

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 5, 2015

AGENDA NO. 11

PROPOSAL: Legislative and Public Affairs Report

SYNOPSIS: This report highlights the April 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 April 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 April. These events involve communities that may suffer disproportionately from adverse air quality impacts.

April 9

- Staff attended a California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) meeting at Resurrection Church, Los Angeles regarding the closure of the Exide Technologies facility in Vernon.

April 23

- Staff attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Environmental Justice Workshop in Los Angeles.

April 29

- Staff attended the American Lung Association's planning meeting in San Bernardino for the Inland Counties Lung Force Expo in Ontario, which SCAQMD co-sponsored. This Expo event, which was held on May 2, was to promote lung health and awareness about air pollution.
- Staff represented SCAQMD at the 2015 Inland Empire Healthy Cities Symposium in Loma Linda sponsored by the Riverside and San Bernardino Departments of Public Health, and provided information on air quality in relation to environmental justice and health equity issues.

April 30

- Staff participated in the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Community meeting in Paramount. The discussion of the meeting centered on Community Alternative 7, which includes a zero emission truck lane, as well as active transportation.

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:

April 1

- SCAQMD's Public Workshop on Proposed Amended Toxic Rules to Implement Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Revisions to Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Risk Assessment Guidelines, SCAQMD Headquarters, Diamond Bar

April 2

- Two SCAQMD Public Workshops on Proposed Amended Toxic Rules to Implement Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Revisions to Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Risk Assessment Guidelines at the Buena Park Community Center and the Wilmington Senior Citizen Center

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- Bolsa Chica Earth Day Event, Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve
- Frontier Project/CVWD Earth Day Event, Rancho Cucamonga

April 16

- Soboba Tribal Earth Day Event 2015, Tribal Hall, San Jacinto
- IEUA Chino Creek Wetlands Earth Day Event, Chino

April 17

- Bear Valley Earth Day Event, Bear Valley Electric, Bear Lake

April 18

- Monterey Park Earth Day Festival & Bike Ride Event, Barnes Park
- South Pasadena Earth Day Event & Garden Tour, La France Ave
- Sustainable Claremont Earth Day Event, Downtown Claremont

April 19

- Children's Earth Day Event, Culver City

April 20

- Annual Irvine Valley College Green Summit, Irvine

April 22

- SCAQMD's Public Consultation and CEQA Scoping Meeting on Proposed Amended Rule 1156 – Further Emission Reductions of Particulate Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities, Gonzales Community Center, Colton

- Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) 8th Annual Earth Night in the Garden Event, WMWD, Riverside
- Cerritos College Annual Earth Day Event, Falcon Square

April 24

- Community Hospital Earth Day Event, San Bernardino

April 25

- City of Diamond Bar Earth Day Event, SCAQMD Headquarters, Diamond Bar
- Healthy Muscoy Festival, Inland Empire Job Corps Center, San Bernardino

April 26

- 18th Annual Spring Health & Business Expo, Brentwood

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.

April 1

- Staff presented to 100 students of Mayfair Middle/High School in Lakewood, and provided them with an overview on the agency. Staff then discussed opportunities at SCAQMD during the school's career day event and demonstrated a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle.

April 3

- Eight students from the University of Southern California's Business & Public Policy Master's Program class visited SCAQMD headquarters and attended the Board Meeting where they were acknowledged by the Chair. After the meeting they received an overview on the agency and air quality, toured the laboratory and received information on clean alternative fuel vehicles.

April 10

- Staff provided an overview on the agency, air quality and a tour of the SCAQMD laboratory to 11 students from San Bernardino Valley College and 15 students from the Pomona College physics program.

April 15

- Staff spoke to 400 students at Los Angeles High School and provided them with an overview of the agency, air quality, and information on careers at SCAQMD.

