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Important updates to Drive Clean in the San Joaquin vehicle replacement program

Valley residents who are driving older polluting cars and want to take advantage of the District's popular Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Replacement Program will notice two new changes when they apply.

This past September, the District's Governing Board agreed to expand the eligibility for vehicle model years to 2006 and eliminate the requirement of a failed emissions test to reduce a possible barrier for low-income residents who wanted to participate.

Since the program began in 2014, the criteria eligibility was limited to vehicles with model years 1999 and older that did not pass emissions tests during weekend Tune In Tune Up events, along with other requirements, such as residency within a disadvantaged community. These criteria allowed the program to focus limited funding sources on helping Valley resident driving the highest polluters to switch to cleaner vehicles. The program, administered in partnership with Valley Clean Air Now, has replaced nearly 3,700 vehicles to date that were 1999 or older.

While vehicles built in 2006 are cleaner than those built in 1999, the 2006 vehicles are still about 4.5 times dirtier than their 2021 gas counterparts. Replacing these 2006 and older vehicles with electric or plug-in electric hybrid options will help the District continue to achieve needed emission reductions in the Valley.

In addition to approving of the change to the model year and the removal of the failed emissions test requirement, the Governing Board accepted \$8,400,000 in funding from the California Air Resources Board to support the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Replace Program.

To apply, visit valleyair.org/drivecleaninthesanjoaquin/replace.



District moves to GovDelivery to keep in touch with subscribers

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