

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 5, 2014

AGENDA NO. 14

PROPOSAL: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights the June and July 2014 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: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

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BACKGROUND

This report summarizes the activities of Legislative and Public Affairs for June and July 2014. 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 the months of June and July. These events involve communities that may suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

June 7

- Staff provided information on reporting air quality complaints during the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Town Hall meeting where oil production issues were discussed.

June 19

- Staff attended the Healthy San Bernardino Coalition meeting to provide information on the Clean Communities Plan (CCP) including an update on the “Environmental Railyard Research Impacting Community Health” (ENRRICH) study.

June 24

- Staff assisted with the San Bernardino CCP Working Group meeting as they received an update on the status of the CCP. Loma Linda University also presented on the “ENRRICH” study conducted in collaboration with the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ).

June 25

- Staff assisted with the Boyle Heights CCP Working Group meeting as they received an update on the status of the CCP and on Proposed Rule 415 for Odors from Rendering and Inedible Kitchen Grease Processing Facilities.
- Staff met with members of the community and the City of Santa Ana to discuss odors from a nearby business and provided information on reporting air quality complaints and explained the process.

June 26

- Staff attended the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Community Advisory Panel, where issues with surrounding oil fields were discussed, and networked with participants and received interest in the MATES IV study.
- Staff demonstrated electric commercial lawn equipment to the Urban Conservation Corps (UCC) in San Bernardino as part of the CCP pilot project. The commercial electric lawn mower and electric landscaping equipment will be used in the UCC’s youth training program.

July 16

- Staff participated in the Riverside County Health Coalition Working Group meeting and provided information on the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Advisory Group meetings, SCAQMD’s Take a Tour Day, and social media apps.
- Staff attended the Environmental Protection Agency’s (U.S. EPA) Public Hearing on Proposed Updates to Refinery Emission Standards in Wilmington. U.S. EPA’s proposal would require monitoring of air concentrations of benzene around the fence line perimeter of refineries to assure that emissions are controlled and these results would be available to the public.

July 18

- Staff participated in the American Lung Association's Lung Force Fight Against Cancer meeting in San Bernardino and provided information on the 2016 AQMP Advisory Group meetings, SCAQMD's Take a Tour Day, social media and apps.

July 24

- Staff assisted and provided information on reporting air quality complaints at the Proposed Rule 415, Odors from Rendering and Inedible Kitchen Grease Processing Facilities, working group meeting in Boyle Heights. This was the first working group meeting where members and the public learned of the proposed rule. Staff will follow-up with additional outreach.

July 29

- Staff participated in the American Lung Association's Inland Empire Lung Force Walk meeting in Ontario and staff provided information on the 2016 AQMP Advisory Group meetings, SCAQMD's Take a Tour Day, social media and apps.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Each year, thousands of residents engage in valuable information exchanges through events and meetings that SCAQMD sponsors either alone or in partnership with others. Attendees typically receive the following information:

- Tips on reducing their exposure to smog and its health effects;
- Clean air technologies and their deployment;
- Invitations or notices of conferences, seminars, workshops and other public events;
- Ways to participate in SCAQMD's rule and policy development; and
- Assistance in resolving air pollution-related problems.

SCAQMD staff attended and/or provided information and updates at the following events:

June 5

- Today's Fresh Start Charter School Career Day Event, Los Angeles.
- SCAQMD's Commercial Electric Lawn Mower Demo & Kick Off Event, Civic Center Park, Temple City.

June 7

- Robert F. Kennedy Institute's 4th Annual Health Fair, Wilmington Waterfront Park.
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event, Lorbeer Middle School, Diamond Bar.

June 8

- Environmental Informational Fair, Holy Family Church, South Pasadena.

June 24 - 26

- Annual Air & Waste Management Association Conference & Exhibition, Long Beach Convention Center.

June 26

- Western Riverside Council of Governments General Assembly Meeting, Morongo Casino and Resort, Cabazon.

June 30

- Coachella Valley Association of Governments General Assembly Meeting, La Quinta.

July 9

- SCAQMD's Hearing Board meeting regarding Exide, Maywood Academy High School.

July 10

- Assemblymember Jose Medina's Small Business Resource Fair, Sunnymead Elementary School, Moreno Valley.

July 19

- Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez's Open House, Chino.

July 20

- South Pasadena Summer Concert/Green Living Expo, Garfield Park.

