

February 6, 2024

ATTENTION: PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING CASITA CENTER FOR SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY, NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR

This notice is to inform you that an application has been filed with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) by Vista Woods Health Associates for a Permit to Construct and Operate an emergency standby engine to provide backup electricity in case of a power outage, to be located at 2000 Westwood Rd, Vista, CA 92083.

You are receiving this notice because state law requires local air pollution control districts, such as SDAPCD, to notify certain individuals prior to approving construction of any equipment that may increase toxic air contaminant emissions within 1,000 feet of a school. The notice is sent to all addresses within 1,000 feet of the equipment and parents or guardians of children attending any schools located within a quarter mile radius of the equipment. The law also requires the SDAPCD to consider any public comments before approving the permit for construction of this equipment.

Toxic air contaminants are chemicals in the form of gases, liquids, or particles that are emitted into the atmosphere and, when individuals are exposed to them, may cause adverse health effects. The emergency standby engine burns Natural Gas/Propane fuel and operates during power outages, as well as for no more than a maximum of 52 hours per year for maintenance and testing. Burning of Natural Gas/Propane fuel creates air pollution, including small amounts of toxic air contaminants. The proposed engine is certified by the US Environmental Protection Agency to meet the required emission standards.

The SDAPCD is committed to improving air quality to protect public health and the environment by applying and enforcing local, state, and federal air quality rules and regulations in San Diego County. The proposed project has been evaluated by the SDAPCD and is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

Written comments concerning the air quality issues associated with the SDAPCD's proposed action may be submitted to SDAPCD by March 7, 2024. Please refer to Application No. APCD2023-APP-007981 on all correspondence regarding this project. The SDAPCD's evaluation of this application and proposed permit conditions are available on the SDAPCD's website at: <u>https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/permits/public-notices.html</u>. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the SDAPCD's Engineering Division at (858) 586-2600 or <u>APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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