



VALLEY AIR NEWS

clean vehicle edition



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Building the Valley's EV fleet and Infrastructure

Mobile Sources of air pollution make up a majority of the Valley's air pollution inventory.

As part of the District's strategy to leave "no stone unturned" and attempt to address every feasible control measure in the battle against air pollution, the District dedicates millions of dollars annually toward reducing emissions from motor vehicles through a variety of grant programs specifically aimed at passenger vehicles.

Some of these programs may be combined with other incentives to maximize savings.

Drive Clean

The Drive Clean Program offers residents, and businesses in the San Joaquin Valley, a rebate of up to \$3,000 when purchasing or leasing electric (EV), plug-in hybrid (PHEV), fuel cell or compressed natural gas vehicles.

Zero-emission motorcycles are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate.

Guidelines and application requirements for the Drive Clean Program are available here: <http://valleyair.org/driveclean>.

Other Electric Vehicle Incentives

Valley residents can combine their Drive Clean Rebate with up to a \$2,500 rebate from the state of California. Low-income eligible applicants may receive as much as \$4,000, while fuel cell vehicles are eligible for a \$5,000 grant. The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project is administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy. Guidelines and application are available at: <https://cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng>.

Electricity customers of Pacific Gas and Electric are also eligible for a \$500 rebate when acquiring an EV, with PG&E's Clean Fuel Rebate Program. More information on the program, call: 1-877-704-8723.

In addition, a huge federal tax credit of up to \$7,500 is available during the year you acquire your EV. The tax credit is only available on zero emission vehicle purchases, *not* lease agreements. Here is the information: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/about-form-8936>.

Whether you lease or buy, becoming an EV driver in the San Joaquin Valley brings with it many advantages, even without the rebates. You're reducing vehicle emissions by going electric and providing cleaner air for Valley residents. EVs also require less maintenance, cost less to drive and have plenty of power.

A growing number of EV charging stations and constantly improving technology also makes driving an electric car more practical and attractive with each passing month.



Charge Up!

Offering attractive grants to purchase an EV is only part of the equation as the number of electric vehicles on Valley roads increases. Drivers also need access to a sufficient number of charging stations throughout the Valley to ensure that EVs become practical for everyone as quickly as possible.

To help build the Valley's EV charging infrastructure, the District offers grants for businesses and public agencies who install charging stations for public use.

Charge Up! Provides a \$5,000 grant for the installation of Level 2 single port charging stations, \$6,000 for dual port

stations, as much as \$25,000 for DC Fast Chargers, with a funding cap of \$50,000 per organization. This level of funding allows for projects of up to 10 charging stations. More information: www.valleyair.org/chargeup.

Public Benefit Grants Program

The Public Benefits Grant Program is designed to assist public agencies in upgrading their fleets to electric and alternative fuel vehicles, further promoting clean-air technology in the San Joaquin Valley.

Eligible agencies include cities, counties, special districts (i.e. water districts, irrigation districts, etc.), school districts, community colleges, state universities, or any other public agencies as defined by Government Code section 6252, that are located within the geographic area of the San Joaquin Valley Air District.

Applicants may receive up to \$20,000 for each new vehicle with a maximum funding of \$100,000 per calendar year, per applicant. Public agencies should go here for more information: <http://valleyair.org/grants/publicbenefit.htm>.

Upcoming Tune In & Tune Up (TiTu) events

- June 17, Kern County Fairgrounds
- July 8, Chowchilla Fairgrounds
- July 29, International Ag Center, Tulare
- August 5, SJ Fairgrounds, Stockton
- August 19, West Hills College, Lemoore
- August 26, Fresno County Fairgrounds
- September 16, Stan. Co. Fairgrounds, Turlock
- September 30, Porterville Fairgrounds
- October 14, Merced County Fairgrounds
- October 28, West Hills College, Lemoore
- November 11, Madera Fairgrounds
- December 2, Kern Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

Find out more about TiTu and vehicle replacement at: <http://valleyair.org/grants/pass.htm>

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