

# 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 economic and environmental impacts*



*We do this by focusing on nine 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 progressive, sensible, fact-based, and effective air pollution control 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
  - h. Seek Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reductions in keeping with state and federal laws and regulations, and District policies.
3. ***Respond to and investigate non-compliant events and sources of emissions in an efficient manner and impartially uphold and enforce air pollution laws and regulations***
  - 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 for the violation of permit conditions, rules, regulations, and laws, and considering, among other relevant factors, the severity, frequency, and air quantity of pollution discharged to the atmosphere
  - 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 climate, and work toward mitigating those impacts through programs that reduce emissions
  - d. Develop and implement initiatives, and support local jurisdictions, to address the growth of the County with respect to maintaining and improving air quality
5. ***Pool resources with other agencies, districts, jurisdictions, and stakeholders***
  - a. Partner with local municipalities in areas of mutual interest and where mandates cross jurisdictional boundaries
  - b. Form strategic alliances with other air districts, academia, stakeholders 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. ***Develop and support innovative and non-traditional emission reduction strategies and initiatives for all sources of emissions***
  - a. Support zero emission and 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. Leverage District and local funding with State and Federal monies to maximize benefits to local jurisdictions.
  - c. Support economically self-sustaining forest management initiatives to restore our forests to a fire-resilient condition while reducing emissions from prescribed burning and wildfires – including hazardous fuel reduction thinning and use of biomass waste for energy, biochar, and wood products as an alternate to open pile burning
  - d. 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.***
  - a. Continually assess the ability of staff, funding, and contract resources, to meet District service level priorities, satisfaction of mandates, and achievement of mission objectives, and make necessary adjustments.
  - b. Identify means to streamline and enhance business processes to achieve gains in efficiency and effectiveness, reduce costs and align costs with revenue streams, and improve customer service and public transparency.
9. ***Provide a financially stable, safe, and positive working environment for District staff, where staff are healthy and motivated, well prepared and qualified, respected by their peers, with high ethical and work standards, and where staff are encouraged to utilize their full potential***