

Actions by the Governing Board – August 21, 2025

Update on 2025 Wildfire Prevention and Response Efforts

The Governing Board received an update on the 2025 wildfire season including details on how wildfire emissions can overwhelm all other air pollution emissions in the Valley, analysis of the 2025 wildfire season activity compared to past years, and efforts to address wildfire impacts under the District's wildfire prevention and response program. As part of this ongoing effort, the Governing Board heard information regarding the District's public communication efforts during air quality episodes through issuing health cautionary statements and Air Quality Alerts issued through the National Weather Service. Staff also conveyed that real-time air quality data is available through EPA AirNow and the District's Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN). Staff highlighted the District's dedicated dynamic wildfire webpage and the numerous public calls and media requests to which staff quickly responded. An overview of the District's Clean Air Centers and Clean Air Rooms grant programs was also provided, detailing how Valley residents can participate in these programs to improve indoor air quality during wildfire episodes.

Receive Update on Attainment Planning Efforts to Address Federal Standards

The District Governing Board received an update on the status of attainment planning and implementation efforts to address the federal ambient air quality standards for PM_{2.5} and ozone. Key areas of discussion included recent air quality improvements, ongoing planning work by the District to address various Clean Air Act requirements, ongoing EPA review of District/CARB plan submissions, maintenance plans, and the need for increased state and federal investments in support of transitions to clean air vehicles, equipment, and practices in the San Joaquin Valley to meet air quality goals.

July District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- The District encouraged Valley residents to limit or avoid the use of personal fireworks during the 4th of July holiday and throughout the year. While fireworks may be exciting to watch, they release harmful fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) that can trigger serious health issues, particularly for vulnerable populations, and also pose safety risks such as injuries, fires, and distress to pets and sensitive individuals. To help protect public health and the environment, the District encourages residents to enjoy professional firework shows or consider cleaner, safer alternatives like drone light shows, which provide a modern, zero-emission way to celebrate without compromising air quality or safety. To further support this effort, the District launched its Clean Alternatives to Fireworks Pilot Incentive Program, helping communities bring innovative drone shows to the Valley. To read more about the program, please visit [here](#).
- In July, District staff connected with school sites throughout the Valley as they prepared for the new school year. During our visits, we distributed "No Idling" signs, shared the importance of monitoring air quality, and highlighted our free resources and tools available to schools.
- In July, District staff responded to 6 media calls, 34 public calls, 18 emails, and participated in four events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

Key	July 2025	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB617	Urban Greening	0	\$0.00	\$20,432.45
	Vegetative Barriers	0	\$0.00	\$41,143.85
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	87	\$313,000.00	\$168,250.00
CAP & Trade	Demonstration	1	\$90,000.00	\$59,830.40
Community Benefit	Alt to Fireworks	3	\$48,500.00	\$0.00
	Residential	1,129	\$220,459.83	\$0.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	123	\$2,628,220.00	\$2,948,752.52
	Ag-UTV	23	\$310,500.00	\$187,761.42
	Low-Dust Harvester	21	\$6,007,358.59	\$41,969.01
	Off-Road	98	\$8,644,772.06	\$9,826,007.24
	On-Road	12	\$1,067,846.09	\$0.00
	School Bus	7	\$2,444,615.28	\$0.00
	Yard Truck	9	\$1,229,897.55	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	349	\$769,100.00	\$0.00
	Residential	224	\$25,485.80	\$11,073.99
Legal Entity	SubContractor	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Light Duty	Drive Clean	38	\$76,000.00	\$3,000.00
	EFMP	119	\$1,663,037.28	\$3,441,015.80
	E-Mobility Trip Reduction	1	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
	TITU	195	\$858,184.06	\$852,683.92
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	61	\$1,194,330.35	\$276,874.32
	Clean Air Centers	4	\$37,532.64	\$21,433.50
VW Nox Mitigation	Replacement	1	\$192,000.00	\$0.00
Totals		2,506	\$27,970,839.53	\$17,900,228.42

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
545	430	402	1,415

June District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In June, District staff hosted a Lawn Mower Exchange event in Stockton’s AB 617 community on June 28, giving 400 residents the opportunity to trade in their old gas-powered lawn mowers for new, zero-emission electric models. The event helped reduce air pollution and promote cleaner, healthier communities by supporting residents in making the switch to cleaner lawn care. To learn more about the Clean Green Yard Machines program, visit www.valleyair.org/CGYM.
- District staff spent the month of June participating in a variety of outreach events throughout the Valley, connecting directly with residents and community members. At these events, staff shared information about the District’s many grant programs, which help Valley residents and businesses reduce emissions through cleaner vehicles & equipment. These outreach efforts support the District’s ongoing commitment to improving air quality throughout the Valley. To learn more about the different grant programs, please visit www.valleyair.org/grants.
- In June, District staff responded to 6 media call, 43 public calls, 9 emails, and participated in six events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	June 2025	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB617	School Air Filtration	0	\$0.00	\$578,249.13
	Urban Greening	0	\$0.00	\$11,850.04
	Vegetative Barriers	0	\$0.00	\$105,256.68
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	69	\$254,150.00	\$302,799.00
Community Benefit	Air to Fireworks	5	\$85,000.00	\$59,288.69
	Residential	304	\$59,362.08	\$197,221.44
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	86	\$2,190,476.50	\$3,419,020.00
	Ag Engine	0	\$0.00	\$97,883.76
	Ag-UTV	57	\$769,500.00	\$688,532.32
	Infrastructure	9	\$17,154,641.00	\$185,003.25
	Low-Dust Harvester	7	\$1,930,226.72	\$514,901.51
	Off-Road	164	\$15,358,324.79	\$9,126,386.17
	On-Road	0	\$0.00	\$547,236.12
	School Bus	19	\$7,161,551.39	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	0	\$0.00	\$625,326.30
	Residential	287	\$30,454.68	\$27,873.75
Light Duty	Charge Up	9	\$220,000.00	\$270,534.99
	EFMP	316	\$3,764,532.52	\$3,486,567.38
	TITU	225	\$1,091,994.80	\$1,116,363.06
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	26	\$485,464.70	\$894,473.07

	Clean Air Centers	0	\$0.00	\$26,602.01
REMOVE II	Alternate Fuel Training	0	\$0.00	\$78,965.08
Special Project	Infrastructure	0	\$0.00	\$4,616.17
	Study / Assessment	0	\$0.00	\$17,869.10
VW Nox Mitigation	Replacement	0	\$0.00	\$3,159,999.29
	Totals	1,583	\$50,555,679.18	\$25,542,818.31

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
383	278	257	977

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*
9:00 AM, Nov. 20

Citizens Advisory Committee*
10:00 AM, Dec. 2

Environmental Justice Advisory Group
5:30 PM, Jan. 22

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.
Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast