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SCAQMD Awards Nearly \$5 Million to Replace Dirty Diesel Trucks Servicing Area Ports

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has awarded \$4.8 million for new lower-emission heavy-duty trucks to replace 163 older heavy-duty diesel-powered models that are operating across the Southland at the ports and in other goods movement activities.

"Heavy-duty trucks are one of the largest sources of smog-forming pollution in Southern California," said William A. Burke, Ed.D., SCAQMD Governing Board Chairman. "Cleaning up the Southland's truck fleet is one of the most important steps we can take to protect the health of those

living in areas where these vehicles travel."

The funding will provide truckers up to \$30,000 per truck in incentive funding. The trucks will operate at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and in other goods movement activities. The new diesel trucks are about 96 percent cleaner than the ones they replace and are certified to meet or exceed the state's strict 2010 emissions standards for heavy-duty diesel trucks. SCAQMD's Board approved the funding on April 6, 2012.

Since 2009, SCAQMD has awarded \$122 million in state Proposition 1B funds to help replace more

than 2,400 older diesel trucks, including about 1,500 trucks that operate as "drayage" trucks hauling containers from ports to nearby rail yards and warehouses. Of the 1,500 drayage trucks replaced, 559 were replaced with liquefied natural gas trucks funded by an additional \$27 million in local and federal funds.

For more information, contact Fred Minassian at (909) 396-2641 or fminassian@aqmd.gov



2012 AQMP Development and Plan Outreach Now in Process

This summer, the 2012 Draft Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) will be made available to the public for review and comment. The Draft AQMP will describe the control strategies necessary to achieve federal clean air standards by specified deadlines. Public workshops and hearings will be held during the review period. The draft plan is scheduled to be considered by SCAQMD's Governing Board in the Fall of 2012, after which it will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board for approval, and then submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by December 2012.

SCAQMD staff is continuing to meet monthly with the AQMP Advisory Group and the Scientific, Technology and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group. The groups have been tasked with providing both policy and technical feedback on the development of the Draft AQMP.

In conjunction with the development of the Draft AQMP, staff is conducting an extensive outreach program to inform and engage a wide range of stakeholders on the process, goals and impacts of the Draft AQMP. Staff has been meeting with

key state, regional, and local stakeholders to discuss plan development, emissions inventory data and growth assumptions. The District held four 2012 AQMP Workshops and CEQA Scoping in early July. The final workshop will be held at 6:00 PM on July 24, 2012 at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

This is SCAQMD's tenth plan, incorporating the latest technical information and planning assumptions, including the Southern California Association of Government's recently approved 2012 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, updated emission inventory methodologies for various source categories, and the latest growth forecasts.

For more information on the 2012 AQMP, visit the Plan's web page at www.aqmd.gov/aqmp/2012aqmp/index.htm or contact Dr. Philip Fine at (909) 396-2239 or pfine@aqmd.gov or Joe Cassmassi at (909) 396-3155 or jcassmassi@aqmd.gov

Business Executive Joins SCAQMD Board

Los Angeles business executive Clark E. Parker, Ph.D., was recently sworn in as the newest member of SCAQMD's Governing Board. Appointed by the state Senate Rules Committee, he will serve a 3 1/2-year term ending on Jan. 15, 2016 replacing retiring Board Member Jane Carney.

Dr. Parker is the founder and chief executive officer of Spectrum Surveillance Systems and View Park Development Corp. A licensed general contractor and real estate developer, he was vice president for PennCorp Financial Group Inc. for 15 years, heading the firm's corporate acquisitions. He worked for IBM in the 1960s, marketing hardware and software to the oil and gas, banking and insurance industries.

Dr. Parker serves as an alternate member of the California Coastal Commission and as an advisory committee member for the California Professional Fiduciaries Bureau. A longtime member of the boards of several community based non-profit organizations including Today's Fresh Start Charter School and Golden Day Schools. He is also the honorary consul general for the Central African Republic. As a new board member, he will chair AQMD's Refinery Committee and serve on AQMD's Finance, Legislative, Mobile Source and Personnel committees, as well as SCAQMD's representative on the California Fuel Cell Partnership.



Changes Made to Rule 1470 Requirements for Standby Diesel Engines

At its May meeting, the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board amended Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines. The amendments remove nitrogen oxide (NOx) and narrow particulate matter (PM) requirements for after-treatments for new and replaced stationary emergency standby diesel engines, primarily located within 100 meters of sensitive receptors such as hospitals, day care centers, and residences. The NOx emission limits have been removed due to technical feasibility, and the PM requirements are now primarily

limited to new engines located within 50 meters of a sensitive receptor.

These and other amendments were made to the rule in response to the 2007 and 2011 amendments to the State Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines and the Board's comments on October 7, 2011. Other amendments to Rule 1470 also directly reference the ATCM, or are to coincide with the ATCM amendments.

For more information, contact Laki Tisopolos (909) 306-3123 or ltisopolos@aqmd.gov



SCAQMD Approves Natural Gas Police Vehicle Demonstration

Due to keen interest from Southland cities, the South Coast Air Quality Management District on May 4, 2012, approved the addition of one vehicle to its natural gas police vehicle demonstration program.

"Mobile sources account for almost 80 percent of the Southland's air pollution today," said William A. Burke, Ed.D., SCAQMD's Governing Board Chairman. "It's important we explore all viable options to help replace conventional-fueled vehicles with cleaner models."

The first vehicle in the program, a gasoline-powered Ford Crown Victoria, has been converted to operate on compressed natural gas (CNG) and is currently being equipped with standard police vehicle lights, siren and radio. Deployment to a Southland city is expected by July 2012. This second CNG vehicle could be ready for demonstration later this year. Those participating in the program will operate a vehicle for approximately two to four months during the three-year program.

Police vehicles can accrue 50,000 to 60,000 miles per year. With hundreds of police vehicles operating in the four-county area, converting high-mileage police vehicles to natural gas could represent significant emission reductions for the Southland.

SCAQMD's Governing Board first approved a program to demonstrate a new natural gas police vehicle in cities in November 2011.

SCAQMD has decided to add an additional vehicle to the program, since

10 cities and one university so far have expressed interest in demonstrating the vehicle. The cities of Duarte, Glendora, Hawthorne, La Puente, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Fernando, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, West Covina, and California State University San Bernardino all have expressed interest in the program.

For more information, contact Matt Miyasato at (909) 396-3249 or mmiyasato@aqmd.gov



SCAQMD Begins Fourth Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study



In June, the South Coast Air Quality Management District commenced its fourth Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES IV) that will monitor and evaluate air quality and determine risk from exposure to air toxics in the South Coast Air Basin. This study is a follow up to previous air toxic studies conducted in the Basin during 2004-06, 1997-98, and 1986-87.

The extensive study includes an air monitoring program, an updated emissions inventory of toxic air contaminants, and a regional modeling effort to characterize risk across the Basin. The study will continue to focus on the carcinogenic risk from exposure to air toxics, but will not estimate mortality or other health effects from particulate exposures, as in the previous studies. Instead, MATES IV will measure ultrafine particle concentrations. In addition, shorter-term measurements will be conducted at various locations to assess localized impacts of combustion sources.

The focus of these measurements will be on assessing human exposure to ultrafine particles and black carbon near sources such as airports,

freeways, rail yards, busy intersections, and warehouse operations. The ten MATES IV air monitoring sites will be in Anaheim, Burbank, Compton, San Bernardino, Huntington Park, North Long Beach, Central Los Angeles, Pico Rivera, Rubidoux, and West Long Beach. The monitoring will continue for a year, until June 2013.

A MATES IV Technical Advisory Group was formed to provide advice on conducting the study. This group includes technical experts on air pollution measurements, health risk assessment, and exposure assessment.

Links to additional information on MATES IV; the Technical Advisory Group, its meetings and agendas; the MATES IV Presentation given to the SCAQMD Governing Board on April 13, 2012 and previous Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Studies can be found on the SCAQMD web site at: www.aqmd.gov/prdas/matesIV/matesIV.html

For more information, contact Jean Ospital at (909) 396-2582, or jospital@aqmd.gov

Expanded Electronic Payment Options to be Accepted by SCAQMD



A resolution to expand the offering of electronic payment options to all fees collected by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was approved by the Governing Board on June 1, 2012. SCAQMD previously only offered limited electronic payment options for certain fees. The expanded electronic payment options will include online payments via electronic funds transfers and most major credit cards.

The result of this action will greatly expand the electronic payment options to fee payers by allowing online payments. Since the SCAQMD Governing Board first adopted a resolution to accept cost-neutral Discover Card payments for permit applications in 1999, demand to pay other fees (annual operating,

emissions, etc.) electronically, as well as the demand for expanded methods of payment (online, electronic funds transfers, etc.) have increased.

It is anticipated that these expanded electronic payment options will be available in the next few months upon successful coordination, testing and implementation efforts between SCAQMD, the Los Angeles County Treasurer's Office, and the Treasurer's third party payment processor.

Permit holders can check the SCAQMD's website at www.aqmd.gov for more information and updates on how to make electronic payments.

For more information, contact Michael O'Kelly at (909) 396-2828 or mokelly@aqmd.gov

Powering the Future Subject of SCAQMD Forum in Washington, DC

On June 21, 2012 South Coast Air Quality Management District hosted a policy forum in Washington, DC, to focus attention on the convergence of advanced transportation and energy technologies.

Entitled "POWERING THE FUTURE: Moving to Cleaner Transportation and Energy Technologies," the event featured a morning keynote speech from Rep. Henry A. Waxman (CA) who spoke about policy efforts that could impact efforts to clean Southern California's air. Following him, both Rep. Janice Hahn (CA) and Rep. Grace Napolitano (CA) spoke about different efforts to bring cleaner technologies forward.

The forum then featured two panels seeking to explore the technical and public policy issues involved with moving toward clean transportation and energy technologies. The first panel included representatives from Volvo Group North America, electric bus manufacturer Proterra, Inc., The Port of Los Angeles, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, who made presentations on clean technologies that are in the process of being developed or deployed. The second panel, made up of Rep. Laura

Richardson (CA), as well as experts from SCAQMD, Siemens, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), and the BlueGreen Alliance, discussed the policies are needed at the federal level to support these types of efforts and how to engage federal policymakers on these issues.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR), a leader on clean transportation in Congress, spoke on the tremendous efforts made by California to advance technological solutions to clean our air. He praised SCAQMD for its efforts and urged Oregon and California to work more closely together to find and implement solutions to improving air quality.



Bike-to-Work-Day Celebrated on May 17

National Bike Month is celebrated annually on the third Thursday in May, and throughout the state, hundreds of thousands of Californians ride their bikes to and from work as part of Bike to Work activities. Bike to Work Day events support and encourage bicycling as a viable, environmentally friendly, cost-saving, commuter choice.

This year, when Bike to Work day rolled around on May 17th, some 28 SCAQMD employees participated, which is an increase from last year.

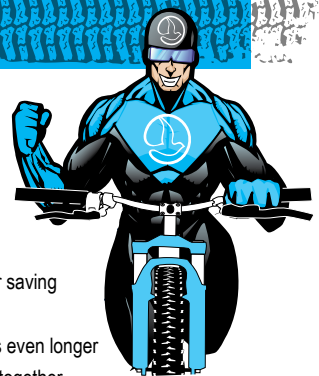
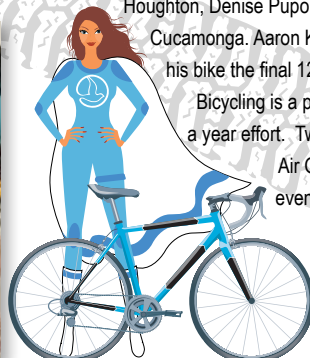
Among the participants this year were two members of SCAQMD's senior management staff, Chung Liu, Deputy Executive Officer for Science & Technology Advancement, and Bill Johnson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Administrative & Human Resources.

Short distances are helpful in encouraging people to ride their bikes to work on a regular basis. Commuters select their travel mode based on travel time, convenience, and the need for trips during the day. For distances of less than five miles, the bicycle is a very practical alternative. Those employees who care about their health, the environment, or saving money will often ride from ten or more miles away.

But on Bike to Work Day, many people commuted across even longer distances. For instance, Phil Barroca and Diana Thai rode together 27 miles from Long Beach. Phil Hubbard, Bill Johnson, Art Arreola, Dan Houghton, Denise Pupo and Jeff Cox all rode in the 22 miles together from Rancho Cucamonga. Aaron Katzenstein rode the Metrolink from Riverside to Brea then rode his bike the final 12 miles to the office.