July 26

- Assemblymember Chris Holden's 15th Annual Community Block Party Event, Pasadena.

SPEAKERS BUREAU/VISITOR SERVICES

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

June 3

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, provided a tour of the agency's laboratory, and displayed alternative fuel vehicles to six students from

the University of California, Riverside's My Generation group, hosted by the Sierra Club.

- Staff presented information on air pollution problems in the mountain area such as ozone and wildfire issues, and on alternative fuel bus charging stations to 26 attendees at the Crestline Sanitation District, hosted by San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford.

June 11

- Staff provided a tour of the SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters, and displayed alternative fuel vehicles to 22 elementary school students from the Epitome Academy in Diamond Bar.

June 17

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and ways to prevent air pollution to a group of 30 members of the Developmentally Disabled Adults group, at the California Employment Services, Adult Day Care Center in Culver City.

June 19

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and provided a tour of the agency's laboratory, and displayed alternative fuel vehicles to 18 auto design students from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

June 24

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and other related air pollution topics to ten adult attendees at the Peace & Justice Holy Trinity Parish Center in San Pedro.

June 26

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and clean air transportation technologies to members of the American Public Works Association, Long Beach Chapter.

June 27

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, gave a tour of the agency's laboratory and provided a ride and drive of alternative fuel vehicles to two students from UC Berkeley.

July 25

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and provided a tour of the agency's laboratory, and displayed alternative fuel vehicles to 18 auto design students from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

July 29

- Staff presented an overview on SCAQMD, air quality and a tour of the agency's Diamond Bar Headquarters and laboratory to a delegation of 23 representatives from China.

COMMUNICATION CENTER STATISTICS

The Communication Center handles calls on the SCAQMD main line, 1-800-CUT-SMOG[®] line and Spanish line. Calls received in the months of June and July 2014 are summarized below:

Main Line Calls	5,491
1-800-CUT-SMOG [®] Line	2,796
After Hours Calls*	743
Spanish Line Calls	<u>133</u>
<i>Total Calls</i>	9,163

* Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and after
7:00 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 June and July 2014 is summarized below:

Calls Received by PIC Staff	89
Calls to Automated System	<u>2,762</u>
<i>Total Calls</i>	2,851

Visitor Transactions	199
E-Mail Advisories Sent	9,015

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

SCAQMD notifies local businesses of proposed regulations so they can participate in the agency's rule development process. SCAQMD also works with other agencies and governments to identify efficient, cost-effective ways to reduce air pollution and shares that information broadly. Staff provides personalized assistance to small businesses both over the telephone and via on-site consultation. The information is summarized below:

Conducted seven free on-site consultations
Provided permit application assistance to 249 companies
Issued 34 clearance letters

Types of business assisted:

Restaurants	Dry Cleaners	Communications Centers
Gas Stations	Printing Facility	Construction & Architecture
Auto Body Shops	General Contractors	Cabinet/Furniture Manufacturers
Distribution Centers	Auto Repair Shops	Adhesive/Coatings Manufacturers
Recycling Center	Textiles	

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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

Aliso Viejo	Duarte	Monterey Park
Anaheim	El Monte	Orange
Arcadia	Fontana	Palm Desert
Artesia	Fullerton	Palm Springs
Banning	Glendora	Pasadena
Beaumont	Huntington Park	Placentia
Bell	Inglewood	Riverside
Big Bear Lake	Irvine	San Gabriel
Boyle Heights	La Habra	San Marino
Brea	La Mirada	Santa Ana
Buena Park	La Palma	South Gate
Cathedral City	La Quinta	Temple City
Chino	Laguna Woods	Torrance
Coachella	Lake Forest	Tustin
Commerce	Lakewood	Vernon
Corona	Lawndale	Villa Park
Coachella	Loma Linda	Walnut
Commerce	Long Beach	Westminster
Corona	Los Alamitos	Yorba Linda
Costa Mesa	Los Angeles	
Cudahy	Maywood	
Cypress	Mission Viejo	
Dana Point	Monrovia	
Diamond Bar	Montebello	

Visits and/or communications were conducted with elected officials or staff from the following state and federal State Offices

- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

- U.S. Senator Tom Carper (DE)
- U.S. Senator Cory Booker (NJ)
- U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra
- U.S. Congressman Ken Calvert
- U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps
- U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn
- U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter
- U.S. Congressman Gary Miller
- U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy
- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
- U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
- U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz
- U.S. Congressman Albio Sires (NJ)
- U.S. Congressman Mark Takano
- U.S. Congresswoman Ann Wagner (MO)
- U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman
- State Senator Lou Correa
- State Senator Bob Huff
- State Senator Ed Hernandez
- State Senator Ricardo Lara
- State Senator Kevin de León
- State Senator Ted Lieu
- State Senator Fran Pavley
- State Senator Richard Roth
- State Senator Mimi Walters
- State Senator Mark Wyland
- Assembly Member Steve Bradford
- Assembly Member Ed Chau
- Assembly Member Tom Daly
- Assembly Member Curt Hagman
- Assembly Member Isadore Hall
- Assembly Member Diane Harkey
- Assembly Member Chris Holden
- Assembly Member Eric Linder
- Assembly Member Jose Medina
- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez
- Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi
- Assembly Member Alan Mansoor
- Assembly Member Brian Nestande
- Assembly Member John Perez
- Assembly Member Anthony Rendon
- Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez
- Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva
- Assembly Member Donald Wagner

Staff represented SCAQMD and/or provided a presentation to the following government and business organizations:

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Anaheim Amtrak / Metrolink Station
Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
Banning Chamber of Commerce
Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce
California Contract Cities Association, Downey
California Air Resources Board
California Department Conservation, Oil & Gas & Geothermal Division
Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership Organization
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Coachella Valley Council of Governments
Forestry Service, Los Angeles
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Gardena Senior Citizens Bureau
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce
Indio Chamber of Commerce
Inglewood Business Expansion Club
I-710 Freeway Corridor Project Committee
Irvine Chamber of Commerce
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
League of California Cities, Orange County Division
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Metro Transit, Los Angeles
Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce
Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
North Orange County Legislative Alliance
Orange County Business Council
Orange County Board of Supervisors
Orange County City Managers Association
Orange County Council of Governments
Omnitrans Public Transit Agency, San Bernardino
Orange County Transportation Authority
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Riverside County Health Coalition
Riverside County Health Department

Riverside County Transportation Department
San Bernardino Area Chamber
San Bernardino Associated Governments
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
South Bay Business Environmental Coalition
South Orange County Economic Coalition
Southern California Association of Government
United States Green Building Council, Los Angeles Chapter
Upland Chamber of Commerce
Western Riverside County Council of Governments
Western Riverside County Transportation NOW (RTA)
 -Hemet/San Jacinto Chapter, Hemet
 -Moreno Valley/Perris Chapter, Moreno Valley
 -Northwest Chapter, Norco
 -San Gorgonio Pass Chapter, Beaumont
 -Southwest Chapter, Lake Elsinore

Staff represented SCAQMD and/or provided a presentation to the following community groups and organizations:

Athens on the Hill Community Organization, South Los Angeles
Baldwin Hills Community Advisory Panel
Beaumont Senior Center
Bell Public Library
Bell Community Center
Bell Gardens Library
Benjamin Franklin Library, Los Angeles
Bristow Park Branch Library, Commerce
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles
Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy Coalition
College of the Desert, Palm Springs
Commerce Atlantic Branch Library
Commerce Central Library
Commerce Community Center/Aquatorium
Community Foundation, Riverside
Commerce Public Library
Delhi Neighborhood Association, Santa Ana
Dollarhide Neighborhood Center, Compton
East Los Angeles Public Library
East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice Group, Commerce
Eastmont Community Center, Commerce

Earnest Debs Park, Bell
Freedom Park Office, Huntington Park
Florence Public Library, Los Angeles
Graham Public Library, Los Angeles
Greenwood Library, Commerce
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, Gardena
Healthy San Bernardino Coalition
Huntington Park Library
Inland Action Corporation, San Bernardino
Leland R. Weaver Library, South Gate
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works
Los Angeles Unified School District
Maywood Cesar Chavez Library
Montebello Library
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Palm Springs Unified School District
Resurrection Church, Los Angeles
Robert Louis Stevenson Branch Library, Los Angeles
Salvation Army Youth Center, Los Angeles
Salazar Park Senior/Community Center, Los Angeles
Tree Musketeers, El Segundo
University of California, Riverside
Urban Conservation Corps, San Bernardino