

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Business summits create more partnerships

The Air District held business summits in June, offering business owners and employers tools for more voluntary action and partnership to help clean the Valley's air.

Nearly 250 representatives from businesses and public agencies participated in the Healthy Air Living business summits, held at District offices in Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield. District staff covered topics such as:

- Employee trip reduction.
- Incentives and grants available to businesses.
- How to implement emission-reduction strategies in a business operation.
- Energy efficiency at the workplace.

The District plans to hold more business summits this summer, advising Valley businesses of the valuable tools and information available to help them to reduce their emissions, improve their energy efficiency and develop transportation alternatives.

The next summit is scheduled for July 8, 9-11am at the offices of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, 445 W. Weber Ave, Suite 220. The event will be co-sponsored by the Chamber, San Joaquin Council of Governments and Valley Clean Air Now.

Do you have Clean Green Yard Machine yet?

The Air District's lawn mower trade-in program, aimed at reducing emissions by retiring gas mowers and replacing them with cordless electric mowers is still going strong, and mowers are still available.

If you currently deal with smoke, spilled gas and oil, pulling a cord over and over to start up a loud, gas guzzling mower, consider, taking it to a recycling center and ordering a brand-new, cordless, electric mower!

Neuton mowers have plenty of power to mow an average-size lawn. And one battery charge can mow nearly a half-acre.

When Valley residents receive a District-issued voucher (available by request), they can turn in their old mower, and receive a 14-inch Neuton for \$150, or a 19-inch Neuton for \$250.

You won't find cordless electric mowers at this price anywhere. And you have the additional satisfaction of knowing that you're making a change to living a Healthy Air life!

E-mail the Air District to request a voucher at: public.education@valleyair.org. Please include your name address and phone number. Or call the Air District at 559-230-6000.



Compliance manager, Morgan Lambert, gives summit guests examples of Valley businesses that have adopted successful, pollution-reducing measures AND improved business.

Air Quality Chats Continue Public invited

The Air District has ten more Healthy Air Living air quality chats scheduled throughout the Valley this summer.

These chats are a fun, casual, family-friendly and rewarding way to learn the full story about air quality in the Valley and how individuals can make big improvements to our air through simple changes.

Guests will be entered in drawings to win electric lawn mowers and bicycles. Light refreshments will be served. Activities are available for kids.

And, best of all, it's free!

The public is encouraged to join Air District staff for these interactive air quality chats, scheduled after regular business hours, so residents don't need to take time off work to attend.

Dates and times of the remaining chats are listed below:

- June 23 - Bakersfield, Cal State Bakersfield, 6-8 pm
- June 25 - Merced, Merced College, 6-8 pm
- June 30 - Parlier, Parlier Jr. High School, 6-8 pm
- July 9 - Madera, Madera County Library, 4:30-6:30 pm
- July 14 - Porterville, Porterville Library, 5:30-7:30 pm
- July 21 - Salida, Nick Blom Regional Library, 5:30-7:30 pm
- July 23 - Hanford, Irwin Street Inn, 6-8 pm
- July 28 - Arvin, Arvin High School Auditorium, 6-8 pm
- August 4 - Stockton, Arnold Rue Community Center, 6-8 pm
- August 6 - Los Banos, Westside Union Elementary, School, 6-8 pm

