

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 2, 2016

AGENDA NO. 15

REPORT: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights the October 2016 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 October 2016. 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 October 2016. These events involve communities which suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

#### **October 4**

- Staff met with those who attended the “Environmental Justice Community Partnership Workshop and Environmental Justice Leader Celebration” held on September 24, 2016 in Huntington Beach. Participants provided feedback on ways in which future environmental justice events can be improved.

#### October 6

- Staff met with the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) in San Bernardino. Staff provided an update on the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), while answering questions. CCA EJ and SCAQMD agreed to collaborate on environmental justice efforts whenever possible.

#### October 20

- Staff organized and attended the DTSC and SCAQMD Exide Technologies Community Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was at Huntington Park Community Center and was attended by approximately 50 individuals.

#### October 26

- Staff hosted the “Environmental Justice Community Partnership – Environmental Justice Leader Celebration” in Indio to honor environmental justice leaders in Riverside County. Approximately 40 people attended the event which included community members and leaders of environmental justice groups.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Each year SCAQMD staff engage with thousands of residents, providing valuable information about the agency, incentive programs, and ways individuals can help reduce air pollution through events and meetings sponsored solely by SCAQMD 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;
- SCAQMD incentive programs;
- 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:

#### October 1

- Grassroots Natural Market and Kitchen Health Expo, South Pasadena.
- Rendezvous Back to Route 66 Car Show, Court Street, San Bernardino.

#### October 7

- SCAQMD, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards, Riverside Convention Center.

#### October 8

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Free Health and Community Fair, Ayala Park, Bloomington.

October 14

- San Bernardino County Friends For Regional Parks Golf Tournament, Sierra Lakes Golf Course, Fontana.

October 15

- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival, Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles.
- Los Angeles Unified School District, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual South Los Angeles Youth Sustainability & Empowerment Summit, West Los Angeles College, Culver City.
- Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, 2016 Water Fest, Arcadia County Park, Arcadia.

October 17

- California Safe Schools Coalition, “Your Life is Now” Environmental Health Summit, Los Angeles.

October 20

- Exide Technologies Community Advisory Group Meeting, Banning Park, Wilmington.

October 22

- Clean Air Wilmington, Clean Air Health and Environmental Health Fair, Banning Park.

October 27

- Southern California Energy Water + Green Summit, Palm Springs.

**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.

October 11

- Staff gave a presentation on clean alternative fuel vehicles, cap and trade funding opportunities, and electric vehicle charging, to 20 representatives from the cities of Upland, La Verne, Montclair, Claremont, Fontana, and Rancho Cucamonga at the City of Rancho Cucamonga Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Meeting, held at Central Regional Park.

October 20

- Staff gave an overview presentation on SCAQMD, air quality, and clean alternative fuel vehicles to a class of 30 students at Chapman University in Orange.

October 21

- Thirty-five engineering students from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, visited SCAQMD’s Diamond Bar Headquarters where staff provided them with an overview presentation on SCAQMD, air quality, and clean alternative fuel vehicles.
- Staff provided 15 representatives from FCC Group International (USA), which provides training services and continuing education for Chinese delegations, with an overview presentation on SCAQMD, air quality, a tour of the laboratory, and displayed clean alternative fuel vehicles.

October 26

- Staff provided an overview on SCAQMD, air quality, and clean alternative fuel vehicles to 15 members at the Rotary Club of La Mirada.

**COMMUNICATION CENTER STATISTICS**

The Communication Center handles calls on SCAQMD’s main line, 1-800-CUT-SMOG® line, the Spanish line, and after-hours calls to each of those lines. Total calls received in the month of October were:

Calls to SCAQMD’s Main Line and 1-800-CUT-SMOG® Line	3,845
Calls to SCAQMD’s Spanish-language Line	<u>37</u>
Total Calls	3,882

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER STATISTICS**

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

Calls Received by PIC Staff	132
Calls to Automated System	<u>676</u>
Total Calls	808
Visitor Transactions	201
E-Mail Advisories Sent	36,785

**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 184 companies
- Provided assistance in filing one variance request
- Conducted six free on-site consultations
- Issued 20 clearance letters

**Types of businesses assisted**

Auto Body Shops	Dry Cleaners	Furniture Refinishing Facilities
Engineering Firm	Gas Stations	Auto Repair Centers
Construction Firm	Restaurants	Printing Facilities
Architecture Firm	Breweries	Manufacturing Facilities
		Plating Facilities

