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THE ICAPCD BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

"AJ" IS INTRODUCED AS OFFICIAL MASCOT

In a groundbreaking move towards environmental awareness, Imperial County APCD proudly unveiled its newest ally in the fight for cleaner air: Air Justice (AJ). Developed by the Imperial Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD), this mascot will embody the ICAPCD's commitment to combat air pollution and foster a healthier community. "As stewards of our environment, it's imperative that we engage our community in the crucial mission of air quality preservation," said Belen Lopez, Air Pollution Control Officer. AJ represents our dedication to empower individuals to take action, promote sustainable practices, and ensuring a brighter, cleaner future for generations to come."



AJ's cape changes colors depending on the Air Quality Index...
If AJ's Cape is green or yellow, it's safe to play outside!

AJ carries an asthma inhaler with him at all times to prevent asthma attacks...
Preparation and action during bad air quality events prevents damage to your respiratory system!



AB 617 CALEXICO - HEBER - EL CENTRO CORRIDOR**HEBER TOWNSITE IMPROVEMENT - PHASE 1 UNDERWAY**

Heber, CA (January 24, 2024) - The ICAPCD, in conjunction with Imperial County Public Works, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for various road improvements in unincorporated Heber, CA. The project consists of construction of infill street pavement, bike lanes, sidewalks, and more in this community. The Community Steering Committee identified this project as a direct way to reduce particulate matter from roadway traffic. Approximately \$2.4 million of AB 617 funds were appropriated for this community project, and construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of April 2024. Phase 1 will immediately reduce emissions for this disadvantaged community.

APCD ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY IN CALEXICO- HEBER-EL CENTRO

Permit Inspections: 78

Active Permits: 282

Complaints: 4

Notice of Violations: 10

**Data is for January 2024 - March 2024.*



2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- *APRIL 10th - Online via Zoom*
- *MAY 8th - Southwest High (El Centro)*
- *JUNE 12th - Online via Zoom*
- *JULY 10th - Online via Zoom*
- *AUGUST 14th - In-Person*
- *SEPTEMBER 11th - Online via Zoom*
- *OCTOBER 9th - Online via Zoom*
- *NOVEMBER 13th - In-Person*
- *DECEMBER 11th - Online via Zoom*

AB 617 NORTH-END COMMUNITY



2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- *APRIL 15th - Online via Zoom*
- *MAY 20th - Westmorland*
- *JUNE 17th - Calipatria*
- *JULY 15th - Brawley*
- *AUGUST 19th - Online via Zoom*
- *SEPTEMBER 23rd - Westmorland*
- *OCTOBER 21st - Calipatria*
- *NOVEMBER 18th - Brawley*
- *DECEMBER 16th - Online via Zoom*

APCD ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY IN NORTH-END COMMUNITY

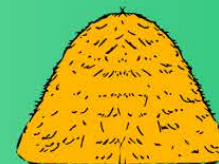
Permit Inspections: 51

Active Permits: 202

Complaints: 7

Notice of Violations: 5

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COMMUNITY AIR MONITOR LOCATIONS SELECTED, 1ST INSTALLED



Westmorland, CA (February 26, 2024) - The North-End Community installed its first community air monitor in residential-zoned Westmorland, CA. With the work of SCS Engineers, this monitor is a first step of the Community Air Monitoring Program which identifies areas with high levels of particulate matter for residents. In the coming months, the North-End Committee will identify an additional fourteen monitor locations throughout Brawley, Westmorland, and Calipatria. The boundary lines were finalized during an April 2024 special meeting, and will now guide the North-End Committee on its placement of these monitors in rural and suburban regions.

VISIT THE AB 617 WEBSITE: ICAB617COMMUNITY.ORG

LAWN EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Trade in your gas-powered lawn equipment for battery power equipment made by STIHL. Exchange a gas lawn mower in working condition for a STIHL mower, blower, or trimmer. Alternatively, you can exchange a gas trimmer or blower for a STIHL blower or trimmer. Reserve your new STIHL equipment now at one of the participating STIHL dealers below through April 30, 2024! And, on May 4, 2024, turn in your gas powered lawn equipment at SA Recycling located on 460 E. Holton Rd., El Centro, CA (with the proof of your purchase). For more information on this program, please feel free to call APCD's office at (442) 265-1800.

PARTICIPATING STIHL DEALERS

BINGHAM EQUIPMENT COMPANY

190 E. Main St., Heber, CA
695 W. Main St., Brawley, CA

ACE HARDWARE

123 E. 5th St. Holtville, CA
415 W. Main St., Brawley, CA
1041 N. Imperial Ave., El Centro, CA

KC WELDING

1676 E. Main St., Brawley, CA
1549 S. Dogwood Rd., El Centro, CA

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