



APCO Report Out

May 11, 2022

- **District – County MOU.** The District and County entered into an MOU in 2017 upon the reconfiguration of the District Board to add city council members. The MOU had a 5-year term that expired on April 25, 2022 with a 5-year extension option that was pre-authorized by the County Board of Supervisors and the District Board of Directors upon mutual agreement of the County Administration Officer (CAO) and the District APCO. The CAO and APCO agreed to, and executed, the 5-year extension option without any other revision of the MOU.
- **District Incentive Programs Update.** As the District has staffed-up it has launched/re-launched its incentive programs. The Current programs underway are:
 - Wood stove replacement (Burn Clean!) – Open until funds liquidated.
 - Public Accessible EV chargers (Go Green!) – Open until funds liquidated.
 - Clean diesel replacements (Moyer & FARMER) – Open until June 30, 2022.
- **Expo Event.** The District held a “Clean Air Expo Event” on May 6th to promote District grant programs; to demonstrate electric tractors and zero emission commercial equipment; and to host members of the CA Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force in support of the District’s BioBiz project and the new BioBiz small business startups. The event was well received with good turnout.
- **GeoZone.** The APCO has joined the technical review committee of the Sonoma Clean Power “GeoZone” project, which is actively reviewing RFI projects. The Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) proposes to create a public-private partnership(s) for local geothermal development of 500 MW of incremental local geothermal capacity.
- **BioBiz Update.** The Biomass Business Competition is developing a final draft of a technical assistance guide with instructions, lessons learned, and document templates for entities that want to implement their own biomass business competition. Although CAL FIRE is funding the development of the guide, the District will be able to freely distribute the final product.

- **Recruitments.** Recruitment for our last position vacancy, the Air Quality Specialist, closed last Wednesday. The review of applications is scheduled for next Monday or Tuesday, followed by the interview and offer processes. We hope to onboard the new team member in June.

- **Web Site Update.** The District updated its website to a new content management system (CMS) and added multi-language support and ADA compliance. The new CMS is more user friendly and less expensive than the previous CMS. The site content and layout remains the same.

- **Support Letters.** The District provided support letters to partners that support the District's legislative platform:
 - Support for the development of a Green Waste Facility in Sonoma County sent to Zero Waste Sonoma;
 - Support of Pepperwood Preserve applying for an EPA community monitoring grant; and
 - Support of the San Luis Obispo Air Quality Management District applying for a CAL FIRE grant to measure and quantify PM emissions from various open burning techniques.