



VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Air District cleaning up school buses

The Air District is accepting applications for a new grants program that provides up to \$20,000 apiece for emission-reducing retrofits on Valley school buses.

Public school districts, joint powers authorities and private transportation agencies in the eight-county air basin are eligible for the program, which also assists school districts with upcoming compliance requirements of California's Truck and Bus Regulation.

"Public health protection is our priority, and this funding is an important factor in cleaning up our air, protecting the health of our youngest residents and helping schools" said Samir Sheikh, the District's grants program director.

The new School Bus Incentives Program is fully funded by the Air District. Previously, the District awarded \$18 million through a state program that retrofitted 975 school buses.

Schools may receive funding for multiple buses. Eligible buses must be:

- Equipped with a 1987 or newer model year engine
- Diesel fueled
- Greater than 14,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Rating



Applications will be taken through June 7, 2013.

This is one of many programs the District has that targets emissions related to schools. The Healthy Air Living Schools program educates students, parents, teachers and administrators about air quality and works to reduce vehicle idling at school sites.

For more information, contact the Air District's grants program at 559-230-5800 or visit http://www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm.

The 2012-13 Annual Report to the Community is here!

This annual, free publication provides valuable insight into the District's operations, priorities, air-quality successes and remaining challenges.

In it, you'll find:

- The current air-quality trends, attainment progress and standards
- High-priority issues
- Updates on plan and rule development
- Complete operational statistics

The District's Annual Report to the Community also introduces the newest Governing Board members, appraises you of legislative efforts, successes of the past year, and more.

You can request a copy of the 2012-13 Annual Report to the Community by calling the Outreach and Communications Department at 559-230-6000 (or any Valley Air District office). You can also view an electronic version at:

www.valleyair.org/2012-13AnnualReport.pdf.



Earth Day events boast arts and crafts and many other fun activities for kids.

Join us for these fun spring events

The Valley Air District will be involved at these events and we hope to see you there!

April 20 - Bakersfield College Garden Fest
(Air District represented by Blue Sky Partners)

April 21 - Earth Day Celebration, Stockton, Victory Park

April 22 - Earth Day Celebration at Fresno City College

April 24 - Reedley's 5th Annual Green Summit, Reedley College

April 27 - Beyond Earth Day, Jacob Myers Park, Riverbank

April 27 - Celebrate CSUB! Cal State, Bakersfield
(Air District represented by Blue Sky Partners)

April 27 - Wildflower Days, Arvin
(Air District represented by Blue Sky Partners)

May 1 - Asthma Fair, celebrating Asthma Awareness Month with Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition, Memorial Medical Center, Modesto

May 4 - Tune In & Tune Up, Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

May 4 - Shafter Cinco de Mayo Festival
(Air District represented by Blue Sky Partners)

May 10 - Bike to Work Day, Modesto and Turlock

May 13 - Bike to Work Day, Escalon

May 14 - Bike to Work Day, Oakdale

May 15 - Bike to Work Day, Stockton

May 16 - Bike to Work Day, Newman

May 17 - Bike to Work Day, Merced and Patterson
(Air District represented by Commute Connection)

May 24 - Earth Day Celebration, Golden Valley Health Center, Merced