The Placer County Air Pollution Control District

What we are all about...

Our vision is to achieve and maintain clean air standards throughout Placer County



We strive towards this end by managing the County's air quality in a manner to protect and promote public health by controlling and seeking reductions of air pollutants while recognizing and considering the economical and environmental impacts



We do this by focusing on eight specific goals and applying our resources toward accomplishing their associated objectives



1. Regulate air pollutant emissions from stationary sources

- a. Evaluate emissions, potential emissions, and establish permit limitations consistent with District rules and regulations and applicable air pollution control laws
- b. Develop and maintain a vigilant inspection program to ensure compliance of permitted terms and conditions
- c. Provide guidance on implementation of rules and regulations to regulated sources
- d. Establish partnerships with industry by providing both a technical and personal level of service to promote innovative reductions of emissions
- e. Adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to further the goals of the District and to meet state and federal mandates

2. Seek quantitative reductions in amounts of air pollutants being released within the County

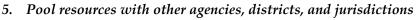
- a. Identify and regulate new sources of emissions
- b. Alleviate toxic and nuisance emission impacts upon the public
- c. Provide economic incentives for emission reductions
- d. Deter emission violations through the enforcement of District rules, and air pollution control laws
- e. Increase resources applied to mitigation measures
- f. Provide public education about sources, effects, and methods of reduction
- g. Modify and/or incorporate new rules and regulations as appropriate to obtain reductions suited for the County

3. Respond to and investigate non-compliant events and sources of emissions in an efficient manner

- a. Initiate measures to allow sources to gain compliance by providing quality service within acceptable limits
- b. Establish a hierarchical enforcement system that yields appropriate sanctions based on severity, frequency, and quantity of pollution
- c. Partner with other agencies when feasible to assist in field response and inspections/investigations

4. Mitigate effects of growth through quality planning measures

- a. Maintain and enhance a data and information collection system regarding emission inventory and air shed properties throughout the basins
- b. Prepare and update air quality plans to effectively maintain or achieve attainment of air quality standards through measures best suited for the County
- c. Review development plans for impacts on air quality and work toward mitigating those impacts through programs that reduce emissions
- d. Develop and implement initiatives to address the growth of the County with respect to maintaining and improving air quality



- a. Partner with local municipalities in areas of mutual interest and where mandates cross jurisdictional boundaries
- b. Form strategic alliances with other air districts and agencies as appropriate to develop technical resources and gain needed assistance
- c. Contract out for services/program management to areas where the cost/benefit of doing such is favorable
- 6. Market and promote the positive impacts the District is making on the air quality in the County
- 7. Reduce mobile source emissions through collaborative efforts with planning and transportation entities
 - a. Support zero emission, alternative, and renewable fuels technologies, and accompanying infrastructure, including waste to energy and biomass to energy initiatives, as well as cleaner burning fossil fuels.
 - b. Assist in the implementation/funding of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) called for in Air Quality Plans
- 8. Improve District business processes and internal operations so as to provide cost effective and quality service to the citizens and industry of Placer County.

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