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REPORT OF MDAQMD ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

Businesses, Regulators Convene in Death Valley for CDAWG

More than 70 representatives of regulated industry, Southern California air districts and varied organizations took part in the California Desert Air Working Group's 2009 conference on October 21 & 22 in Death Valley, CA. "AB 32: To Infinity & Beyond," "Emission Credit Creation in a Tight Market" and "On Track to Greener Railroads for California" were some of the presentations featured during this year's event, which was sponsored by the MDAQMD, MEEC, SCE, Inland Energy and A&WMA's West Coast Section. Proceeds from the conference are donated to MEEC, which utilizes the funds to train teachers and develop standards-based environmental resources suitable for High Desert classrooms.

Public Meeting on Proposed Ag Rules Held in Blythe

On October 14, District staff hosted a public meeting to solicit input on four proposed new rules which would affect previously unregulated agricultural operations located within the MDAQMD's boundaries. Approximately 20 members of the public attended the meeting, where District staff fielded questions about the following proposed rules: Rule 403.3 - *Agricultural Sources*; Rule 1160.1 – *Internal Combustion Engines in Agricultural Operations*; Rule 1186 – *Best Management Practices for Agricultural Operations*; and Rule 1186.1 – *Confined Animal Facilities*.

EnviroFlash Now on Twitter, Cell Phones

Subscribers to the MDAQMD's EnviroFlash e-mail air quality alert service now have two more options for receiving daily forecasts and breaking health advisories. In addition to being able to receive EnviroFlash to their computers, subscribers may now receive air quality info straight to their Blackberries and cell phones, as well as use Twitter to receive messages to the destination of their choice. For more information on these new delivery options, visit the MDAQMD's EnviroFlash subscription page at http://mdaqmd.enviroflash.org/, which is also accessible via the MDAQMD's main website.

Public Outreach Update

On October 2, CRE staff manned an information booth at the Inland Counties American Lung Association's Healthy Air Walk in Fontana. More than 600 walkers – many of them High Desert residents – took part in the annual event, whose purpose is to raise funds and awareness about the importance of clean air.

On October 15, District staff manned a booth at the High Desert Opportunity event at the Victorville Fairgrounds. More than 800 attendees descended on the booth to learn about the District's business-friendly philosophies and to pick up an MDAQMD car sunshade. The District also served as a sponsor of the annual event.

For more information on activities/projects listed above, contact the MDAQMD's Community Relations & Education Office at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6104.