information exchanges through events and meetings that AQMD sponsors alone, or in partnership with others.

Attendees typically receive the following information: tips on reducing their exposure to smog and its health effects; invitations or notices of conferences, seminars, workshops and other public events, ways to participate in AQMD rule and policy development; and assistance in resolving air quality-related problems. The events that AQMD staff attended and provided information and updates include:

- January 12 LA County Metro Transportation Authority Bus Retirement Event
- January 17 Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches Martin Luther King, Jr. Event, San Bernardino
- January 17 San Bernardino MLK Breakfast Meeting with Inland Empire African American Church
- January 20 IKAR Tu B'Shvat Seder Environmental Event, Franklin Canyon, Los Angeles
- January 25-27 SoCal STEM Service Learning Institute, Ontario

Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services

AQMD receives requests for staff to speak on a variety of air quality-related issues. The requests come from organizations such as trade associations, chambers of commerce, community-based groups, schools, hospitals and health-based organizations. AQMD also hosts visitors from around the world who meet with staff on a wide range of air quality issues.

- On January 5, staff provided an overview of the AQMD and air quality issues affecting the region, to a delegation of 19 Chinese government officials, and a tour of the facility and the laboratory.
- On January 10, staff gave a presentation on Proposed Amended Rule 1150.1, Gaseous Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.
- On January 14, staff provided a briefing and a tour of AQMD's facility and laboratory for 10 students from Fullerton Middle School
- On January 14, staff gave a presentation on the AQMD and air pollution to 22 students at Chadwick School, in the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

- On January 19, staff gave a presentation on Rule 1147, NO_x Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources and Permits, to the California Auto Body Association's San Fernando Chapter in Simi Valley.

Communication Center Statistics

The Communication Center handles calls on the AQMD main line, 1-800-CUT-SMOG[®] line and Spanish line. Calls received in the month of January 2011 are summarized below:

Main Line Calls	2,153
1-800-CUT-SMOG [®] Line	1,061
After Hours Calls*	410
Spanish Line Calls	83
Clean Air Connections	17
Total Phone Calls	3,724

* Saturday, Sunday, holidays and after 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Information Center Statistics

The Public Information Center (PIC) handles phone calls and walk-in requests for general information. Information for the month of January 2011 is summarized below:

Visitor Transactions	193
Packages Mailed Out	0
Calls Received by PIC Staff	51
Calls to Automated System	1,390
Total Phone Calls	51
E-mail Advisories Sent	24,627

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

AQMD assists businesses by notifying them of proposed regulations so they can participate in the development of these rules. AQMD also works with other agencies and governments to identify efficient, cost-effective ways to reduce air pollution and shares that information broadly. Additionally, staff provides personalized assistance to small businesses both over the telephone and by on-site consultation. The information is summarized below.

- Conducted 9 free on-site consultations
- Provided permit application assistance to 211 companies
- Issued 10 clearance letters

Types of business assisted:

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| ✓ Soil remediation | ✓ Building management |
| ✓ Food products manufacturing | ✓ Laboratory |
| ✓ Auto body shops | ✓ Restaurants |
| ✓ Gasoline stations | ✓ Dry cleaners |
| ✓ Industrial services | ✓ Construction |

OUTREACH TO BUSINESS AND FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Field visits and communications were conducted with elected officials or staff from the following cities:

Alhambra, Agoura Hills, Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Arcadia, Artesia, Avalon, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Banning, Beaumont, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Big Bear Lake, Bradbury, Brea, Buena Park, Burbank, Calabasas, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Carson, Cathedral City, Cerritos, Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Coachella, Colton, Commerce, Compton, Corona, Costa Mesa, Covina, Cudahy, Culver City, Cypress, Dana Point, Desert Hot Springs, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, El Segundo, Fontana, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Gardena, Glendale, Glendora, Grand Terrace, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Hemet, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Highland, Huntington Beach, Huntington Park, Indian Wells, Indio, Industry, Inglewood, Irvine, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Palma, La Puente, La Quinta, La Verne, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Elsinore, Lake Forest, Lakewood, Lawndale, Loma Linda, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Maywood, Menifee, Mission Viejo, Monrovia, Montclair, Montebello, Monterey Park, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Newport Beach, Norco, Norwalk, Ontario, Orange, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Pasadena, Perris, Pico Rivera, Placentia, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, Rancho Mirage, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rancho Santa Margarita, Redlands, Redondo Beach, Rialto, Riverside, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Bernardino, San Clemente, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Jacinto, San Juan Capistrano, San Marino, Santa Ana, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Seal Beach, Sierra Madre, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, South Pasadena, Stanton, Temecula, Temple City, Torrance, Tustin, Upland, Vernon, Villa Park, Walnut, West Covina, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, Westminster, Whittier, Wildomar, Yorba Linda, and Yucaipa.

Visits and/or communications were conducted with elected officials or staff from the following offices:

- U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
- Congress Member Joe Baca
- State Senator Kevin De Leon
- State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod
- State Senator Robert D. Dutton
- State Senator Roderick Wright
- Assembly Member Betsy Butler
- Assembly Member Steven Bradford
- Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter

Staff represented AQMD and/or provided a presentation to the following groups:

Jewish Community Center, Redondo Beach
Alt-Med Medical & Physical Therapy
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Asthma and Allergy Foundation
Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County
Buena Park Chamber of Commerce
Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County
Carson Chamber of Commerce
Church of Religious Science, Redondo Beach
Claremont Chamber of Commerce
Compton Chamber of Commerce
Congregation Tikvat Jacob, Manhattan Beach
Drift Wood Heath Care Center, Torrance
El Sereno Senior Center
Hope Chapel, Redondo Beach
Industrial Environmental Coalition of Orange County
Inland Action, San Bernardino
Inland Empire League of Cities
Jewish Community Center, Redondo Beach
Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles
League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles County Business Federation
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles Lakers

Los Angeles Sparks
Manhattan Beach Senior Center
Manhattan Beach Community Church
Orange County Business Council
Orange County Sanitation District
Pacific States Environment
Pacific Inn, Redondo Beach
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
Redondo Beach Senior Center
Redondo Beach Senior and Family Services
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Rim of the World Unified School District
Riverside County Department of Facilities Management
Saddleback Unified School District, Laguna Woods
Saddleback College, Laguna Woods
Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Redondo Beach
Saint John's Medical Center
Saint James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach
Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church
San Bernardino Association of Governments
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino Democratic Club
San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Gabriel Valley Managers Association
Seasons Silverado Living of Hermosa Beach
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Council of Governments
South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Sunrise Church of Hermosa Beach
1st United Methodist Church, Redondo Beach
Upland Chamber of Commerce
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce