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South Coast Air Quality Management District

Newsletter

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SCAQMD 2016 Air Quality Management Plan



In early March, the SCAQMD Governing Board approved the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan, its blueprint for clean air, calling for stringent regulations combined with incentives to provide healthful air for the region's 17 million residents. Later that month, the plan was approved by the California Air Resources Board.

Now that the plan has been approved by the state, it will be forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its review. If approved by EPA, the plan becomes federally enforceable.

The Air Quality Management Plan was developed over the past three years with extensive public input, including more than 200 meetings with community and environmental groups, churches, local governments and business groups across SCAQMD's four-county region. Some highlights of the plan include:

- Stringent stationary source measures across all sectors, including the largest industrial facilities under the RECLAIM program;
- A specific process to help implement the state's mobile source commitments locally, through identifying enforceable actions to reduce emissions at facilities such as ports, warehouses, railyards, and airports; and
- An honest assessment of the needed incentive programs to reach attainment, designed to help small businesses and residents who are least able to afford equipment upgrades.

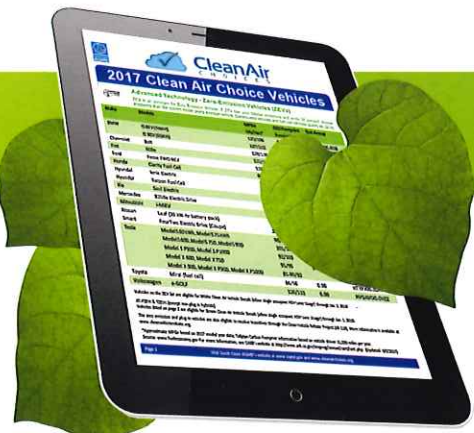
For details, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan>

Greetings!

Summer has arrived and it's a busy time at the SCAQMD. This edition of my newsletter will provide you with some details on just a few of the programs and initiatives that are underway, including the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan, the Electric Lawnmower Rebate Program and the 2017 Clean Car Buying Guide.

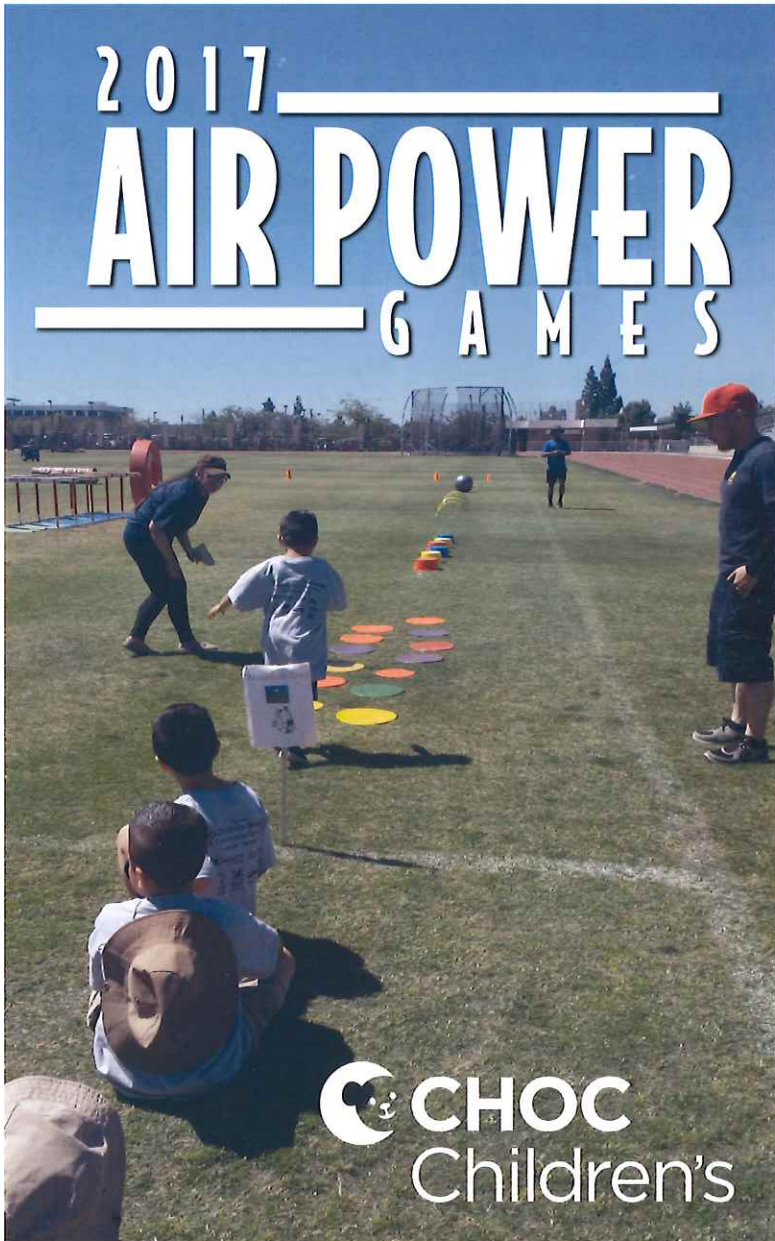
Please know that I'm here to represent you in any way I can. I'm always eager to hear your ideas, questions or concerns about the SCAQMD at drobinson.scaqmd@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
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Planning to Purchase a "GREEN" Car?

The 2017 Clean Car Buying Guide is now available at www.aqmd.gov/cleanairchoices/. If you are thinking about buying a new car that is better for the environment, this publication will help you make a more informed decision. Whether it is an electric vehicle, a car powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, or a hybrid, you have lots of options. Over the years, I've owned several "green" vehicles, from an all-electric, hydrogen and CNG car all way the up to a LNG big rig truck!



It is Now Easier Than Ever to Trade in Your Old Gas Powered Lawn Mower for a New Electric Model

Last year, I purchased my first electric lawnmower and I encourage you to consider exchanging your highly polluting gas mower for a clean, quiet cordless electric model at a greatly reduced cost. Right now you can take advantage of the popular SCAQMD Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program which is now available year-

round and is much more convenient! Residents of SCAQMD's 4-county jurisdiction can



purchase their new cordless, battery-electric lawnmower from a variety of eligible manufacturers from a local retailer or on-line distributor. Turn in a working gasoline powered lawn mower to an approved dismantler for permanent destruction. You'll need to apply for an after-purchase rebate for \$150, \$200 or \$250 depending on the retail cost of the new electric mower (excluding, delivery and sales tax) within 60 calendar days after the purchase of your new mower. An on-line application, list of mower manufacturers and authorized scrapping facilities, as well as easy to follow instructions are available at www.aqmd.gov. You may also email lawnmower@aqmd.gov or call 888-425-6247.



On Saturday May 20th, from 9 am to 1 pm at Santa Ana College, the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) hosted their annual Air Power Games, which is a track and field event with Olympics-type fanfare for children ages 5-14 with asthma. This fun and inspiring event included an obstacle course, long jump, javelin toss and 50 and 100 meter runs.