Bicycling is a passion for some SCAQMD employees, and is not just a one day a year effort. Two days after his 22 mile ride on Bike to Work day, Jeff Cox, an Air Quality Specialist in the Technology Advancement Office, went even farther on his bike, spending seven days riding his bike 400 miles from the Bay Area to Santa Barbara.

For more information, contact Eynonne Drummonds at (909) 396-3287 or edrummonds@aqmd.gov



2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo Highlights Clean Vehicles

The 2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo held at the Long Beach Convention Center May 15-17, 2012, closed amid record attendance of more than 2,500 participants, and high praise from 171 sponsors, exhibitors and other

supporting organizations of the event.

As a leader in the nation's efforts to reduce air pollution, South Coast Air Quality Management District was a platinum sponsor of the 2012 ACT Expo, which reinforced California's integral role in clean vehicle technology advancements.

Other event partners

included the U.S. Department of Energy and its Clean Cities Program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The ACT Expo is designed to help accelerate the adoption of alternative fuels so that more consumers will purchase clean vehicles, thereby driving down clean vehicle technology costs. The event brings together North America's largest convergence of stakeholders committed to air quality improvement by reducing emissions from mobile sources, representing an array of clean vehicle technologies for various applications. The event showcased 80 alternative fuel vehicles of all types, including electric, hybrid, hydrogen, natural gas, propane and renewable fuels.

For more information about the ACT Expo, visit www.actexpo.com/ or contact Kristen Rockwell Weiss at (310) 573, 8555 or kristen.weiss@gladstein.org



Leaf Blower Exchange Program to be Held in Late Fall

Our annual Leaf Blower Exchange Program will be held in late Fall 2012. The Leaf Blower Exchange program allows professional gardeners and



landscapers who live and work in SCAQMD's four-county jurisdiction to trade-in an older leaf blower for a substantial discount on a low-polluting and lower-noise model.

SCAQMD's four-county region includes most of Los Angeles County (excluding the Antelope Valley), all of Orange County, and the urban portions of Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

To sign up for email announcements on the Leaf Blower Exchange, including information on when registration will begin, go to www.aqmd.gov/listserver/list.aspx

For more information, contact Shashi Singeetham at (909) 396-3298 or ssingeetham@aqmd.gov

24th Annual Clean Air Awards to be Held October 12th

SCAQMD will be recognizing individuals and organizations for their contributions to clean air at the 24th Annual Clean Air Awards luncheon on Friday, October 12, 2012 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

The awards luncheon will honor individuals and organizations from across the SCAQMD region for their achievements in Advancement of Air Pollution Technology, Innovative Transportation Projects, Model Community Achievement, Public Education on Air Quality Issues, and Promotion of Good Environmental Stewardship.

Tickets to the 24th Annual Clean Air Awards are \$40 per person or \$400 for a table of 10, and can be reserved by calling (909) 396-2221.

For more information, contact Lourdes Cordova Martinez at (909) 396-3214 or lcmartinez@aqmd.gov



Ask the Advisor

Q: How do electric vehicles save money and reduce emissions?

A: A recent report from the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) shows that no matter where one lives in the United States, electric vehicles (EVs) are a good choice for reducing global warming emissions, although some areas are substantially better than others. The UCS report, "State of Charge: Electric Vehicles' Global Warming Emissions and Fuel Cost Savings Across the United States," is a first-of-its-kind analysis of the emissions EVs create from charging on an electric grid and how the cost of that charging compares to filling up a gasoline-powered vehicle.

Broken down by category and divided by region, the analysis concludes that in every part of the country, EVs outperform most gasoline-powered vehicles when it comes to global warming emissions. In places like California and most of New York, the environmental performance of an EV could be as high as an 80 mpg gasoline-powered vehicle.

While the environmental benefits of driving an EV vary depending on where the driver charges the EV, electric grids across the country are getting cleaner. In fact, 29 states and the District of Columbia are implementing renewable electricity standards while a greater number of older and dirtier coal plants are retired. The report claims that wherever EV owners charge their vehicles they will also see savings. The analysis found that based on electricity rates in 50 cities across the United States, drivers can save \$750 to \$1,200



dollars
a year compared to
operating an average new

compact gasoline vehicle fueled with gasoline at \$3.50 per gallon. Higher gas prices would mean even greater EV fuel cost savings. For each 50 cent increase in gas prices, an EV driver can expect to save an extra \$200 a year.

