

## Actions by the Governing Board – January 21, 2021

### District Governing Board Approves 2021 Legislative Platform

The Governing Board approved the District's 2021 Legislative Platform that establishes the District's 2021 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 2021 Legislative Platform can be found on the District's website at: <https://www.valleyair.org/documents/Legislative-Platform-2021.pdf>.

### District Governing Board Approves New School Air Filtration Incentive Program for AB 617 Communities

The Valley Air District Governing Board approved the implementation of the District's new School Air Filtration Program for AB 617 communities. This program was developed in consultation with community steering committees in both South Central Fresno and Shafter AB 617 communities. These communities both prioritized this measure in their respective Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) to reduce children's exposure to harmful pollution in the classroom. Reducing airborne particles (such as PM2.5) is important because particulate matter negatively impacts human health, especially for sensitive populations such as children. Older HVAC systems used in some schools only remove a small fraction of particles in the air that are smaller than 0.3 microns in diameter. More efficient HVAC air filters and standalone air cleaners are important for creating healthier air in school classrooms. This program will pay for more efficient replacement air filters in schools as well as standalone air filtration systems.

## January District Activities

### Outreach and Communications

- In January, the District designed its annual Healthy Air Living Kids' calendar (<http://www.valleyair.org/kids/docs/2020/calendar.pdf>). Due to COVID-19 limiting the District's ability to host or attend in-person outreach events, the calendar was not professionally printed this year. However, it is available to view, download and print at [www.valleyair.org/kidscalendar](http://www.valleyair.org/kidscalendar). The 12-month at-a-glance calendar contains the interchangeable art of talented student artists from each of the Valley's eight counties.
- Continued messaging for the Check Before You Burn program and Burn Cleaner, emphasizing public health and discouraging the public from using wood-burning devices.
- In January, District staff responded to 7 media calls, 48 public calls, 20 emails, and participated in two virtual events/presentations.

### Grants and Incentive Programs

- In January, the District received 1322 incentive program applications. 630 were for the Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 168 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In January, \$12,641,725.82 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and \$6,407,977.92 in claims was paid.
- In January, \$1,947,295.68 was paid out in Light Duty and REMOVE II program claims.
- In January, \$934,490.46 was paid out in Burn Cleaner program claims.

	January 2021	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
<b>Burn Cleaner</b>	Burn Cleaner – Wood Stove Change Out	630	574	\$1,443,000.00	574	\$1,443,000.00	\$934,490.46
<b>Commuter Subsidy</b>	Transit Bus Subsidy	0	1	\$22,818.00	1	\$22,818.00	\$0.00
<b>Heavy Duty</b>	Ag Burn Alternative Voucher	62	48	\$1,073,628.00	48	\$1,073,628.00	\$359,652.00
	Ag Engine Diesel to Diesel	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Ag-UTV Vehicle Replacement	4	83	\$1,120,500.00	83	\$1,120,500.00	\$275,681.61
	Infrastructure Alternative Fuel	0	1	\$824,344.32	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Locomotive Replacement	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road Ag Vehicle Replacement	91	124	\$7,893,565.86	89	\$4,648,247.13	\$4,762,985.38
	Off-Road Engine Repower	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$452,400.00
	Off-Road Tractor Trade-Up	1	2	\$180,375.00	5	\$153,908.25	\$30,000.00
	On-Road Ag Truck Replacement	0	13	\$1,349,312.64	13	\$1,349,312.64	\$95,914.66
	On-Road New Purchase	0	0	\$0.00	26	\$520,000.00	\$0.00
	On-Road Trade-Up	0	4	\$200,000.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	On-Road Truck Replacement	8	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
	Yard Truck Replacement	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$131,344.27
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden</b>	Commercial Replacement	12	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,980.91
	Residential New Purchase	27	26	\$1,274.50	26	\$1,274.50	\$1,598.49
	Residential Replacement	28	24	\$5,300.00	24	\$5,300.00	\$5,700.00
<b>Light Duty</b>	Charge Up – Private	7	3	\$22,000.00	3	\$22,000.00	\$0.00
	Charge Up – Public	2	1	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00	\$48,568.00
	Drive Clean – EV Vehicle Rebate	304	490	\$1,401,000.00	490	\$1,401,000.00	\$682,000.00

	EFMP Replacement	37	40	\$367,000.00	40	\$367,000.00	\$364,000.00
	TITU Admin/Events	6	14	\$68,771.51	14	\$68,771.51	\$26,943.46
	TITU Payroll	8	22	\$331,785.99	22	\$331,785.99	\$188,209.64
	TITU Repairs	92	64	\$368,716.92	64	\$368,716.92	\$616,124.58
	Van Pool Agency CFP	9	9	\$20,640.00	9	\$20,640.00	\$21,450.00
<b>Public Benefit</b>	Alternative Fuel New Vehicle	9	22	\$431,283.06	17	\$331,277.58	\$512,514.56
<b>VW NOx Mitigation</b>	Replacement Shuttle Bus	0	1	\$160,000.00	1	\$159,985.41	\$0.00
	Replacement Transit Bus	1	4	\$720,000.00	4	\$720,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>1583</b>	<b>\$18,080,698.17</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>\$14,204,548.30</b>	<b>\$9,826,251.81</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
502	352	210	1,064

<b>Smoking Vehicles</b>	<b>3</b>
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## Operations Overview

- Completed 2347 inspections in January, and 437 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 89.
- Received 141 permit applications in January, and 111 permits were issued.
- Received 169 environmental documents in January.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***

9:00 AM, March 18

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***

10:00 AM, March 2

**Environmental Justice Advisory Group**

5:30 PM, Feb. 25

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

Details: [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)

\*Webcast