

AIRlines

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» HIGHLIGHTS from Spare The Air 2010

The latest Spare The Air season has come to a close. While the Sacramento region had fairly low pollution levels this summer, with only six Spare The Air days, it's important to remember that our ground-level ozone problem is largely dependent on the weather and its effect on the emissions generated during the summer. We had a summer of mild temperatures and that helped translate to lower pollution.

Our 15-year-old, regional Spare The Air program continues to be embraced by the region. In

fact, 2,278 partners distributed materials this season to keep their employees, customers and residents informed about air quality and the many things that they can do to reduce pollution during the summer. Visit SpareTheAir.com and click on Things to Do to find out more.

Our mascot, Scooter, made friends with kids and adults alike at 22 community events throughout the Sacramento region where he passed out Spare The Air Kids Activity books and other educational materials. He kept the public informed of his whereabouts on his own web page called Scooter's Corner, SpareTheAir.com/scooter.cfm, and continued to add Facebook friends at Facebook.com/scootertheparetheairdog.

Throughout the season, 15,680 subscribers received Air Alerts giving them the daily air quality forecast along with Spare The Air advisories. An Air Alert elementary school sign-up contest was held in June and three schools competed to see which one would get the most parents to sign up for Air Alert. Our participating schools were: Barbara Comstock Morse in Sacramento, Carroll Elementary in Elk Grove, and Merryhill School in Roseville. Congratulations to Carroll Elementary – our winner with an awesome 368 new Air Alert subscribers! And our grand total of new subscribers through this

outreach effort was 844. Way to go parents, teachers and students!

If you'd like to make sure that your business, school, store or community group is involved in next season's Spare The Air program, please call Lori Kobza, AQMD, at (916) 874-4811. Together we are making a difference!



free E85 ETHANOL OFFER

There are now 28 ethanol E85 fueling stations in the Sacramento region. Last year the AQMD, in cooperation with CARB, implemented the program to install those stations. Propel Fuels installed E85 pumps at six of its locations and is offering **five free gallons** of ethanol E85 fuel.

To request your Free Fuel Card, e-mail Propel at info@propelfuels.com. Provide your address and they'll send you the card. E85 is compatible with any Flex Fuel vehicle, but will cause damage if used in a vehicle not designed for its use. Check your owners manual to be sure your vehicle can use E85.

For a list of Flex Fuel vehicles or to see a map of the six Propel station locations, visit propelfuels.com.

MTP WORKSHOPS

Come Weigh in on Major Transportation Issues

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2035 in 2008. Since the last MTP, California adopted Senate Bill 375, which requires a Sustainable Communities Strategy, similar to the Blueprint, to be added to transportation plans across the state. SACOG is hosting nine community workshops to determine local priorities.

Participants will act as citizen planners, giving feedback on different options for future transportation growth – from roads, to transit, to bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

For information or to register, visit sacog.org/mtp/2035/workshop2010 or call (916) 321-9000.

- » **Wednesday, October 13, 6–9 p.m.**
El Dorado County
- » **Thursday, October 14, 6–9 p.m.**
Yolo County
- » **Monday, October 18, 6–9 p.m.**
Placer County
- » **Wednesday, October 20, 6–9 p.m.**
South Sacramento County
- » **Thursday, October 21, 6–9 p.m.**
North Sacramento County
- » **Monday, October 25, 6–9 p.m.**
Yuba County
- » **Wednesday, October 27**
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
Central Sacramento County
- » **Thursday, October 28, 6–9 p.m.**
Sutter County



S A C O G

»July 22, 2010

- Approved incentive funding levels and continued use of funding from the Solutions for the Environment and Economic Development (SEED) program for the 2010–11 Wood Stove/Fireplace Change Out Incentive Program.
- Approved final FY 2010–2011 budget.
- Approved contract extension with the Local Government Commission to provide services for the Enhanced SECAT Pilot Program.

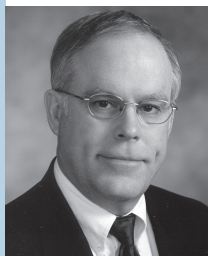
»August 26, 2010

- Authorized APCO to accept grant funds from CARB to administer and comply with the Advanced Technology Demo Project.
- Approved execution of a contract amendment with Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlahos & Rudy, LLP for the Hearing Board Counsel.
- Received a report on the concept for Rule 1052 – Construction Mitigation.

