



New Clean Air Adopted

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On February 14, 2017, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board unanimously adopted the 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The 2016 AQMP is Ventura County’s roadmap for meeting the 2008 federal clean air standard for ozone (smog) standard by 2020, as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Mike Villegas, Ventura County’s Air Pollution Control Officer, said that “this plan provides a clear, cost-effective pathway to clean air for the citizens of Ventura County without burdening local business and industries with expensive new clean air requirements.”

The 2016 AQMP clean air strategy consists of a local component implemented by the District and a combined state and federal component implemented by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The District has primary responsibility for regulating air pollutants from non-mobile sources, such as gas stations, industrial engines, and power plants. The ARB regulates most on and off-road motor vehicles and consumer products. The EPA regulates emissions from locomotives, aircraft, heavy-duty trucks used in interstate commerce, and some off-road engines exempt from state authority or best regulated at the national level. State and federal laws prohibit local air districts from regulating motor vehicles.

The District’s component of the 2016 AQMP control strategy consists of cost-effective stationary source control measures, transportation control measures, and the District’s voluntary incentive programs. Most of these local strategy elements were in previous Ventura County clean air plans. California air agencies, including this air district, have aggressively pursued measures to meet state and federal clean air standards and have developed many of the most innovative and effective clean air strategies in the world.

Ventura County, along with other California air agencies, long ago implemented clean air measures that other parts of the country are just now considering. By 2002, the District fully implemented most of the local control measures in earlier Ventura County AQMPs, and most stationary sources in the county are now subject to stringent clean air regulations. Consequently, new local emission reductions are becoming even smaller and often not economically or technologically feasible for sources in Ventura County.

The percentage of total countywide smog-forming air emissions under District authority to regulate has been shrinking for many years and is now about 50 percent.

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On the Calendar

***AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

Second Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chambers
Administration Building
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura

Upcoming Meetings:
May 9th & June 6th & 20th

***APCD HEARING BOARD**

Mondays, 5:30 p.m., as needed
Board Chambers
Administration Building
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura

Next meeting:
To Be Announced

***APCD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Large Conference Room
1st Floor
669 County Square Drive
Ventura

Next Meeting:
TBD

***CLEAN AIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meets As Needed
Santa Cruz Room
669 County Square Drive
Ventura

Next Meeting:
May 18th; 5:00 PM

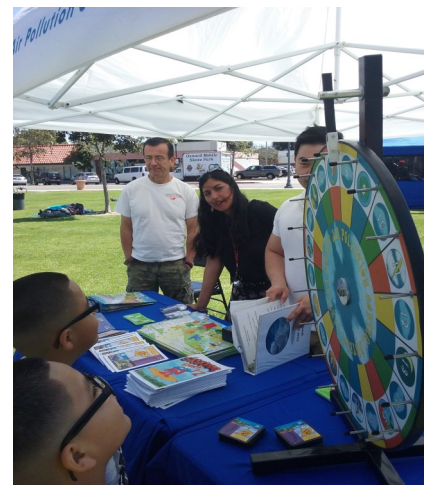
***SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL**

Meets as Needed
Santa Barbara County APCD
260 N. San Antonio Rd.
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Next meeting:
TBD, September 7th; 10:00 AM

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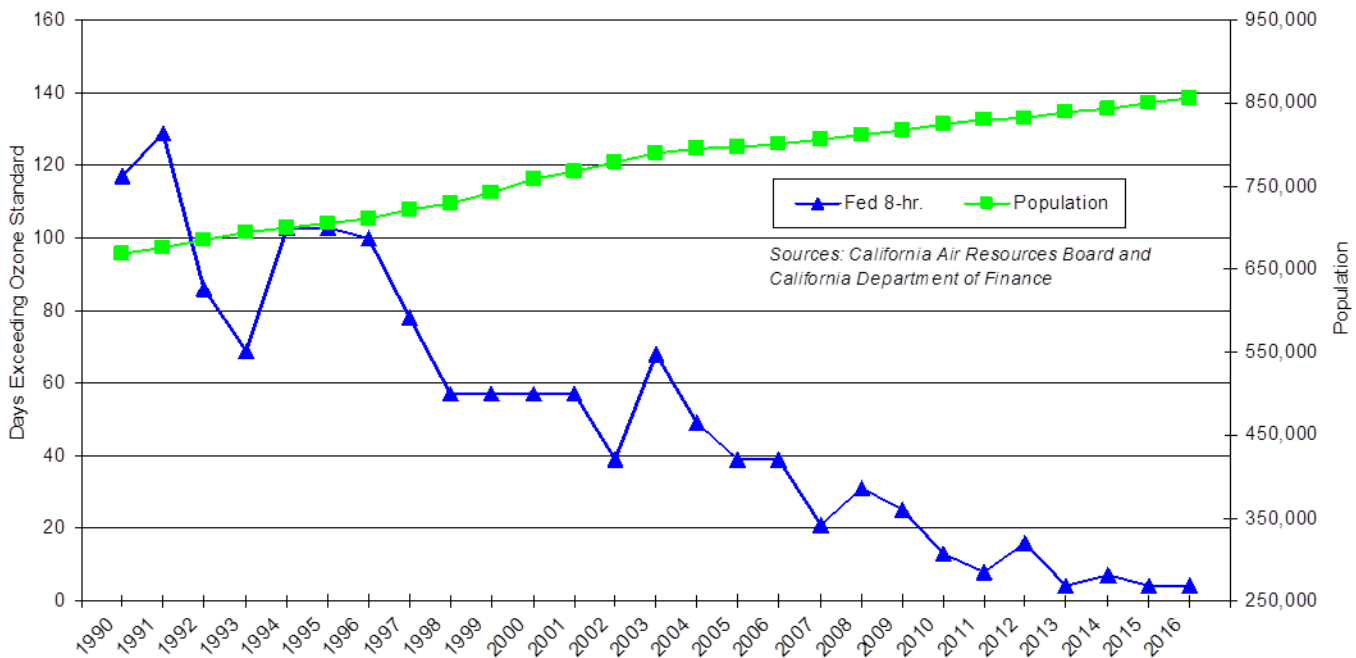
Ventura County Air Pollution Control District staff worked at the City of Oxnard’s Earth Day Event on April 15th, providing information to well over 400 visitors to our booth. It was an excellent opportunity to spread the word on our clean air programs to the local community.



Clean Air Progress

Since 1990, all areas of the county have enjoyed significant reductions in smog levels.

Despite a population increase of 28%, there were 117 days countywide over the current federal 8-hour ozone standard of 0.75 ppm in 1990, but only four in 2015 and 2016. Over the same time period, the county's 8-hour ozone values (called "design values") used to determine compliance with the federal 8-hour ozone standard fell dramatically as well. More significantly, 8-hour ozone values at all of the county's air monitoring stations are approaching, or are now lower than the federal 8-hour ozone standard.



Important Partners

The District has not worked alone to improve Ventura County's air quality. We have benefited greatly from efforts of ARB, EPA, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Southern California Association of Governments, the County of Ventura and local cities, the Ventura County Transportation Commission, county businesses, and the public. We greatly appreciate their efforts on behalf of clean air in Ventura County and we look forward to these efforts continuing as we continue to work towards achieving the federal and state ozone standards.

More Information

More information about the 2016 AQMP and Ventura County's air quality can be found in the 2016 AQMP. A copy of the 2016 AQMP can be downloaded from the District's website at www.vcapcd.org.

2016 VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION PROGRAM RECOGNITION

On February 21, 2017, District staff joined representatives of the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary, the Marine Exchange of Southern California, and MOL (America), Inc. at the TRAPAC container terminal at the Port of Los Angeles to recognize the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. for their voluntary participation in the 2016 Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Program in the Channel Islands Region.

The award was presented to Captain Jaswinder Singh of the MOL Commitment during its February port call at the Port of Los Angeles. The MOL Commitment is an 87,000 ton container ship of the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; one of twenty-five ships representing ten shipping companies that participated in the 2016 VSR Program.

The program reduced more than 25 tons of emissions of nitrogen oxides, a smog-forming air pollutant, and more than 1,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases by incentivizing ships to reduce their speed to 12 knots or less while transiting the Santa Barbara Channel region.



Left to Right: Roderick Wagoner, MOL (America), Inc.; Tim Ashley, MOL (America), Inc.; Captain Jaswinder Singh, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Jessica Morten, NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary; and Tyler Harris, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

At the Board

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ✓ Approved new members to the Ventura County Clean Air Fund Advisory Committee; Kent Bullard, Chris Logan, Marsha Meeker and Ron Merkord.
- ✓ Approved and adopted the 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan and adopted the Corresponding Negative Declaration Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- ✓ Approved and adopted the 2017-2019 Memorandum of Agreement with the Ventura Employee's Association.
- ✓ Approved and adopted the market Based Adjustments for Management, Confidential Clerical, and Other Unrepresented Employees, Effective February 26, 2017.

MARCH 14TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ✓ Approved Authorization for the APCO to sign a letter to the US Environmental Protection Agency to request adoption of ultra-low nitrogen oxide exhaust emissions standards for on-road heavy-duty trucks and engines.
- ✓ Receive and file a study session regarding potential local impacts from changes in Air Quality Programs at the federal level.
- ✓ Received and filed a report regarding the California Air Resources Board's technical systems audit of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Air Monitoring Program.

Videos of archived Air Pollution
Control Board meetings can be
viewed at
<http://www.vcapcd.org/agendas.htm>

