



To: John Vasquez, Chair
and Members of the Board of Directors

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Subj: Air Pollution Control Officer's Report and Board Book

The following summarizes major issues and projects addressed by the District over the past month.

MEETINGS:*

CAPCOA Board Meeting: I attended this virtual meeting on September 8 and 9.

Residential Wood Smoke Workgroup: Stephanie Holliday attended this meeting of representatives from air districts nation-wide on September 9. This meeting discussed Targeted Airshed Grants, BurnWise updates, emission control device testing, and a discussion of talking points for the coming PM 2.5 Season.

PIO/Partner Agency Call (Yolo County): Stephanie Holliday attended this weekly meeting of Yolo County partner agencies on September 14-21. These meetings provide updates on county-wide action related to recent wildfires and response to COVID-19.

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Control Council Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: I attended this virtual meeting on September 18. Agenda topics included prescribed burning and PSPS events.

Regional Planning Partnership: Matt Jones represented the District during this bi-monthly meeting hosted by SACOG on September 23. The meeting included discussions on regional incentive funding and transportation projects of air quality concern.

CAPCOA POC Meeting: Stephanie Holliday attended this meeting on September 29. This meeting included updates from other air districts on public engagement surrounding wildfires, air quality impacts and also planning activities for coming dates and seasonal events.

TRAINING:

SMP Prescribed Burn Training: Stephanie Holliday, Kenny Doss, Jeff Pinnow, Hernan Lopez-Aguilar, and Ashley Jorgensen attended this training on various dates in September. This training discussed the methods used in forecasting and decision making during the burn season and procedures to implement the program locally.

9 Steps to Remove Bias and Promote Diversity at Every Stage of the Hiring Process: Denise Almaguer attended this webinar, hosted by IPMA-HR, on September 15. Topics included analyzing applicant diversity across each stage of the selection process to uncover hidden biases and diversity gaps, strategies to minimize hiring manager and committee bias, and tips for attracting diverse applicants by revamping our job postings and diversity statement.

Wildland Fires: Understanding & Forecasting Air Quality Impact: Stephanie Holliday attended this training on September 23. This workshop conducted a review of California wildland fire history, causes and contributing factors to the increase and severity and the impacts that we have seen on air quality during events over the past few years. Tools and resources used to gather data and understand impacts were also briefly discussed.

CAPCOA Information Technology (IT) Committee: Paul Hensleigh represented the District on this monthly virtual meeting on September 24. The main topic was GIS implementation by South Coast AQMD.

CAPCOA Prescribed Fire Grant Committee: Paul Hensleigh represented the District on this monthly virtual meeting on September 24.

Sacramento-Mother Load Virtual HR Roundtable: Muriel Clemente and Denise Almaguer attended this training on September 30, presented by International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IMPA-HR) Mother-Lode Chapter. This training focused on COVID leaves and management of leave programs, recruitment strategies, organizational cost saving measure and benefits administration.

**Attended by the APCO unless otherwise noted.*