»September 23, 2010

- Authorized APCO to sign a contract with Sonoma Technology, Inc. for forecasting, mapping, real-time notification and scientific consulting for 2011 and 2012.
- Conducted a public hearing on amendments to Rule 466 – Solvent Cleaning and continued the hearing to October 28.
- Conducted a public hearing on amendments to Rule 202 – New Source Review, Rule 215 – Ag Permit Requirements and New Ag Permit Review; along with new Rule 214 – Federal New Source Review and continued the hearing for all to October 28.

For more information on Board actions, visit AirQuality.org or call Nancy Abeels, AQMD, at (916) 874-4803.



news from the APCO

by Larry Greene, *Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer*

NO ON PROPOSITION 23

At its September 23 board meeting, the District's Board of Directors voted to support our regional coalition of businesses and environmental interests by **opposing** Proposition 23.

Prop 23, if approved, would suspend AB 32 – California's Global Warming Solutions Act. This would have a clear, chilling effect on the green business community in the Sacramento region, and on the amazing convergence of interests in the region around sustainable growth, green economic strategies and opportunities, and better air quality for our residents.

Many greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies also reduce emissions of ozone precursors and particulate matter (PM), which is especially important now that the District is beginning development of the next round of State Implementation Plans (ozone and PM).

Each plan will require significant state and federal emission reduction elements for the region to meet the expected reduction targets. The more benefit we receive from state GHG measures such as AB 32 and SB 375, the fewer local measures will be required to meet our SIP targets, and the more uniform the business requirements will be throughout the state. Moreover, AB 32 will provide significant incentives for alternative energy resources such as wind, solar and bio-fuels, with a subsequent reduction in our reliance on expensive, risky foreign oil supplies.

We are proud as a District to stand with the Sacramento Metro Chamber, Valley Vision, League of Women Voters of California, City of Sacramento, California Clean Energy Fund, American Lung Association and many others in opposing Prop 23.

Wood Burning Restrictions Start Soon

The fourth season of Check Before You Burn starts November 1 and runs through February 28, 2011.

No Burn Days will be declared when fine particle pollution is forecast to be elevated. This law applies to Sacramento County and its cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento.

Daily PM_{2.5} forecasts issued by the AQMD determine whether fireplaces, wood stoves or inserts, or pellet stoves may be used. When weather conditions indicate that a build-up of dangerous fine particles will occur then the AQMD will protect public health by restricting or prohibiting burning.

Anyone cited for a first time violation of the mandatory restrictions will be fined \$50 or be given the option to complete and pass a wood smoke awareness course. Fines for subsequent violations are higher. To report a complaint or suspected violation, call 1-800-880-9025.

For more information, visit SpareTheAir.com/burncheck.cfm.

1. Visit AirQuality.org or SpareTheAir.com
2. Subscribe to Air Alert at SpareTheAir.com and check the **Daily Air Quality Forecast** box to receive a daily e-mail
3. Call 877-NOBURN-5 (877-662-8765) to hear a daily message
4. Check the Sacramento Bee's weather page
5. Listen for radio and television announcements
6. Follow us at [Twitter.com/aqmd](https://twitter.com/aqmd)



All dates are tentative. For specific rule information, contact the AQMD staff member listed. For general AQMD rule information, call (916) 874-4800.

Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products (Amendments to Rule 451)

Establishes lower VOC limits for certain categories of coatings used on miscellaneous metal parts and products. Specifically, the VOC limits for aluminum coatings for window frames and door frames, extreme performance coatings, and non-skid coatings are proposed to be reduced six months after the date of adoption of the amendments. The changes are proposed to conform to U.S. EPA’s Control Techniques Guidelines document for this source category. *Public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2010. David Yang, (916) 874-4847.*

Solvent Cleaning (Amendments to Rule 466)

Proposed exemption from VOC limits for

sanitizers that are used during processing of dry and low-moisture foods. Staff has determined that the VOC limit is infeasible for sanitizers that are applied to food-contact surfaces in the processing of dry and low-moisture food products and are not rinsed prior to contact with food. *Public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2010. Joe Carle, (916) 874-4838.*

New Source Review (Amendments to Rule 202 and Rule 215, and Proposed New Rule 214)

Proposed amendments to Rule 202 are necessary to meet federal “severe” ozone and PM2.5 nonattainment area requirements while meeting the requirements of state law. Key changes include: requiring the best available control technology (BACT) for all new

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2nd Quarter

(April, May, June)

The following information reports the number of days that state and federal air quality standards were exceeded in Sacramento County during second quarter 2010 compared to second quarter 2009:

Number of Exceedances*

	2010	2009
Ozone – State	0	11
Ozone – Federal (8-hr.)	1	16
Carbon Monoxide (CO) – Federal (1-hr)	0	0
Carbon Monoxide (CO) – Federal (8-hr)	0	0
PM10 (24-hour) – State	0	0
PM10 (24-hour) – Federal	0	0
PM2.5 (24-hour) – Federal	*	0

*2nd Quarter 2010 data not yet posted to EPA AIRS database by the California Air Resources Board. Preliminary data, subject to revision or deletion.

✕ COMPLIANCE CORNER

Air District Works with Local Building Departments to Enhance Awareness of Asbestos Survey Requirements

The AQMD is working with local building officials to enhance awareness of asbestos survey requirements applicable to building owners and contractors involved in the renovation of structures subject to AQMD Rule 902 – Asbestos.

Currently under California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) Section 19827.5, local building departments are prohibited from issuing demolition permits for certain structures until notification of the demolition is provided to the AQMD, an asbestos survey is conducted, and any regulated asbestos containing materials found removed prior to demolition pursuant to Rule 902.

However, the CHSC does not require the same process to be followed with respect to renovations. Consequently, local building departments can issue renovation permits without proof of compliance with asbestos survey requirements.

While most contractors conducting renovation work are aware of asbestos removal requirements and do comply with the survey requirements prior to initiating renovation work as required by Rule 902, a few contractors and building owners are cited each year for failing to do so. Some of those cited have claimed that they felt they had complied with all requirements because the local building department had issued a permit for the work.

In an effort reduce the number of misunderstandings about asbestos survey requirements applicable to renovations, the AQMD is working with building departments to ensure that applicants for renovation permits are advised of asbestos survey requirements and that surveys are conducted prior to issuance of building permits. The type of renovation projects triggering asbestos survey requirements are those where more than 160 square feet or 260 lineal feet of suspect materials are disturbed during renovation at:

- Any commercial building or commercial outbuilding
- Any residential property consisting of five or more units
- Any residential property that was or will become commercial

The most common suspect materials include texture coatings on wallboard and ceilings, T-bar ceiling tiles, acoustic spray ceilings (“cottage cheese” ceilings), vinyl linoleum flooring, and underlayments for wood shake roofs (nicolite felt).

Renovations of single family homes are exempt from the asbestos survey requirements of Rule 902. If you are planning a renovation of a structure and are unsure of the asbestos survey requirements, please call the AQMD at (916) 874-4800 for a free project consultation.



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CAPITOL REPORT

The 2009–10 regular legislative session has ended. Perhaps the most notable air quality legislation now awaiting action by the governor is AB 2289 (Eng), which would modernize the Smog Check program by upgrading the Bureau of Automotive Repair's testing techniques and strengthen penalties for fraud.

SB 1433 (Leno) would allow air districts to adjust penalties for inflation.

All eyes shift to the November ballot, where Proposition 23 would overturn

AB 32 and force CARB to cease the bulk of its climate change program; and Proposition 26, which would greatly restrict the ability of agencies such as ours to impose fees.

The passage of either of these measures would alter the environmental policy landscape for years to come.

For more information, contact Chris Morfas, AQMD Legislative Liaison, at (916) 874-2876, or cmorfas@airquality.org.

Sustainable Business

AWARD WINNERS

At the Business Environmental Resource Center's 4th Annual Sustainable Business of the Year Awards Ceremony, 12 winners were honored for their efforts towards creating a more sustainable future.

BERC recognized:

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's 50th Anniversary • Sacramento Sustainability Forum • DMC Green • CSU, Sacramento • Aerojet General Corporation • City of Citrus Heights • Elk Grove Unified School District • Hines Properties • Vinh Phat Market • WinCo Foods • Sacramento Area Sewer District & Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Headquarters Building • CalEPA Building (Thomas Properties)

For more information on the award winners, please visit sacberc.org.

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and modified equipment that increases emissions; adding PM2.5 emission offset requirements; increasing emission offset ratios; and limiting exemptions from emission offsets for some sources. Rule 202 will contain state and federal NSR requirements, while Rule 214 will contain the federal requirements for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan. A minor addition will be made to Rule 215 to reference new Rule 214. *Public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2010. Marc Cooley, (916) 874-4846.*

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