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 April 2015 were:

Calls to SCAQMD's Main Line and the 1-800-CUT-SMOG [®] Line	3,730
Calls to SCAQMD's Spanish-language Line	<u>47</u>
Total Calls	3,777

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER STATISTICS

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

Calls Received by PIC Staff	126
<u>Calls to Automated System</u>	<u>780</u>
Total Calls	906
Visitor Transactions	186
E-Mail Advisories Sent	7,807

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 eight free on-site consultations
- Provided permit application assistance to 112 companies
- Issued 31 clearance letters

Types of businesses assisted

Auto Body Shops	Distributors	Metal Coatings/ Processing Facilities
Coffee Roasting	Dry Cleaners	Recycling Facilities
Construction & Architecture	Gas Stations	Restaurants
	Manufacturers	

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	Huntington Beach	Newport Beach
Arcadia	Inglewood	Norco
Alhambra	Irvine	Orange
Aliso Viejo	Jurupa Valley	Pasadena
Banning	Los Angeles	Placentia
Brea	La Habra	Perris
Beaumont	La Canada Flintridge	Riverside
Buena Park	Lake Elsinore	Rosemead
Bradbury	Laguna Hills	San Gabriel
Carson	Laguna Woods	San Marino
Calimesa	Lawndale	San Jacinto
Claremont	Lomita	San Juan Capistrano
Canyon Lake	Los Alamitos	South Pasadena
Corona	Malibu	Temple City
Diamond Bar	Manhattan Beach	Temecula
Duarte	Menifee	Torrance
Eastvale	Monrovia	Tustin
Fountain Valley	Moreno Valley	Yorba Linda
Fullerton	Monterey Park	Yucaipa
Gardena	Mission Viejo	Walnut
Hemet	Murrieta	

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. Congresswoman Karen Bass
- U.S. Congressman Ken Calvert
- U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu
- U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn
- U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano

- U.S. Congressman Ed Royce
- U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
- U.S. Congressman Mark Takano
- U.S. Congresswoman Mimi Walters
- State Senator Ben Allen
- State Senator Joel Anderson
- State Senator Kevin De León
- State Senator Isadore Hall
- State Senator Ed Hernandez
- State Senator Bob Huff
- State Senator Janet Nguyen
- State Senator Holly Mitchell
- State Senator Mike Morrell
- State Senator Richard Roth
- State Senator Jeff Stone
- Assembly Member Autumn Burke
- Assembly Member Ed Chau
- Assembly Member Tom Daly
- Assembly Member Mike Gipson
- Assembly Member David Hadley
- Assembly Member Roger Hernandez
- Assembly Member Chris Holden
- Assembly Member Young Kim
- 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
 Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
 Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
 Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
 League of California Cities, Inland Counties Division
 Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
 Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
 North Orange County Legislative Alliance
 Orange County Business Council
 Orange County Council of Governments
 Orange County City Managers Association
 Orange County Transportation Authority
 Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
 Riverside Transit Agency
 Redlands Chamber of Commerce
 San Bernardino Associated Governments
 San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce
 San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
 San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network Group
 San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
 South Bay Cities Council of Governments
 South Bay Chambers of Commerce
 South Bay Environmental Service Center
 South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
 South Orange County Economic Coalition
 Southern California Association of Governments
 Southern California Gas Company
 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

 Torrance Chamber of Commerce
 U.S. Green Building Council, Orange County
 Western Municipal Water District, Riverside
 Western Riverside Council of Governments

- Clean Cities Coalition

 Western Riverside Transportation NOW (RTA)

- Moreno Valley/Perris Chapter
- San Geronio Pass Chapter, Beaumont

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

American Lung Association, Inland Counties
Ahmanson Senior Center, Los Angeles
Alliance Richard Merkin Middle School, Los Angeles
Caltech Sustainability Community Alliance, Pasadena
California State University, Northridge
Dr. Theodore T. Alexander Jr. Science Center School, Los Angeles
Downtown Value School, Los Angeles
Expo Center, Los Angeles
Gertz-Ressler High School, Los Angeles
Grand Terrace High School, Grand Terrace
Hoover Recreation Center, Los Angeles
John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles
Lanterman High School, Los Angeles
Long Beach Children's Clinic
Los Angeles Community College
Los Angeles Police Department, Southwest Community
Los Angeles High School
New Designs Charter School, Los Angeles
North Area Neighborhood Development Council, Los Angeles
Norwood Street Elementary School
Orthopedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School, Los Angeles
Resurrection Church, Los Angeles
Richard Merkin Middle School, Los Angeles
Riverside County Department of Public Health
Riverside County Health Coalition
Star Christian School, Los Angeles
San Bernardino County Department of Public Health
San Bernardino Valley College
San Bernardino Community Hospital
St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles
Willard Villas Apartments, Los Angeles