

Actions by the Governing Board – Jan 16, 2025

Receive and File Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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, Senior Audit Manager 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, 2024. 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 2025 Legislative Platform

The Governing Board approved the District's 2025 Legislative Platform that establishes the District's 2025 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 2024 Legislative Platform can be found on the District's website at: <https://ww2.valleyair.org/media/2qflirmo/2025-legislative-platform.pdf>

Approve Road, Sidewalk, and Bike Lane Improvement Projects in AB 617 Community of Arvin/Lamont

The Governing Board approved \$5,882,630 in funds to support road, sidewalk, and bike lane improvements in the Arvin/Lamont AB 617 community. This funding was allocated under the Board and CARB-approved Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) to reduce dust emissions, improve air quality, and enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety. The projects, prioritized in collaboration with the Community Steering Committee (CSC) and the City of Arvin, aims to pave roads, install sidewalks, and create bike lanes on key streets, including South Comanche Drive, South A Street, and South Derby Street. The project will limit vehicle miles traveled, mitigate mud and flooding issues, and ensure safer transportation options for community residents.

December District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- District staff participated in several agricultural events across the Valley to share information about Valley Air District grants. These programs support growers in adopting cleaner practices and provide education on available incentives. To learn more about our programs, visit www.valleyair.org/grants or contact the grants team at 559-230-5800.
- In December, District staff distributed Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendars to residents, organizations, and schools throughout the Valley. These in-person drop-offs offered a

valuable opportunity to strengthen connections, enhance communication, and foster collaboration, helping to build strong and effective working relationships across the Valley.

- In December, District staff responded to 10 media calls, 46 public calls, 44 emails, and participated in five events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	December 2024	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB 617	Dial-A-Ride	0	\$0.00	\$399,592.59
	Vegetative Barriers	0	\$0.00	\$17,913.09
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	251	\$948,050.00	\$543,245.00
Community Benefit	Residential	289	\$56,433.03	\$172,227.04
Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	1	\$10,208.00	\$3,275.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	143	\$5,293,280.00	\$5,304,900.73
	Ag Engine	4	\$168,975.06	\$0.00
	Ag-UTV	43	\$580,500.00	\$576,105.49
	Dairy Feed Mixer	0	\$0.00	\$662,257.70
	Forklift	8	\$275,934.36	\$0.00
	Infrastructure	5	\$5,923,956.00	\$22,828.00
	Off-Road	80	\$8,577,382.22	\$14,574,207.39
	On-Road	1	\$42,750.00	\$737,812.60
	School Bus	0	\$0.00	\$710,883.65
	Yard Truck	0	\$0.00	\$267,218.68
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	80	\$204,600.00	\$157,852.24
	Residential	177	\$26,024.43	\$28,258.08
Legal Entity	SubContractor/Partner	0	\$0.00	\$23,625.00
Light Duty	Charge Up	12	\$301,000.00	\$0.00
	Drive Clean	51	\$150,000.00	\$2,454,000.00
	EFMP	312	\$4,131,286.02	\$2,891,239.01
	TITU	208	\$1,007,977.46	\$1,182,510.48
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	96	\$1,829,798.81	\$457,463.25
	Clean Air Centers	1	\$10,716.75	\$12,757.20
Special Projects	Raisin Tray	1	\$703.50	\$703.50
VW Nox Mitigation	Replacement	0	\$0.00	\$540,000.00
	Totals	1,766	\$29,566,575.64	\$31,740,875.72

Upcoming

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
677	672	558	1,907

Meetings

Governing Board*

9:00 AM, Feb. 20

Citizens Advisory Committee*

10:00 AM, Mar. 4

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

5:30 PM, Feb. 27

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

Details: www.valleyair.org

**Webcast*