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San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District

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**AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICT**
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Thanks for subscribing to the SLO County APCD's e-newsletter! Our newsletter includes information about our upcoming events, outreach programs, and other information about our agency.



2010 Pollution Prevention School Challenge!

San Luis Obispo schools and clubs are invited to participate in the challenge and develop a program or project that could help reduce air pollution at their school. Projects can be anything the students come up with; however, the projects will be judged on their creativity, impact to air quality, feasibility, ease of implementation and overall presentation / environmental stewardship. Projects are due to the APCD on October 22. Three awards will be issued (one for each category: elementary, middle school, and high school) and winning classes and/or clubs will receive countywide recognition (plus a fun pizza and ice cream party!). The APCD worked with the SLO County Office of Education to get the word out to School Administrators countywide. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up, please visit our website! You can also print out the Pollution Prevention poster [here](#).

Climate Change Curriculum & Teacher Training

The APCD, in partnership with the SLO County Planning and Building Dept. and Strategic Energy Innovations Inc., has been recruiting school teachers grades 3-6 to implement a science based climate change curriculum in their 2010 & 2011 lesson plans. The second round of training was held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 and was a great success with 6 local teachers participating. The curriculum explores the science behind the causes and solutions to climate change and is linked to California State Standards, as well as Environmental Principles and Concepts. There will be a third training that will be scheduled for May 2010. Participating teachers receive a teacher's manual, curriculum, lesson plans, visual materials and supplies for the experiments. A Cal Poly student intern will also provide classroom assistance with the lessons and experiments. Space is limited, and interested teachers should contact Gary Arcemont at garcemont@co.slo.ca.us.

Visiting? Leave it *all* Behind!

Car Free provides tools to travelers on the pleasures and availability of traveling to our area without their cars, or by parking their cars once they arrive. By pledging to travel to or around San Luis Obispo without a car, visitors receive special incentives from participating hotels, restaurants, transportation services and attractions. This website is a hub for information and web-links on transportation, lodging, attractions and other visitor needs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15-16:
Sustainable Ag Expo at the Embassy Suites in Monterey.

December 1: APCD Board Meeting at the SLO Government Center.

See more on our [website!](#)

Air Quality Awareness- Particulate Matter

Particulate Matter Reduction Plan (PMRP) for the Oceano Dunes SVRA:

On September 8, the Management Oversight Committee and Technical Advisory Committee held the first kick-off meeting to begin implementing the Memorandum of Agreement with the APCD, State Parks and SLO County to reduce PM from the Oceano Dunes. This meeting was open to the public and well attended by over 20 members of the community and local media. The primary focus of this meeting was to define the committee's responsibilities and project task timeline. Critical next steps identified at this meeting include hiring a technical consultant, developing the Scope of Work for the PMRP, and developing pilot projects and how to measure their overall effectiveness. The meeting minutes for the Management Oversight Committee will be placed on the [APCD website](#) within ten days following the meeting.

The APCD and SLO County Public Health continue efforts to expand air quality awareness tools to assist South County residents to keep up-to-date on air pollution levels. Staff is also working to expand the Air Quality Flag Program to schools and public-based locations (e.g., CDF fire station) throughout the South County. Our primary focus this fall is to ensure all schools on the Nipomo Mesa have implemented the Flag Program. In addition to the emails, website and school based programs, staff is also working to implement a 24-hour phone messaging system to provide daily air quality forecasts and to identify when and where air quality conditions are forecasted to exceed the health-based air quality standards.



Grants for Diesel Engines

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has grant funding available on a first-come-first-served basis for reducing emissions from agricultural stationary and portable diesel engines, tractors/equipment, and on-road trucks. Projects can be proposed to re-power by electrification or replacement with the cleanest available tiered engine. Projects must provide surplus emission reductions relative to reductions required by State diesel regulations and/or State law. The APCD will help growers determine if their project is eligible for grant funding. For eligible projects, the APCD can provide up to 65% of the total eligible project costs as long as the project meets the State's allowed cost effectiveness (CE) maximum. Projects that do not meet the CE maximum will be offered reduced funding. Grant applications are available at the following website: www.slocleanair.org/programs/moyer.php. Please contact Andy Mutziger at 781-5956 or Meghan Field at 781-1003 to determine whether your equipment is eligible for grant funding.

CAPCOA's Climate Change Forum

The APCD was a sponsor for the CAPCOA Climate Change Forum held in San Francisco on August 30 - 31. The goal of the conference was to bring together policy makers, business leaders and environmental organizations to strengthen efforts to address climate change. This forum provided the opportunity for us to display our greenhouse gas reduction efforts in the exhibition hall, spotlight the District's programs in the event resource book and have our APCO provide the closing remarks at the end of day one of the conference. The forum was filled with keynote speakers (i.e., Alec Looz, *Kids vs. Global Warming*; Van Jones, *Center for American Progress*, Hunter Lovins, *Natural Capitalism Solutions*, Arianna Huffington, *Huffington Post*; and Chris Field, *Department of Global Ecology, Carnegie Institution of Washington*) who all provided inspiring, macro-level assessment of the current climate change landscape. The plenary and breakout sessions held throughout the conference delved further into the specific topics in a smaller group environment. The presentations from this forum will soon be available at <http://www.capcoaclimateforum.com>.

Rideshare Month-Commute for Cash Challenge

This year, October has been declared as Rideshare Month 2010. Each week in October will highlight a different mode of alternative transportation: public transit, vanpooling, carpooling and biking/walking.

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Sincerely,

Meghan Field
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