Additional information on the UCS report is available on their web site at: www.ucsusa.org/clean_vehicles/smart-transportation-solutions/advanced-vehicle-technologies/electric-cars/emissions-and-charging-cost-electric-cars.html

The SCAQMD also provides information on electric and other alternative fueled vehicles on its Transportation and Resources Links web page at: www.aqmd.gov/trans/links.html



Women in Green Forum Highlights Sustainable Business Leaders

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is a Platinum Sponsor of the 3rd Annual Women in Green Forum to be held August 28-29, 2012 in Santa Monica. The meeting is an annual gathering of an international audience of environmental leaders, including corporate executives, academic researchers, technology developers, and clean tech financiers. The Forum also includes participation from regulatory agencies involved in developing the policies and legislation which will further the development and propagation of green technologies on our roads, in our homes and at our schools. For registration please visit the Women In Green Forum Web Site at: www.womeningreenforum.com

For more information, contact Lourdes Cordova Martinez at (909) 396-3214 or lcmartinez@aqmd.gov



Upcoming Events

The California Electric Vehicle Codes and Standards Seminar

July 17, 2012
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
College of the Desert - Advanced Transportation and Energy Center
43-500 Monterey Ave
Palm Desert, 92260

Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County Annual Green and Health Expo

August 22, 2012
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort
12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92840

Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference

September 10-13, 2012
Long Beach Convention Center
300 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, 90802

South Pasadena Clean-Air Car Show & Green Living Expo

September 16, 2012
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
South Pasadena School District
1020 El Centro St., South Pasadena, 91030



RULE UPDATE

The following proposed amended rules and regulations are tentatively scheduled for hearings at upcoming SCAQMD Governing Board meetings. To verify whether scheduling changes have occurred, visit the SCAQMD website at www.aqmd.gov/hb/gb_cal95.html and check the Rules and Control Measure item on the Governing Board meeting

agenda or call the Clerk of the Board's Office at (909) 396-2500. Copies of SCAQMD rules and regulations can be downloaded from the website at www.aqmd.gov/rulesreg.html or provided by AQMD's Public Information Center, (909) 396-2039.

September

Rule 219 - Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Staff will consider exempting low emitting processes/equipment that require written permits, and include them under the Rule 222 Filing Program, thus streamlining the permitting process and reducing the cost for facilities and clarify permitting requirements for several other processes.

For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363 or nberry@aqmd.gov

Rule 222 - Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Staff will evaluate currently permitted equipment with very low emissions and consider incorporating into the Rule 222 Filing Program. In addition, staff will evaluate other equipment currently exempt from permits, but subject to source specific rules, for inclusion into Rule 222 Filing Program.

For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363 or nberry@aqmd.gov

Rule 1107 - Coating of Metal Parts and Products

Amendments to Rule 1107 would further reduce VOC emissions and improve rule clarity and enforceability.

For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363 or nberry@aqmd.gov

Rule 1114 - Control of Emissions from Refinery Coking Operations

Proposed Rule 1114 will establish emission limits and other requirements for the operation of coking units at petroleum refineries.

For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363 or nberry@aqmd.gov

October

Rule 1401 - New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants Rule 1402 - Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) periodically reviews the list of toxic compounds and revises or establishes risk values. Rules 1401 and 1402 will be amended to revise the list of toxic air contaminants.

OEHHA is currently revising their risk assessment guidelines and, when adopted, SCAQMD guidelines will be amended requiring Governing Board approval. In addition, other administrative changes may be proposed.

For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at (909) 396-3105 or snakamura@aqmd.gov

Rule 1902 - Transportation Conformity

Amendments to Rule 1902 will bring SCAQMD's Transportation Conformity rule in line with current U.S. EPA requirements.

For more information, contact Carol Gomez at (909) 396-3264 or cgomez@aqmd.gov

November

Rule 1123 - Pilot Program for Refinery Start-up, Shutdown and Turnaround Procedures

Rule 1123 would implement 2007 AQMP Control Measure MCS-06 by identifying improved operating procedures and best management practices to reduce emissions from start-up, shutdown and turnaround operations.

For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363 or nberry@aqmd.gov

Rule 1138 - Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations

Rule 1138 currently applies solely to chain-driven charbroilers. Proposed Amended Rule 1138 will implement 2007 Air Quality Management Plan Control Measure BCM-05 for the reduction of PM_{2.5} emissions from under-fired charbroilers. Staff has contracted with the University of California, Riverside Bourns College of Engineering Center for Environmental Research & Technology (CE-CERT) for the testing and demonstration of affordable and effective particulate control technologies for under-fired charbroilers. Staff will propose amendments to Rule 1138 based on the results of those studies.

For more information, contact Philip Fine at (909) 396-2239 or pfine@aqmd.gov

Rule 1420 - Emissions Standard for Lead

Rule 1420.2 - Emissions Standard for Lead from Medium Lead Emitting Facilities

In October 2008, EPA lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead from 1.5 to 0.15 ug/m³. Proposed Amended Rule 1420 and Proposed Rule 1420.2 will apply to lead sources and will include requirements to ensure the air basin meets the new lead standard.

For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at (909) 396-3105 or snakamura@aqmd.gov

Vehicle emissions contribute heavily to air pollution, but there are three easy things you can do to help keep emissions as low as possible: avoid unnecessary driving, maintain your car properly, and drive your car wisely. You can avoid unnecessary driving by consolidating trips, telecommuting, carpooling, using public transit, and choosing clean transportation alternatives such as biking or walking. To reduce your car's emissions and enhance its performance, take proper care of your car by following the manufacturer's recommended maintenance guidelines. By taking proper care of your car, you will also extend its life, increase its resale value, and optimize its gas mileage. Finally, drive wisely by idling only if you cannot avoid it. If you expect to idle for more than 30 seconds, save gas by turning the engine off and restarting it again. Driving wisely also means not "topping off" when refueling your vehicle to prevent spills and over-fills. Spilled gasoline pollutes the air when it evaporates.

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Nicholas Sanchez

Clean Air PEOPLE

Meet the diversely talented staff at the SCAQMD

A Senior Deputy District Prosecutor in the District Prosecutor's Office since April 2010, Nick Sanchez deals with legal issues regarding air pollution before the hearing board and state courts.

One of his primary assignments is to appear before the District's hearing board to address odor nuisance issues at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar, one of the nation's largest waste facilities. He also regularly appears before the hearing board for group abatement orders to require gas station and emergency engine operators to replace their equipment with more efficient, less polluting units.

Nick previously served nine years as a Deputy Attorney

General with the California Department of Justice, starting out in San Francisco, then moving to Southern California. His client was the state's Department of Consumer Affairs where he represented 40 regulatory entities under its jurisdiction, including the Contractors State License Board and the Bureau of Automotive Repair. Nick focused on consumer protection and health practitioner licensing issues, but it was his prosecution of smog check technicians and automotive pollution violations that led him to pursue a focus on environmental law, stating that "the SCAQMD's Prosecutor's Office is a perfect fit."

Nick and his wife of three years, Leena, an elementary

school teacher, live in Covina. Nick has lived in Southern California most of his life, earning his Bachelor's Degree from USC and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

Fond of outdoor activities and an avid golfer, Nick is an international traveler and USC football season ticket holder. He also enjoys participating in 5K runs with his younger brother. But most of his hobbies and outdoor activities have recently been put on hold after bringing home a new puppy.

Prior to coming to work at SCAQMD, Rachel Mendoza was a Litigation Secretary who had worked for several law firms in Los Angeles. Then, in 2009 after being laid off, "a friend forwarded me a link to a secretarial job here at the SCAQMD," she said.

"When I got laid off, I never felt down on my luck. In fact, I went out and purchased a fancy camera and decided to spend my days off doing photography." It wasn't long before she found a job at another law firm, and shortly thereafter she was also offered a position at SCAQMD. She accepted the position as Secretary to Ed Pupka, Senior Enforcement Manager in Engineering and Compliance. "And I still do the photography today on occasion," she said.

