



Valley Air News

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New REMOVE Program Phase

The **R**educe **M**otor **V**ehicle **E**missions (REMOVE) Program, which provides grants to a wide variety of emission reduction projects, is poised to embark on its seventh phase. The District Governing Board has allocated approximately \$2.5 million for the REMOVE Program for this phase.

Projects that reduce vehicle trips by encouraging the use of alternative modes of travel such as transit, bicycling, and walking are eligible for this program.

Examples are bike paths, transit pass subsidies, distance learning, and internet applications that replace vehicle trips.

A call for projects is initiated through a formal request for proposal (RFP) that is distributed to interested public and private entities. The REMOVE Evaluation Committee, representing public agencies and private organizations from throughout the Valley, reviews the submitted projects. The committee sends a recommended list of projects for

funding to the District Governing Board that is either accept or reject in its entirety.

The REMOVE Evaluation Committee will hold its first meeting for the new phase in June. Once the committee approves the

RFP, District staff will distribute it to interested parties. Typically, funding requests are due 60 days after release of the RFP. Staff estimates that proposals will be due in late August or early September, with final recommendations to the Governing Board on December 14, 2000. Contract preparation will occur during the first quarter of 2001.

Anyone who has received a REMOVE RFP packet by mail in the past will receive it during the next cycle. To submit a new information request or address update, contact Vicki Caine at (559) 230-5800 or by email at vicki.caine@valleyair.org. For program information, contact Jeff Findley at (559) 230-5800. The REMOVE program guidance and RFPs will also be available on the District's website at www.valleyair.org.



Protecting Children on Smoggy Days

With the ozone season here, the Valley Air District would like to remind everyone to be cautious when planning outdoor activities on smoggy days. Coaches, educators and parents, need to be especially cautious when scheduling rigorous outdoor activities for children during peak ozone periods.

Ozone is considered unhealthy for sensitive groups when it reaches 101 on the Air Quality Index (AQI). At this point, children or anyone with a respiratory condition may experience difficulty breathing, nausea, and a burning sensation in the eyes and lungs.

While the Valley Air District will issue a health advisory and notify schools when the AQI approaches or exceeds 170, children may experience adverse health effects at much lower thresholds. To protect young lungs from the oxidizing affects of unhealthy ozone levels, adults should substitute indoor activities for outdoor sports on very smoggy days. These include



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GOVERNING BOARD REVIEW

The Governing Board took the following action during the May 18th Governing Board Meeting:

- Held a special public hearing to review the 2000-2001 recommended budget.
- Received and filed proposed amendments to Rule 3020 (Permit Fee Schedules) to adjust fees for mandated gasoline dispensing equipment and Title V sources. Set June 15, 2000 for a public hearing on the matter.
- Approved an increase to the District's 1999-2000 budget in the amount of \$25,000 for air monitoring network enhancements funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- Adopted proposed amendments to Rule 4002 (National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants).



The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the District's Central office in Fresno, and via video-teleconference in the Modesto and Bakersfield offices.



Central California Air Quality Coalition

On June 5, a diverse coalition representing agriculture, industry, oil, energy, state, federal and local air quality agencies hosted a news conference and air monitoring demonstrations in Fresno to kick off the California Regional PM10/PM2.5 Air Quality and the Central California Ozone Studies.

The event was the culmination of five years of collaborative planning and fund-raising to realize these ambitious projects. The Independent Oil Producer's Agency, Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas Company, Western States Petroleum Association, as well as the Nisei Farmer's League and other agricultural organizations represented the public portion of the coalition. The U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Interior, and Transportation joined the California Air Resources Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Bay Area, Mendocino, Sacramento, San Joaquin

Valley, and San Luis Obispo air quality districts to comprise the public portion of the partnership. The coalition's fund-raising and research efforts were supported and assisted by a number of legislators, both in Sacramento and on Capitol Hill.

The California Regional PM10/PM2.5 Air Quality Study will provide a better understanding of the nature and causes of high particulate matter concentrations in Northern California. The data gathered from the Central California Ozone Study will identify the causes of air pollution episodes that exceed the federal and state air quality standards. The information will assist the Valley Air District and the other air quality management agencies in formulating accurate modeling, analysis and control measures for smog.

The Valley Air District is proud to have participated in this collaborative approach to environmental management that will serve as a model for other scientific studies.

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motor skill drills, cardiovascular workout, or weight training in a gymnasium or activity center.

Even healthy adults may find themselves fatigued, nauseous or experience difficulty breathing when exposed to peak ozone periods from mid to late afternoon. For that reason, the healthiest time for outdoor exercise is early in the morning.

