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Alternative-fuel group hosts free event *Clean Cities Coalition, Air District invite Valley fleet operators*

New alternative-fueled vehicles certified by the state Air Resources Board are the focus of a free event targeted to Valley fleet operators at the Fresno office of the Valley Air District.

The quarterly stakeholder meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition is Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. The coalition – part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Vehicle Technology program -- is a public/private partnership with the aim of reducing petroleum use in transportation.

Opportunities will be available to test drive electric vehicles (Ford Transit Connect and Chevrolet Volt), propane-fueled vehicles (Ford E350 van and Ford F250 pickup), and vehicles fueled by compressed natural gas (Ford E350 van, Chevrolet G3500 van and Ford Transit Connect).

“The Clean Cities Coalition is an example of an effective working group with members from all business sectors with a common goal that will benefit Valley air: alternative fuel,” said Samir Sheikh, the District’s director of Strategies and Incentives.

Speakers and their topics are:

- Todd Mouw and Carlos Landeros from ROUSH Clean Tech, propane;
- Robert Sessa from BAF Technologies, compressed natural gas (CNG);
- Paul Ryan from General Motors, CNG and electric vehicles;
- Eileen Tutt from the California Electric Transportation Coalition, electric vehicles.

Air District representatives will discuss funding opportunities for alternative-fuel vehicles.

Lunch is provided but advanced registration is required. Please contact Janis Monroe at A1 Auto Electric, 559-485-4427 ext. 19 or Janice.A1auto@gmail.com.

For more information about grants and incentives through the Air District, please call the Strategies and Incentives department at 559-230-5800 or visit http://valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm.