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Prop 1B funds buy new school buses for Valley students



A state grant administered through the Air District replaced four old, polluting school buses in Kings Canyon Unified School District last month with new buses that run 85 percent cleaner than their predecessors.

The new buses are part of the Lower Emission School Bus Program, which allocates \$39 million to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District through the state Air Resources Board.

This project is an example of how the Air District targets the areas of greatest need in the Valley for critical funding," said Seyed Sadredin, the Air District's executive director and air pollution control officer.

The four new buses replaced buses manufactured before 1977, which produce about seven tons of emissions over their lifetime, compared to lifetime emissions of one ton for buses manufactured today. Additionally, older buses are not subject to federal safety standards. All pre-1977 buses in the Valley will be replaced with Prop 1B funding. Remaining funds will be used for retrofits and additional replacements.

For additional information on applying for funds to replace older school buses, call 559-230-5800.



Time to replace your calendar

The Valley Air District's 2010 Healthy Air Living, Kids' Calendars have arrived! Fourteen pages of the Valley's greatest children's art, depicting clean-air messages, are featured in this annual treasure.

These colorful, 8 ½ x 11" calendars are bilingual, in English and Spanish, and free to the general public, while supplies last.

If you live or work in Modesto, Fresno or Bakersfield, stop by your local District office to pick up your free copy. The District will mail copies to those who live outside of these three cities. In Modesto, the office is located at 4800 Enterprise Way; in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.; and in Bakersfield, at 34946 Flyover Ct.

To request calendars, e-mail: Brenda.turner@valleyair.org or call one of the District offices: In Modesto, 209-557-6400; in Fresno, 559-230-6000; or in Bakersfield, 6612-392-5585.

Caruthers man wins new Malibu Hybrid

Fortino Munguia took home his new Chevy Malibu Hybrid, Nov. 30, from Hedrick's Chevrolet in Clovis.

Mr. Munguia is the grand-prize winner of the Valley Air District's second annual Healthy Air Living hybrid giveaway contest. Central Valley Chevy Dealers, a trade group that stretches from Hanford to Stockton, was this year's proud sponsor, generously donating the prize vehicle.

Valley residents were asked to visit participating dealerships throughout the Valley as one way to gain entry to win.

"While this new car is a dramatic representation of clean-air changes, every change we can make on a personal level, no matter how big or small, is a critical step toward cleaning up the air for all of us," said Seyed Sadredin, the Air District's executive director and air pollution control officer.

Healthy Air Living is a year-round program that gives people the tools and encouragement they need to make changes in their individual behaviors and thereby reduce their emissions, improving the quality of life for all Valley residents. As more than half of all the Valley's emissions are produced by motor vehicles, reducing vehicle miles traveled -- or driving a hybrid -- are effective ways to achieve this.

See The Air District's website (below) to find out more about Healthy Air Living and what you can do to help clean our Valley's air.