The Valley Air District has a brochure to help adults protect children from summertime air pollution. To obtain a copy, contact Public Education at (559) 230-5800. The daily air quality forecast is available on the District's SMOG INFO line at

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1-800-766-4463, by calling the Bakersfield Californian's Cal Line box 3006 at (661) 864-1234, or logging on www.valleyair.org.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Cash in on Clean Air!

As part of the Spare the Air kick-off on June 6, a number of Valley organizations and businesses are implementing special Drill Day promotions or employee events. The Valley Air District salutes the following organizations for their efforts to make clean air pay off!

Public Promotions:

Borders Books & Music, Fresno
Customer education.

Diamond of California, Stockton
Ten percent discount to customers who carpool to the Grower Store on 6/6/00. Call (209) 467-6276

Downtown Stockton Alliance
Free 24 oz. bottle of Pepsi or Aquafina to downtown employees who show their bus pass at the DSA office on 6/6/00 and other Spare the Air days. For details, call (209) 464-5246.

Educational Employees Credit Union, Fresno, Clovis, Selma, Visalia
Free Spare the Air travel mug or insulated lunch bag for members who sign up for direct deposit, Personal Telephone or Online Access on 6/6/00.

Franzen-Hill Corporation, Tulare
Mention the Spare the Air program during June to receive a 10 percent discount on vapor recovery parts and vapor recovery testing. Free gift to the first 25 customers. Call (559) 688-2977 for information.

Fresno Area Express
Free ride passes valid 6/6/00 for Spare the Air Employer Partners and their employees. For passes, call (559) 230-5851. For route information, call (559) 498-4036.

Hammer I-5 Arco, Stockton
Buy one 16 oz. coffee or fountain drink and get one free with coupon on 6/6/00. Offer limited to other Spare the Air Employer Partners participating in The Big Clean Air Pay-Off.

Herndon Village Chiropractic, Fresno

Free Spare the Air insulated lunch bags to patients who schedule appointments for more than one family member and carpool on 6/6/00. Call (559) 435-3331 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hi-Tec Sports, Modesto

Take fifteen percent off purchases on 6/9-11/00 when you ride a bike, bus, or rideshare. Groups of four or more will receive a 20 percent discount. Free Spare the Air sports towel with purchase while supplies last. For store locations and hours, call (209) 543-0736.

Jones Cleaning Centers, Fresno

Twenty-five percent off dry cleaning of apparel and household items for pick-up and delivery customers with accompanying coupon from The Fresno Bee (6/4/00). Offer valid 6/6-30/00. For more details, call (559) 431-6892.

Kaweah River Rock Co., Woodlake

Special discount on 6/6/00 for new Spare the Air Employer Partners. Call (559) 564-3302 for details.

Modesto Court Room

Health club enrollment fees waived for couples and families who purchase memberships 6/5-11/00. Call (209) 577-1060 for more information.

Pyrenees French Bakery, Bakersfield

Ten percent discount off any product for carpoolers on 6/6/00 and other Spare the Air days. For more information, call (661) 322-7159.

Reno's Hardware, Kerman

Free air filter or \$5 off air conditioning service to anyone who mentions the Spare the Air program on 6/6/00. Call (559) 846-9491 for more information.

Uncle Harry's New York Bagelry & Coffeehouse, Fresno

Buy one New York-size Cappuccino Freeze and get one free with coupon from The Fresno Bee (6/4/00). Offer valid 6/6/00 only.

Visalia YMCA

Anti-air pollution contest for youngsters in Visalia YMCA child care programs. Prizes for first, second, and third place.

Employee Events:

Avenal State Prison
Borders Books & Music, Fresno
California State Automobile Association, Stockton
California State University, Fresno
City of Clovis
City of Stockton
Clovis Cemetery District
Delano Police Department
Diamond of California, Stockton
Double Tree Hotel, Bakersfield
Dowling, Aaron & Keeler, Fresno
Frito-Lay, Visalia
Fresno Association of Realtors
Internal Revenue Service – Fresno Center
J. E. Ethridge Construction, Fresno
Lipton, Merced
Modesto City Schools
Modesto Court Room
Modesto Tent & Awning
Pacific Management Services, Fresno
Panagraph, Inc., Fresno
San Joaquin Bank, Bakersfield and Delano
San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, Fresno
Santa Fe Aggregates, Inc., Modesto
Stewart Title of California, Inc., Fresno
St. Dominic's Hospital, Manteca
St. Joseph's Medical Center, Stockton
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Bakersfield, Fresno, Modesto
TPG Consulting, Inc., Visalia
Tulare County Library
Valley Iron, Fresno
Visalia YMCA
Vision Care Center, Fresno

