

San Joaquin Valley receives \$12.9M from CARB for clean trucks

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The San Joaquin Valley Air District Governing Board unanimously voted to accept \$12.9 million in additional California Air Resources Board (CARB) funding to replace heavy-duty trucks through the Valley Air District's grant program.

Reducing emissions from mobile sources is key to the San Joaquin Valley meeting federal ambient air quality standards. Heavy-duty trucks, such as the ones targeted under this funding, are the single largest source of NOx and diesel PM in the Valley, and are critical to ensuring that goods are moved throughout the State and nation.

Emissions from heavy-duty vehicles are primarily under the regulatory jurisdiction of state and federal government, and voluntary incentive programs are critical to transitioning fleets to the next generation of cleaner technologies and achieving reductions needed to meet air quality standards.

The District's successful truck incentive programs have repowered, retrofitted, or replaced more than 7,300 heavy-duty trucks with cleaner alternatives.

Through advocacy efforts, the 2021-22 California state budget included new funding designated for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero or near-zero emission trucks in severe or extreme nonattainment areas, with \$12.9 million of that funding allocated for the San Joaquin Valley.

These new funds will be utilized within the District's existing Truck Replacement Program that provides funding for new, clean truck technologies.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is made up of eight counties in California's Central Valley: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin portion of Kern.

The San Joaquin Valley has been attainment for Carbon Monoxide (CO) since 1994, reached attainment for the federal PM10 standard in 2008, and demonstrated attainment of the federal 1-hour ozone standard in 2014. The District is currently working on reaching attainment for the federal 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 standards.

Air district OKs funds for Shafter projects

The Bakersfield Californian, Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's governing board OK'd \$2.5 million in funding for clean air projects in and near Shafter.

Projects along Highway 43 in the city of Shafter and in the unincorporated community of Mexican Colony are meant to reduce road dust emissions and reduce exposure to residents, according to an air district news release. The projects are also meant to bring safe transportation with the construction of dedicated bicycle lanes and new sidewalks.

The air district will enter into agreements with the city of Shafter and Kern County for the work.

"I have seen children trying to walk down this busy four lane road (State Route 43) to get to school. Although we are very thankful for the reduction in PM2.5 that this project will have in our community, the safety that this can bring to our community will be valued so much now and in the future," Lynnda Martin, Shafter CSC member, said in the news release.

Higher-polluting dial-a-ride transit vehicles will be replaced with new electric/plug-in hybrid vehicles at a cost of \$400,000, the district said.

Air district: \$12.9 million available to replace heavy-duty trucks

The Bakersfield Californian, Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

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“Grant funds such as these recognize the importance of partnerships to expedite emission reductions in the San Joaquin Valley,” Samir Sheikh, executive director and air pollution control officer of the district, said in a news release. “With these funds the state is acknowledging the Valley’s unique challenges, and we appreciate these much-needed resources.”

The heavy-duty trucks targeted by the funding are the single largest source of NOx and diesel PM in the Valley, the district said.

The new funds will be used within the district’s existing Truck Replacement Program that provides funding for new, clean truck technologies. Requirements can be found at valleyair.org/grants or call 559-230-5800.

Valley receives \$12.9M in new state funding for clean trucks

By Staff Reports

Turlock Journal, Aug. 19, 2022

The Valley Air District Governing Board unanimously voted on Thursday to accept \$12.9 million in additional California Air Resources Board (CARB) funding to replace heavy-duty trucks through the Valley Air District’s highly successful grant program.

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The District’s successful truck incentive programs have repowered, retrofitted, or replaced over 7,300 heavy-duty trucks with cleaner alternatives. Through advocacy efforts, the 2021-22 California state budget included new funding designated for the replacement of heavy-duty trucks with zero or near-zero emission trucks in severe or extreme nonattainment areas, with \$12.9 million of that funding allocated for the San Joaquin Valley. These new funds will be utilized within the District’s existing Truck Replacement Program that provides funding for new, clean truck technologies.

A complete list of program requirements can be found at www.valleyair.org/grants or by calling program staff at 559-230-5800.

How would \$12.9M help clean Central Valley’s air?

By Marcela Chavez

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CENTRAL VALLEY, Calif. (KSEE/KGPE) – \$12.9M of state money to replace heavy-duty trucks with environmentally-friendly options in the Central Valley has been accepted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

On Thursday, the Valley Air District board voted to accept the grant for additional California Air Resources Board funding to replace the traditional trucks for vehicles that will cause less damage to the Central Valley’s air quality.

“With these funds, the State is acknowledging the Valley’s unique challenges, and we appreciate these much-needed resources,” said Samir Sheikh, Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Officials say that reducing the emissions from vehicles and other mobile sources is one of the priorities for the San Joaquin Valley, and the heavy-duty trucks that will benefit from these funds are considered to be the largest source of harmful pollutants like nitrogen oxides and particulate matter released from internal combustion engines present in these vehicles that are also critical to transport food and goods nationwide.

The incentive programs for the San Joaquin Valley Air District have so far modified and replaced over 7,300 heavy-duty trucks with cleaner-air alternatives, officials with the district said.

These \$12.9M will be combined with the existing Track Replacement Program that provides grants for new environment-friendly truck technologies.

For more information about the programs available [click here](#) or call (559) 230-5800.