

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## “Drive Clean!” workshop talks money

### Free event for rebate information

A new District rebate program for clean vehicles, including plug-in electric vehicles, along with technological developments in this blossoming industry, is the subject of a free workshop at the District's Fresno office on Sat., March 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The workshop, cosponsored by the California Center for Sustainable Energy with grant funding from the California Air Resources Board (ARB), will include presentations, and opportunities to test drive the latest electric vehicles and talk to Fresno-area vehicle owners. Additional workshops in the northern and southern regions of the Air District are in development.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for people who have considered the possibility of owning an electric vehicle but want more information, or anyone who's simply interested in this technology,” said Samir Sheikh, the District's grants program director.



The difference between other electric vehicles and plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) is that they are at least partially powered by onboard batteries that charge up from the electrical grid rather than hybrids that have electrically assisted combustion engines. Some PEVs are all-electric and are solely fueled by the electrical grid. Currently available PEVs include the

Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi i-MiEV, Tesla Roadster and others. (The Chevy Volt is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV). The current Chevy Volt is not eligible for funding under CVRP or the District's programs; however the Low Emission Package Volt (release date to be determined) will be eligible for both programs.)

The District's grant department staff will provide one-on-one information to residents who are interested in the new Drive Clean! Rebate Program, which offers money for a broader range of vehicles than strictly PEVs. The program provides after-purchase incentives ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the vehicles. Additional PEV cash incentives are also available from other agencies including the ARB through its Clean Vehicle Rebate Project

Among the workshop's topics are the financial and environmental benefits of electric-vehicle ownership; incentives; and the latest developments in vehicle options and local infrastructure for charging the vehicles. Similar workshops are being presented throughout the state.

Admission is free and includes lunch. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit [http://energycenter.org/index.php?option=com\\_civcrm&task=civcrm/event/info&reset=1&id=758](http://energycenter.org/index.php?option=com_civcrm&task=civcrm/event/info&reset=1&id=758).

## Kids' activity kit makes learning about air quality fun

“Blue Sky, Brown Sky ... It's up to you!” is a program that provides schools and individual elementary school-aged children with all the materials and information necessary to learn about cleaning the Valley's air.



The “Blue Sky, Brown Sky ...” kit includes an activity book that introduces children to the causes of the Valley's air quality problems through fun and interesting games, puzzles and stories. The kit includes crayons, pencils and stickers for a complete activity set.



Available in two class levels (K-2 and 3-5), when used by teachers in the classroom, “Blue Sky, Brown Sky ...” meets California classroom standards and includes a teachers' manual.

And if that's not reason enough to order “Blue Sky, Brown Sky ...,” this colorful, engaging kit is free! To order this activity program, visit [www.healthyairliving.com](http://www.healthyairliving.com) and download the order form.

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