**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:

Anaheim	Indio	Pasadena
Arcadia	Irvine	Pomona
Azusa	Irwindale	Rancho Cucamonga
Baldwin Park	Jurupa Valley	Riverside
Beaumont	La Puente	Rosemead
Buena Park	La Verne	San Bernardino
Calimesa	Laguna Hills	San Dimas
Claremont	Laguna Woods	San Gabriel
Covina	Lawndale	San Marino
Costa Mesa	La Cañada Flintridge	Sierra Madre
Corona	Long Beach	South El Monte
Commerce	Los Angeles	South Pasadena
Diamond Bar	Lynwood	Temple City
Duarte	Monrovia	Torrance
El Monte	Montclair	Tustin
Fontana	Monterey Park	Upland
Glendora	Moreno Valley	Walnut
Huntington Beach	Norco	West Covina
Huntington Park	Ontario	

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

- U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein (CA)
- U.S. Congressman Roybal-Allard (CA)
- U.S. Congressman Pete Aguilar
- U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA)
- U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu (CA)
- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA)
- U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA)
- U.S. Congressman Ed Royce (CA)
- U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz (CA)
- U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA)
- State Senator Ben Allen
- State Senator Isadore Hall
- State Senator Bob Huff
- Senator Ricardo Lara
- State Senator Carol Liu
- State Senator Richard Roth
- State Senator Jeff Stone
- Assembly Member Autumn Burke
- Assembly Member Ed Chau
- Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
- Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia
- Assembly Member Mike Gipson
- Assembly Member David Hadley
- Assembly Member Chris Holden
- Assembly Member Eric Linder
- Assembly Member Jose Medina
- Assembly Member Miguel Santiago

Staff represented SCAQMD and/or provided updates or a presentation to the following governmental agencies and business organizations:

ACE Construction Authority, San Gabriel Valley  
Arcadia Chamber of Commerce  
Arcadia Association of Realtors  
Azusa Chamber of Commerce  
Bear Valley California Chamber of Commerce  
Building Resilience, Los Angeles  
Caltrans, District 8, San Bernardino  
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Coalition for Clean Air, Los Angeles  
Coachella Valley Associated Governments  
Coachella Valley Clean Cities Coalition  
Desert Valley Builders Association  
Desert Recreation District, Coachella Valley  
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County  
Gardena Chamber of Commerce  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Hermosa Beach Chamber  
Inland Action Group, Inland Empire  
Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District  
Long Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Metrolink, Los Angeles

Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Orange County Council of Governments  
Ontario International Airport  
Redlands Chamber of Commerce  
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Riverside County Emergency Management Division  
Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)  
San Bernardino Associated Governments  
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
San Gabriel Municipal Water District  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
South Bay Business Environmental Coalition  
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
South Orange County Economic Alliance  
Southern California Gas Company  
Southern California Edison  
Sunline Transit Agency  
U.S. Green Building Council, Los Angeles Chapter  
Western Riverside County of Governments  
- Clean Cities Coalition  
Western Riverside County Transportation NOW (RTA)  
- Greater Riverside Chapter  
- Northwest Chapter  
- San Gorgonio Pass Area Chapter  
Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce

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

American Lung Association in California, Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Asian Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance  
Brotherhood Crusade, Los Angeles  
Asian Americans, Advancing Justice, Los Angeles  
California Communities Against Toxics  
California Safe Schools Coalition  
California State University, San Marcos  
California State University, San Bernardino  
Cesar E. Chavez Learning Academies, San Fernando  
Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE) Bike, San Gabriel Valley  
Charter High School, Los Angeles  
Chapman University, Orange

Citizens for Safe Community, Los Angeles County  
Citizens United to Save South Pasadena  
Corona-Norco Unified School District  
EarthJustice, Los Angeles  
Environmental Priorities Network, South Bay  
Fair Housing Counsel of Riverside County  
Healthy Jurupa Valley  
Healthy African American Families, Los Angeles  
Inland Empire Health Plan, Rancho Cucamonga  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Kaiser Permanente, Yorba Linda  
La Mirada Rotary Club  
League of Women Voters, West San Gabriel Valley  
Pasadena Sierra Club  
Pacoima Beautiful Organization  
Riverside County Health Coalition  
Rialto Health Communities Group  
Reach Out, Inland Valley  
Temescal Municipal Advisory Committee  
Women's Federation for World Peace, USA  
Women in South Pasadena for Political Action