Rachel is responsible for such duties as formatting and processing reports, scheduling meetings and interacting with SCAQMD's Deputy Executive Officers and their staff. She also schedules public meetings, staffs the Stationary Source Committee

meetings, and is involved in larger programs such as the Clean Air Awards and the Senior Air Fair.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Rachel is the youngest of seven children. She graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and attended nearby Glendale Community College. Her mother and most of her siblings still live in the area. For the past seven years, Rachel has lived in a condo in the foothills of Azusa with Vinnie, her ten-year-old dachshund.

She enjoys many activities, but is especially fond of physical activities such as running, Bikram (hot) yoga, karate and local hiking. She completed both the 2007 Los Angeles Half Marathon and the 2008 Los Angeles Marathon. She also participates in the Toastmasters group that meets at SCAQMD (where she earned a Competent Communicator badge) and she continues to enjoy scenic photography.



Rachel Mendoza

John Kampa was born and raised in Southern California living here his entire life. After earning a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting at Cal Poly Pomona, he spent the next four years working at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) Controller's Division, as a budget analyst.

But even though "I loved my job at Los Angeles County DHS," he took a job with SCAQMD for two reasons. First, because his long commute from Yorba Linda to Los Angeles kept him away from his family, and secondly, because "I liked the fact the SCAQMD was successful in its mission to clean the air and that it was fiscally stable," he said.

Prior to LA County DHS, John ran several businesses, his own CPA firm, a computer timeshare business, a payroll service, and a car wash that he purchased as an investment and ran for

approximately seven years.

John began at SCAQMD in January 2002 as a Financial Analyst in the Finance & Budget Department. He assists in preparing SCAQMD's annual budget and is also assigned to the AB 2766 Subvention Fund Program, which includes working with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC).

John and his wife Susan have lived in Corona for the past seven years with their two sons, Zach, 20, and Cliff, 15. They have an Australian Shepherd/Lab mix dog named Hazel, whom he enjoys taking on three-mile long walks. John coaches his youngest son's baseball teams, and enjoys martial arts, having studied Kenpo for over ten years.



John Kampa



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Briefly...

Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

Rule 403 – Controlling Dust in the South Coast Air Basin

- Every third Wednesday of the month.

This half day-class is held at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. Class and registration information are at www.aqmd.gov/aqmd/aqmd_training.htm under "Controlling Dust in the South Coast Air Basin (Rule 403)."

To register call toll free 1-866-861-DUST (3878) or e-mail dustcontrol@aqmd.gov

Rule 403 & 401.1 – Controlling Dust in the Coachella Valley

- Every third Thursday of the month.

This course is held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Room 119, 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA, 92260. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. Class and registration information are at www.aqmd.gov/aqmd/aqmd_training.htm under "Controlling Dust Control in the Coachella Valley (Rule 403 & 403.1)."

To register call toll free 1-866-861-DUST (3878) or email dustcontrol@aqmd.gov

Rule 461-Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Compliance Assistance Classes:

Daily Self-Inspection Class for Gasoline Service Station Owners/Operators

- November 9, 2012

This one-day class meets at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters (Room CC-6) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check-in time is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required to attend this training. The class fee is \$139.04 per person and class and registration forms and information are available at www.aqmd.gov/comply/Training_Info/Class_461_self.html

Tester Orientation: Compliance Training Class

- August 10, 2012
- November 16, 2012

This one-day class meets at SCAMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters (Room CC-6) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check-in time is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required to attend this training. The class fee is \$144.67 per person and class and registration forms and information are available at www.aqmd.gov/comply/Training_Info/Class_461_testers.html

Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Compliance Assistance Classes

- November 30, 2012

This one-day class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters (Room CC6) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check-in time is from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required to attend this training. The class fee is \$152.18 per person and class registration and forms are available at www.aqmd.gov/comply/Training_Info/Class_461_periodic.html

To register for any Rule 461 Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Compliance Assistance Classes, call (909) 396-3178 or e-mail clozcano@aqmd.gov

Rule 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities

- July 18, 2012
- August 15, 2012
- September 12, 2012
- October 17, 2012
- November 14, 2012
- December 12, 2012

Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at SCAQMD Diamond Bar Headquarters. Registration fee is \$75.68 per person and pre-registration is required. Class and registration information is available at www.aqmd.gov/aqmd/aqmd_training.htm under "Rule 1403."

To register, call (909) 396-2658 or email doswald@aqmd.gov

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