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New grant program replaces ag tractors

Application period extended, eligibility expanded

Applications are still being accepted and more applicants are now eligible for a new Air District incentive program that replaces off-road agricultural tractors.

The Agricultural Off-road Tractor Replacement program application period runs through Jan. 31, 2011. Funding for this program comes from a combination of local, state and federal sources.

“This new program addresses a critical component of the Valley’s economy,” said Samir Sheikh, director of the District’s Strategies and Incentives department, which is administering the program. “Grants aimed at the agriculture sector can result in needed emission reductions.”

Eligibility criteria include:

- Equipment must be self-propelled, off-road agricultural tractors.
- Equipment must have uncontrolled (Tier 0) engines.
- Tractors must operate at least 75 percent of the time in California and 50 percent of the time in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- Eligible equipment must not be currently receiving or under contract to receive funding from any local, state or federal programs.

Projects are funded on a dollar-per horsepower basis and contracts must be established before purchases are made. Funds will be disbursed during spring to early summer 2011.

For more information, contact the Strategies and Incentives program at 559-230-5800.

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