

Actions by the Governing Board – Jan 15, 2026

Receive and File Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Over the years, the District has successfully secured and reinvested hundreds of millions of dollars in state and federal funds to improve air quality in Valley communities. In fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities, the District remains committed to public accountability and transparency by preparing and publishing its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which is independently audited each year. The report is developed in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) highest standards and has earned multiple GFOA awards for excellence in financial reporting.

At the January Governing Board meeting, Osvaldo Gutierrez, CPA, Partner and Audit Principal of Price Paige & Company, Accountancy Corporation, presented the results of the latest independent audit of the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The audit was conducted to ensure that the District's financial statements comply with strict governmental standards and that all federal funds were utilized in full compliance with program requirements. The audit results confirmed that the District received the highest possible scores, with no findings or corrections needed, and maintained its designation as a federal "low-risk auditee", a distinction that reflects strong financial management and accountability.

Approve the District's 2026 Legislative Platform

The Governing Board approved the District's 2026 Legislative Platform that establishes the District's 2026 legislative priorities. Following the approval of the platform, Staff will distribute the platform to the Valley state and federal delegations and will advocate for the District's priorities with appropriate state/federal policymakers. A copy of the District's 2026 Legislative Platform can be found on the District's website at: <https://www.valleyair.org/media/t3mbf512/air-district-2026-legislative-platform.pdf>

Accept \$12.5 Million in State Vehicle Replacement Funding to Support the Continued Implementation of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Program

The District's Governing Board accepted \$12.5 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 an additional 950 vehicle replacement projects as well as program administrative expenses. Since 2015, the District has received over \$120 in state funding to support the Vehicle Replacement program resulting in 11,000 high emitting vehicles being replaced with newer, cleaner, and more fuel-efficient models. This program is designed to provide low-income and disadvantaged community residents with financial incentives to reduce their vehicle emissions and serves as model throughout the state for reaching historically underserved communities while achieving emission reduction benefits throughout the Valley.

December District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In December, District staff conducted outreach at multiple school campuses during Literacy Nights, providing families with education on air quality awareness and information on the District's many grant opportunities.

- To help protect community health during the winter season, the Valley Air District promoted the Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Program to help reduce neighborhood wood smoke. Residents were reminded to check their county’s daily residential burn status before using indoor wood-burning fireplaces or outdoor fire pits. Burn status information is available at valleyair.org/burnstatus, on the Valley Air app, or by calling 1-800-SMOG-INFO (1-800-766-4463). The District also reinforced that burning trash is always illegal. Homes without another source of heat or without access to piped-in natural gas (including propane-only homes) are exempt from burn restrictions, as are cooking fires on designated cooking devices. However, all outdoor non-cooking wood-burning devices must comply with daily burn restrictions, regardless of exemption status.
- In December, District staff responded to 2 media calls, 36 public calls, 36 emails, and participated in six events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

Key	December 2025	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	295	\$1,101,450.00	\$496,892.57
Community Benefit	Residential	134	\$26,166.11	\$192,534.89
Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	1	\$10,200.00	\$2,275.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	131	\$4,612,090.00	\$2,048,556.99
	Ag-UTV	61	\$823,500.00	\$407,458.36
	Forklift	0	\$0.00	\$166,964.48
	Infrastructure	5	\$12,774,144.00	\$4,273,213.00
	Low-Dust Harvester	0	\$0.00	\$3,751,695.93
	Off-Road	51	\$5,874,472.73	\$8,132,142.00
	On-Road	1	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
	Yard Truck	0	\$0.00	\$1,356,806.94
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	0	\$0.00	\$153,015.42
	Residential	524	\$178,137.41	\$26,670.75
Light Duty	Charge Up	0	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
	Drive Clean	280	\$550,000.00	\$515,000.00
	EFMP	405	\$5,085,400.59	\$2,739,900.59
	TITU	286	\$1,146,427.58	\$915,095.67
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	94	\$1,749,968.50	\$695,090.03
	Clean Air Centers	1	\$34,450.56	\$0.00
REMOVE II	Alternate Fuel Training	2	\$21,000.00	\$0.00
VW Nox Mitigation	Replacement	0	\$0.00	\$2,799,800.28
	Totals	2,271	\$34,067,407.48	\$28,798,112.90

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
476	593	482	1,551

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

Citizens Advisory Committee*

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

9:00 AM, Feb. 19

10:00 AM, Mar. 3

5:30 PM, Feb. 26

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

Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast