



## **Save the Air in Nevada County (STAINNC) Seeking Volunteers and Funding to Maintain Ozone Monitors**

As the ozone season in Western Nevada County winds down, STAINNC is taking stock of our accomplishments and our needs for the future. It appears that this summer was a relatively mild ozone season, so we're all thankful for that.

We hope you've been checking the graphs from our Nevada City and Grass Valley ozone monitors ([www.stainnc.org/](http://www.stainnc.org/)) over the summer, to help you plan the best times for healthy outdoor activities. Because of the efforts of some dedicated volunteers, we've been able to keep our monitors running throughout the summer, to provide timely air quality information to the community.

Now we're asking for your help. It costs approximately \$650 to maintain each monitor over the year, as well as volunteers who can help ensure they are running properly. These costs and time are not optional—they are needed for periodic maintenance, repairs, and calibration of the monitors and for replacement filters and other necessary accessories.

### **If you value this service, we need help from you:**

- **Please contribute to STAINNC to cover monitor maintenance.** This money goes directly to keeping the monitors running. No money is paid to anyone in STAINNC for their services. We are strictly a volunteer organization, and our 501(c)(3) status means that you can deduct your donation from your taxes.
- **Consider helping STAINNC maintain monitors during the ozone season.** We are looking for volunteers to help us occasionally during the ozone season (approximately May–October). Right now, we are gathering contact information from those who would like to help us with the monitors. We will contact the volunteers in early spring 2011 to attend a one-hour session to learn basic monitor maintenance, so you can be called on if a monitor needs attention during the summer. The time investment is small, but the participation of multiple volunteers ensures that the ozone monitors function properly throughout the summer.

STAINNC provides education and advocacy regarding air quality issues in Nevada County, but people have told us that our most valuable contribution is to keep the monitors running and showing the ozone graphs on our website. With your help, we can continue to do that!

To contribute, visit the STAINNC website at [www.stainnc.org/](http://www.stainnc.org/) and click on the Donate button, or send a check to STAINNC, c/o Ed Welch, 206 Sacramento St, #214, Nevada City, CA 95959. To contact us to volunteer, go to [www.stainnc.org/contact/index.php](http://www.stainnc.org/contact/index.php).

Thanks for your support!