

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-6

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE July 1, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim July 7 through 13, 2008 as Healthy Air Living Week in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim July 7 through 13, 2008 as Healthy Air Living Week in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-499

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.



San Joaquin Valley

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June 2, 2008

Supervisor Tom Mayfield, Board Chair
County of Stanislaus
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SUBJECT: County Participation in Healthy Air Living Initiative

Supervisor Mayfield:

The purpose of this letter is to invite your county to help improve the San Joaquin Valley's air quality by actively participating in our Healthy Air Living initiative.

Understanding that the Valley's counties are concerned with the physical well-being of their residents, the Valley Air District wants to invite your region to be a part of the growing movement to take action to improve the San Joaquin Valley's air quality. The ultimate goal of the Healthy Air Living initiative is to create a culture where air quality is a top priority in the day-to-day decision making by businesses, individuals, and municipalities.

In addition to working with businesses throughout the Valley, we hope to partner with the Valley's counties for several reasons. First, many communities are already engaged in a process of "greening" their operations and workplace cultures. Second, quite simply, a county's facilities and operations can be an influential showcase for environmentally responsible practices, such as ridesharing, clean fleets, green building, and sustainable lawn and garden care. Third, as large employers, counties have the capacity to influence their employees' behavior for the common good.

Specifically, we ask your county to consider adopting a proclamation (sample enclosed) declaring July 7 through 13, 2008 as Healthy Air Living Week in your region. We ask that, in your proclamation, you highlight the air friendly policies or activities that your county is presently engaged in, as well as your pledge to take on new air friendly policies or activities during Healthy Air Living week.

Please review the enclosed material as examples of air friendly activities and policies that your county may want to consider. The sample proclamation has space for your region to proudly showcase

the air-friendly practices your county is doing already, as well as space for your additional bold commitments for Healthy Air Living Week.

We especially seek your help in reminding your employees and residents before Healthy Air Living Week, that everyday actions and decisions can impact the Valley's air quality, and that each person can make the Valley a healthier place to live. As a respected leader of your community, your Healthy Air Living pledge will help to inspire and provide cleaner, healthier air for the residents of the San Joaquin Valley. Additionally, adopting a proclamation,

- Allows your county to be listed as a Healthy Air Living Partner on the Healthy Air Living website and in Valley newspapers.
- Enables your county to call on Valley Air District staff for an individual presentation and consultation on what more your region can do to help clean the Valley's air.
- Allows your county employees to enter the Healthy Air Living drawing for a new Toyota Prius hybrid. Employees can enter by filling out personal pledge cards, which are available at www.healthyairliving.com, or any District office.

I am hopeful that you will join us as we put our many shoulders to the plow to clean up the Valley's air. Please visit us online at www.healthyairliving.com if you have any questions, and feel free to call me at (559) 230-6036 if you wish to meet with me regarding this matter. I would also appreciate it if you would notify Sherrie Vidaurri at (559) 230-6032 or sherrie.vidaurri@valleyair.org as to when your county will be adopting its Healthy Air Living proclamation.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: CAO Rick Robinson
SJVAPCD Board Member William O'Brien

Enclosures:
Sample Proclamation
Healthy Air Living brochure

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Valley faces unprecedented challenges in realizing clean air due to our perfect environment for pollution created by our natural geography and topography;

WHEREAS, Although advancement toward clean air has been made through innovation and participation among all segments of the Valley, we have a long way to go;

WHEREAS, In order to meet health-based standards for clean air in the San Joaquin Valley, which will result in better health and an improved quality of life for Valley residents, we must reduce our emissions Valleywide;

WHEREAS, Reducing our emissions requires the active participation of every organization and individual;

WHEREAS, The [governing body] has embraced air-quality improvement through [____], [____] and [____];

WHEREAS, The Valley Air District's Healthy Air Living initiative encompasses a year-round approach to weaving choices into the fabrics of our lives on a daily basis that result in cleaner air and therefore better health for the Valley's residents; and

WHEREAS, The Air District has designated July 7-13, 2008 as Healthy Air Living Week in order to showcase and encourage healthy-air choices Valleywide;

WHEREAS, We [agency] is committed to the goal of clean air and believes that we can be an active part of the solution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, [____], do hereby proclaim July 7-13, 2008, to be

"Healthy Air Living Week."

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we, [governing body], do hereby make a commitment to the following actions during that week:

(Choose the options that best fit your community)

1. Subsidize mass transit for employees or offer reduced fares for all ridership
2. Adopt a clean fleet procurement policy
3. Adopt a green contracting/purchasing policy for goods and services
4. Participate in the "Commute Green in the San Joaquin" corporate rideshare challenge
5. Switch to low-solvent cleaning products
6. Plant shade trees
7. Avoid operation of lawn-care and diesel equipment during afternoon hours and during ozone episodes
8. Install solar photo-voltaic panels or solar water heating for our facilities
9. Enhance and accelerate maintenance and tune-ups of vehicles and equipment
10. Evaluate supply distribution operations to reduce truck traffic and fuel use
11. Plan scheduled shutdowns to occur during Healthy Air Living week or other high pollution days
12. Schedule an energy audit and implement energy efficiency measures
13. Establish telecommuting options for employees
14. Investigate the installation of a video teleconference system
15. Offer financial incentives to employees to reduce commute vehicle usage
16. Adopt a 9/80 or 4/10 work schedule to reduce trips to work
17. Explore and adopt measures to avoid diesel vehicle idling
18. Provide preferred parking for carpools
19. Link employees to carpooling and vanpooling resources
20. Provide secure storage and showers for bicycle commuters
21. Provide direct deposit of paychecks for employees
22. Provide onsite childcare
23. Provide bicycles for employees to use for short trips during the workday
24. Organize lunch ordering and delivery, lunch truck availability or an in-house cafeteria or snack shop
25. Sponsor in-house lunchtime activities for employees
26. Allow employees to use the Internet for personal business during breaks and lunch
27. Arrange for onsite dry cleaning drop-off and pick-up at your workplace
28. Donate \$_____ to the Community Clean Air Fund for the San Joaquin Valley administered by the Fresno Regional Foundation