



Actions by the Governing Board – September 19, 2024

Accept \$14 Million in Additional State Funding to Support the District’s Vehicle Replacement Program and Approve Reallocation of CERP Incentive Funding Within South Central Fresno AB 617 Community

The Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$14 million in state funding from CARB for the continued implementation of the District’s Vehicle Replacement program for San Joaquin Valley residents. This funding will support approximately 1,000 vehicle replacement projects as well as program administration expenses. In addition, the Governing Board approved the reallocation of \$3 million in funding within the South Central Fresno Community Emission Reduction Program from the Public Fleets measure to the Passenger Vehicle Replacement measure. The reallocation will support an additional 150 vehicle replacement projects for residents within the South Central Fresno AB 617 community. The District’s vehicle replacement program provides residents in low-income and disadvantaged communities financial incentives to replace their older vehicles with newer, cleaner, and more fuel efficient alternatives. The District’s vehicle incentive programs have been recognized for the environmental and economic benefits the programs achieve as well as being “a model of balancing efficiency and equity.”

August District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In August, the District began the month with back-to-school outreach at schools throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Being present at these schools enabled staff to connect with parents and guardians, providing bilingual information about available grants and how to monitor current air quality conditions.
- The Valley Air District Governing Board approved the acceptance of over \$1.2 million in additional federal funding through the Environmental Protection Agency’s highly competitive Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) in August. This funding will support the replacement of in-use heavy-duty diesel trucks with zero or near-zero-emission models, specifically targeting older, high-polluting Class 7-8 trucks. With the additional funding, the grant is projected to reduce more than 19 tons of NOx and particulate matter (PM).
- In August, District staff responded to 9 media calls, 87 public calls, 12 emails, and participated in ten events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

Key	Program	August 2024		Grants Offered	Amount Paid
		Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB 617	Urban Greening	0	0		\$22,243.00
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	114	\$397,100.00		\$467,200.00
CAP & Trade	Demonstration	0	\$0.00		\$16,600.00
Community Benefit	Alt to Fireworks	0	\$0.00		\$294,000.00
	Residential	1,686	\$329,225.22		\$329,222.58

Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	0	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	99	\$2,460,520.00	\$2,589,303.74
	Ag Engine	1	\$51,323.20	\$0.00
	Ag-UTV	34	\$459,000.00	\$857,572.73
	Forklift	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Infrastructure	3	\$651,079.00	\$1,000,000.00
	Off-Road	165	\$15,856,151.83	\$12,410,569.12
	On-Road	15	\$1,099,816.18	\$916,022.40
	School Bus	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Yard Truck	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	57	\$237,977.46	\$64,407.27
	Residential	532	\$105,011.35	\$93,834.36
Light Duty	Charge Up	3	\$82,000.00	\$60,950.00
	Drive Clean	713	\$2,106,000.00	\$656,000.00
	EFMP	417	\$4,988,510.88	\$5,034,332.27
	TITU	208	\$1,102,401.51	\$1,335,892.79
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	18	\$337,752.63	\$0.00
REMOVE II	Alternate Fuel Training	1	\$15,000.00	\$2,860.00
Special Projects	Study/Assessment	0	\$0.00	\$141,930.95
VW NOx Mitigation	Replacement	5	\$2,400,000.00	\$0.00
	Totals	4,071	\$32,678,869.26	\$26,296,341.21

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
635	394	350	1,379

September District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In September, the District continued to promote the District's various wildfire resources available to the public.
 - **Wildfire Updates:** Visit the District's [Wildfire Prevention and Response](#) webpage to track wildfires affecting the Valley.
 - **Air Quality and Fire Locations:** Check the EPA's [Fire and Smoke Map](#) for real-time PM2.5 pollution levels and fire locations across the state.
 - **Clean Air Spaces:** Find public spaces with filtered air during wildfire events on the [Clean Air Centers](#) webpage.
 - **Protective Measures:** Learn how to safeguard against wildfire smoke by reviewing the [Wildfire Smoke Readiness](#) brochure.

- **Current Air Quality:** Access up-to-date air quality data for the Valley at myRAAN.com or EPA's AirNow.gov.

Additionally, while supplies last, eligible residents can apply for the District's [Clean Air Rooms](#) program. Approved applicants will receive a room air purifier to create a clean, filtered-air space in their home, helping to mitigate wildfire-related air quality issues.

- In September, District staff responded to 7 media calls, 58 public calls, 21 emails, and participated in twenty-one events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	September 2024	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB 617	Road Paving	1	\$600,000.00	\$0.00
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	103	\$349,400.00	\$114,150.00
Community Benefit	Alt to Fireworks	0	\$0.00	\$102,000.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	112	\$4,250,095.00	\$2,524,750.00
	Ag Engine	0	\$0.00	\$275,633.82
	Ag-UTV	19	\$256,500.00	\$402,631.67
	Infrastructure	1	\$240,001.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road	134	\$13,617,820.21	\$12,720,694.45
	On-Road	22	\$4,262,727.97	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	0	\$0.00	\$190,595.50
	Residential	416	\$37,782.28	\$39,774.02
Light Duty	Charge Up	1	\$24,000.00	\$203,742.48
	Drive Clean	545	\$1,596,000.00	\$1,630,000.00
	EFMP	447	\$5,848,516.04	\$2,822,917.69
	TITU	204	\$1,016,147.15	\$956,919.32
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	67	\$1,307,419.81	\$451,706.61
	Totals	2,072	\$33,406,409.46	\$22,435,515.56

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
801	642	560	2,003

October District Activities

Outreach and Communications

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and guardians, providing bilingual information about available grants and how to monitor current air quality conditions.

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- In October, District staff responded to 6 media calls, 45 public calls, 23 emails, and participated in thirty-three events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	October 2024	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB 617	Car Sharing	0	\$0.00	\$6,600.00
	Road Paving	3	\$7,169,460.00	\$0.00
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	131	\$455,650.00	\$129,950.00
Community Benefit	Residential	2,860	\$558,472.13	\$176,132.42
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	197	\$5,746,410.00	\$3,848,613.75
	Ag Engine	0	\$0.00	\$285,282.46
	Ag-UTV	27	\$364,500.00	\$280,133.49
	Infrastructure	2	\$785,249.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road	122	\$11,575,419.17	\$15,238,497.01
	On-Road	4	\$496,738.50	\$266,250.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	101	\$264,600.00	\$236,355.38
	Residential	298	\$26,428.71	\$37,904.80
Light Duty	Charge Up	6	\$157,000.00	\$110,000.00
	Drive Clean	776	\$2,296,000.00	\$1,758,000.00
	EFMP	192	\$2,534,869.80	\$3,807,324.47
	E-Mobility Trip Reduction	0	\$0.00	\$23,643.53
	TITU	223	\$1,299,841.74	\$789,627.22
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	36	\$715,867.36	\$512,994.86
VW Nox Mitigation	Replacement	8	\$3,392,000.00	\$0.00
	Totals	4,986	\$37,838,506.41	\$27,507,309.39

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
699	721	623	2,043

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

9:00 AM, Jan. 16

Citizens Advisory Committee*

10:00 AM, Feb. 4

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

5:30 PM, Jan. 23

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.

Details: www.valleyair.org

**Webcast*