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ANNUAL AIR DISTRICT CONFERENCE RETURNS TO PALM SPRINGS

Two-day event to include Air Resources Board Executive Officer as keynote speaker

VICTORVILLE — The 2019 California Desert Air Working Group (CDAWG) Conference is set to return to Palm Springs on Nov. 6 and 7.

This year's event will feature speakers from various industries, including **Richard Corey**, Executive Officer of the **California Air Resources Board**, who will be featured as the keynote speaker. Presentations will also include:

- **Dustin Strandberg**, senior fleet analyst with the **Victor Valley Transit Authority**, will talk about the agency's conversion of its CNG buses to battery-electric;
- **Tina Suarez-Murias**, air pollution specialist at the **California Air Resources Board**, will present on regional haze (the degradation of visibility due to air pollution);
- **Dr. Philip M. Fine** from **South Coast Air Quality Management District** will focus on efforts in ozone planning;
- A representative from **SoCal Gas (Sempra Utilities)** will give a different perspective on oil and gas regulations;
- **Matt Lakin**, deputy director of the air and radiation division for the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, will talk about the latest news from U.S. EPA Region 9;
- **Jackie Ferlita**, vice president of **Air Quality Consultants** based in Orange County, will update attendees on the cap-and-trade market.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) hosts the annual conference and proceeds from it go to support the activities of the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium, an educational resource non-profit serving High Desert communities in San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

"We're looking forward to bringing CDAWG back to the Coachella Valley and hearing the great information CDAWG is known to provide," said Brad Poiriez, MDAQMD Executive Director. "This conference continues to be the ideal place for leaders and officials in air quality and related industries to gather, share ideas and form strategies to ensure we're educating constituents and permit holders on the best ways to reduce and prevent air pollution."

Vendor tables are also available to conference registrants for an additional fee. View the preliminary agenda, get more information and register for CDAWG at mdaqmd.ca.gov/cdawg.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow @MDAQMD on social media.

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