

## Actions by the Governing Board – Dec. 15, 2022

### Recognition of the 2023 Kids Calendar Winners

The Valley Air District Governing Board recognized fourteen students from around the San Joaquin Valley whose artwork is featured in the Valley Air District's 2023 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar. The District's annual calendar is a bilingual, full-color wall calendar, featuring clean-air messages and drawings, and is designed to educate and inspire the public to live a Healthy Air Life and reduce air pollution in the Valley. The calendars are free, and distributed to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations, non-profits, and individuals upon request, while supplies last. To request calendars for yourself, your classroom, school or other organization, email [public.education@valleyair.org](mailto:public.education@valleyair.org) or call (559) 230-6000. Calendars can also be picked up at any District office: in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., in Modesto, at 4800 Enterprise Way, and in Bakersfield, at 34936 Flyover Court.

### Receive the Government Finance Officers' Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Once again, Government Financial Officers Association has awarded the District the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting," its highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, for the latest Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Fiscal Year 2020-21). Receiving this award represents a significant recognition by an expert independent authority of District's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental reporting and transparency to the public, and excellence in exercising fiduciary responsibilities.

### Accept and Appropriate \$6,132,000 in Carl Moyer Funding for Zero-Emission Commercial Landscaping Equipment

The Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$6,132,000 in State Carl Moyer Program funding from CARB to fund the replacement of existing commercial-grade lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission equipment in the San Joaquin Valley. To support the District's ongoing focus on addressing emissions from landscaping equipment, the District has operated the Clean Green Yard Machine residential zero-emission lawnmower rebate program since 2013. In 2019, the District launched a complementary new commercial-grade landscaping equipment replacement program to replace existing equipment with state-of-the-art zero-emission equipment. To utilize this new state funding, the District will implement program enhancements to our existing commercial landscaping equipment replacement program which will include expanding options for commercial-grade lawnmowers and other landscape equipment and modest increases to funding amounts in certain equipment categories.

### Adopt 2022 Plan for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard

The District Governing Board adopted the proposed 2022 Plan for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard (Plan), which is the latest effort in the District's ongoing mission to improve the San Joaquin Valley's air quality and protect the health of Valley residents. This Plan uses extensive science and research, state of the art air quality modeling, and the best available information in developing a strategy to attain the federal 2015 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone of 70 parts per billion (ppb) as expeditiously as practicable. Building on decades of developing and implementing effective air pollution control strategies, this Plan demonstrates that the reductions being achieved by the District and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) strategy (72% reduction in NOx emissions by 2037) ensures expeditious attainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone standard by the 2037 attainment deadline. The Plan includes a variety of measures targeting further NOx and VOC emissions reductions from mobile and area sources, as well as a number of areas of further study to

determine whether additional emissions reductions may be possible. The strategy of this Plan will be implemented in the coming years as ozone concentrations continue to improve across the region.

## November District Activities

### Outreach and Communications

- In November, the District was awarded almost \$119 million for clean agricultural equipment programs. This will go toward the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER) program to help Valley farmers switch to cleaner equipment, vehicles and practices. The FARMER Program builds upon more than 25 years of collaboration and innovation between the Valley agricultural community, the District and CARB in addressing emissions from agricultural sources, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley.
- At the end of October, the Valley Air District gave out more than 200 electric lawnmowers during the second South Central Fresno AB 617 Lawnmower Trade-In Event in the parking lot area of Alert-O-Lite True Value in Fresno. The trade-in event was part of an air quality improvement program designed by the Fresno Community Steering Committee, which was established under Assembly Bill 617 to provide more resources to reduce air pollution exposure and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities.
- In November, District staff responded to 9 media calls, 27 public calls, 17 emails, and participated in six events/presentations.

### Grants and Incentive Programs

- In November, the District received 1,944 incentive program applications. 566 were for the Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 427 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In November, \$16,655,597.50 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and \$11,434,183.74 in claims was paid.
- In November, \$2,840,810.53 was paid out in Light Duty and REMOVE II program claims.
- In November, \$71,850.00 was paid out in Burn Cleaner program claims.

	November 2022	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
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out – Decommission	3	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	\$0.00
	Wood Stove Change Out – New Device	563	431	\$1,518,565.00	431	\$1,518,565.00	\$71,850.00
Community Benefit	Residential New Device	32	49	\$12,272.61	49	\$12,272.61	\$54,379.84
Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heavy Duty	Ag Burn Alternative Voucher	179	122	\$4,583,010.00	122	\$4,583,010.00	\$1,860,065.78

	Ag-UTV Vehicle Replacement	35	46	\$621,000.00	46	\$621,000.00	\$11,025.00
	Infrastructure Alternative Fuel	1	0	\$0.00	1	\$485,027.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road Ag Vehicle Replacement	208	93	\$8,767,676.51	70	\$6,819,874.22	\$7,624,375.86
	Off-Road Low-Dust Harvester Replacement	2	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$748,725.93
	Off-Road Tractor Trade-Up	0	1	\$79,950.00	2	\$79,950.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road Used Ag Vehicle Replacement	2	2	\$203,960.99	0	\$0.00	\$18,635.93
	On-Road New Purchase	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	On-Road Truck Replacement	0	0	\$0.00	3	\$150,000.00	\$291,215.26
	School Bus Vehicle Replacement	0	6	\$2,400,000.00	2	\$800,000.00	\$0.00
	Yard Truck Replacement	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$296,904.20	\$840,139.98
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden</b>	Commercial Replacement	34	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Residential New Purchase	29	38	\$1,859.50	38	\$1,859.50	\$2,625.00
	Residential Replacement	34	245	\$98,445.11	245	\$98,445.11	\$12,350.00
<b>Light Duty</b>	Charge Up EV Charger – Private	8	3	\$112,000.00	3	\$112,000.00	\$0.00
	Charge Up EV Charger – Public	3	4	\$75,000.00	4	\$75,000.00	\$480,000.00
	Drive Clean – EV Vehicle Rebate	497	446	\$1,307,000.00	446	\$1,307,000.00	\$855,000.00
	EFMP Replacement	0	204	\$1,653,500.00	204	\$1,653,500.00	\$412,500.00
	TITU Admin/Events	10	9	\$147,582.00	9	\$147,582.00	\$139,058.00
	TITU Payroll	10	14	\$296,967.95	14	\$296,967.95	\$199,224.51
	TITU Repairs	166	173	\$713,437.74	174	\$716,883.18	\$754,008.02
Van Pool Agency CFP	0	4	\$660.00	4	\$660.00	\$1,020.00	
<b>Public Benefit</b>	Alternative Fuel New Vehicle	34	0	\$0.00	3	\$53,440.92	\$140,000.00
	Clean Air Centers – Portable Devices	1	1	\$2,263.28	1	\$2,263.28	\$0.00

<b>Special Projects</b>	Raisin Tray Rebate	1	1	\$85.14	1	\$85.14	\$0.00
<b>VW NOx Mitigation</b>	Replacement School Bus	71	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Replacement Shuttle Bus	5	0	\$0.00	1	\$160,000.00	\$0.00
	Replacement Transit Bus	15	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,944</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>\$22,595,985.83</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>\$19,993,040.11</b>	<b>\$14,556,199.11</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
743	755	605	2,103

Smoking Vehicles	2
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## Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***

9:00 AM, Jan. 19

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***

10:00 AM, Feb. 7

**Environmental Justice Advisory Group**

5:30 PM, Jan. 26

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