

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 10, 2015

AGENDA NO. 21

PROPOSAL: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights the May 2015 outreach activities of Legislative and Public Affairs, which include: an 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 May 2015. 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 SCAQMD staff participated during the month of May. These events involve communities that may suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

May 20

- Staff attended the Riverside County Health Coalition meeting to discuss promoting healthy city initiatives and while there provided information on two upcoming SCAQMD events: the Lawn Mower Exchange in Riverside on May 30th; and the Environmental Justice Community Partnership Forum: Children's Health and Air Pollution to be held in Jurupa Valley on June 17th.

May 21

- Staff participated in the Inland Empire Asthma Coalition meeting, and while there promoted SCAQMD's Environmental Justice Community Partnership Forum: Children's Health and Air Pollution to be held in Jurupa Valley on June 17th.

May 28

- Staff provided assistance during the newly re-formed Exide Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, held in partnership with the Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC). The first meeting, held at Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights, provided an overview of the newly re-formed joint CAG and an update on soil testing by DTSC.

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:

May 1

- San Bernardino County Department of Education's STEMapalooza Student Conference for middle school students, San Bernardino Valley College

May 2

- 6th Annual Long Beach Asthma Resource Fair, Martin Luther King Park, Long Beach
- American Lung Association's Lung Force Expo, American Career College Campus, Ontario

May 7

- Southern California Association of Governments 50th Anniversary General Assembly, JW Marriott, Palm Desert

May 12

- National Center for Sustainable Transportation & California Air Resources Board's Freight and Sustainable Communities Forum, University of California, Riverside

May 15

- 5th Annual Inland Empire High School Black Graduation, California State University, San Bernardino

May 16

- Children's Hospital of Orange County Air Pollution Games Event, Santa Ana College

May 21

- 2015 County of Riverside Vehicle Vendor Expo, Perris

May 22

- Congresswoman Janice Hahn's 2015 Senior Briefing, Carson Community Center

May 29

- Chino State of the City – Chino Safe and Sound Event, Chaffey Chino Community Center

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.

May 13

- Staff presented to 1,000 students of El Roble Intermediate School in Claremont, an overview on the agency, air quality and information on alternative fuel vehicles.

May 15

- Staff presented information on environmental and air quality issues to 100 members of the community at the Avalon Carver Community Center in Los Angeles.
- Eight students from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, visited SCAQMD headquarters, received an overview on the agency, air quality and toured the laboratory.
- Staff presented information on the agency, air quality, alternative fuel vehicles, and careers at SCAQMD to 30 students at Corona High School.

May 19

- Staff participated as judges of science and advanced technology projects and activities developed by Diamond Bar High School students.

May 29

- Staff presented the SCAQMD video “Do One Thing” then gave an overview of the agency, impacts of air quality on health, information on alternative fuel vehicles and other clean technologies, as well as environmental career opportunities to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona’s School of Engineering students, faculty, and community business partners during the University’s Engineering Lunch & Project Showcase.

COMMUNICATION CENTER STATISTICS

The Communication Center handles calls on the SCAQMD main line, 1-800-CUT-SMOG[®] line, the Spanish line, and after hours calls to each of those lines. Calls received in the month of May 2015 were:

Calls to SCAQMD's Main Line and the 1-800-CUT-SMOG [®] Line	3,697
Calls to SCAQMD's Spanish-language Line	<u>27</u>
Total Calls	3,724

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER STATISTICS

The Public Information Center (PIC) handles phone calls and walk-in requests for general information. Information for the month of May 2015 is summarized below:

Calls Received by PIC Staff	121
<u>Calls to Automated System</u>	<u>776</u>
Total Calls	897
Visitor Transactions	178
E-Mail Advisories Sent	5,301

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:

- Provided permit application assistance to 88 companies
- Issued 26 clearance letters

Types of businesses assisted

Auto Body Shops	Engineering	Manufacturers
Architecture	Entertainment	Metal Coatings/Processing Facilities
Coffee Roasting	Food Production	Recycling Facilities
Construction	Gas Stations	Restaurants
Dry Cleaners		

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

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

Azusa	Hemet	Riverside
Arcadia	Highland	Rialto
Agoura Hills	Irvine	Rosemead
Aliso Viejo	Jurupa Valley	San Fernando
Banning	La Habra	San Jacinto
Beaumont	La Palma	Santa Clarita
Brea	Lake Elsinore	San Marino
Calimesa	Laguna Hills	Stanton
Calabasas	Los Angeles	South Gate
Chino	Los Alamitos	South Pasadena
Corona	Menifee	Temecula
Claremont	Mission Viejo	Tustin
Canyon Lake	Monrovia	Upland
Downey	Moreno Valley	Yucaipa
Eastvale	Murrieta	Westminster
El Monte	Norco	West Hollywood
Fontana	Orange	Whittier
Fullerton	Palm Desert	Wildomar
Garden Grove	Perris	

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

- U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- U.S. Congressman Pete Aguilar
- U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass
- U.S. Congressman Ken Calvert
- U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu
- U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn
- U.S. Congressman Ed Royce
- U.S. Congressman Mark Takano
- U.S. Congresswoman Mimi Walters
- State Senator Joel Anderson
- State Senator Kevin De León
- State Senator Ed Hernandez
- State Senator Bob Huff

- State Senator Carol Liu
- State Senator Holly Mitchell
- State Senator Mike Morrell
- State Senator Richard Roth
- State Senator Jeff Stone
- Assembly Member Ed Chau
- Assembly Member Ling-Ling Chang
- Assembly Member Chris Holden
- Assembly Member Young Kim
- Assembly Member Eric Linder
- Assembly Member Chad Mayes
- Assembly Member Jose Medina
- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez
- Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer
- Assembly Member Don Wagner
- Assembly Member Marie Waldron

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

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
 Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
 Association of California Cities, Orange County
 Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
 Corona Chamber of Commerce
 Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
 Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce
 Five Mountain Communities Government Affairs Council, San Bernardino County
 Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce
 Hemet/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce
 Inland Empire Asthma Coalition
 League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
 Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce
 Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
 Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
 North Area Neighborhood Development Council, Los Angeles
 North Orange County Legislative Alliance
 Orange County City Managers Association
 Orange County Transportation Authority
 Riverside Transit Agency
 San Bernardino Associated Governments

San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
South Bay Association Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Business Environmental Coalition
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Southern California Association of Governments
Southern California Green Airport Fleets Partnership
Southwest California Legislative Council

- Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
- Temecula Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce
- Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
- Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce

Upland Chamber of Commerce
Western Riverside Council of Governments
Western Riverside Transportation NOW (RTA)

- Greater Riverside Chapter, Riverside
- Moreno Valley/Perris Chapter
- San Geronimo Pass Chapter, Beaumont
- Southwest Chapter, Wildomar
- Northwest Chapter, Corona

Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce

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

American Lung Association, Inland Counties
American Heart Association, Riverside County
American Cancer Society, Riverside County
Ahmanson Senior Center, Los Angeles
Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley
Castaic Town Council
Carson High School Industry Advisory Board
California State University, Pomona
Corona High School
Dr. Theodore T. Alexander Jr. Science Center School, Los Angeles
Downtown Value School, Los Angeles
Expo Center, Los Angeles
Frank D. Lanterman High School, Los Angeles
Gertz-Ressler High School, Los Angeles
Grid Alternatives, Inland Empire

Healthy African American Family, Los Angeles
Hoover Recreation Center, Los Angeles
John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles
Jurupa Valley School District
Los Angeles Police Department, Southwest Area
Louis Rubidoux Library, Riverside
Mira Loma Middle School, Jurupa Valley
New Designs Charter School, Los Angeles
National Center for Sustainable Transportation
Norwood Street Elementary School
Orthopedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School, Los Angeles
Richard Merkin Middle School, Los Angeles
Riverside County Department of Public Health
Riverside County Health Coalition
Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Star Christian School, Los Angeles
San Bernardino Valley College
St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Los Angeles
St. Vincent Catholic Church, Los Angeles
Willard Villas Apartments, Los Angeles