

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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District's Truck Voucher Program helps small businesses

The Valley Air District's Truck Voucher Program (TVP) reduces emissions from older, heavy-duty, on-road diesel trucks and improves Valley air quality. The program assists small businesses with early compliance in order to meet state regulations by providing grants of up to \$50,000 for truck replacement.

Participants may apply through dealerships certified by the Air District to retire and replace old, high-polluting trucks registered within the San Joaquin Valley. Applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funding is exhausted.

Any truck purchased before receiving a voucher is ineligible for funding. Applicants must be currently in compliance with California's On-road Truck and Bus Regulation. Eligibility of Pre-1996 model year engines is limited due to fast-approaching compliance deadlines. All pre-1996 engines will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Interested operators can visit the District's TVP program webpage at: www.valleyair.org/trucks or call (559) 230-5800.

Cycling to work gains popularity

With high gas prices, traffic congestion and air quality as a high-priority concern in the San Joaquin Valley, bicycling to work makes more sense than ever before.

May is National Bike Month. The Valley Air District has partnered with local bike coalitions, businesses and other government agencies to organize Bike-To-Work events throughout the Valley.

On May 7, Air District staff rode with a horde of other cyclists for the City of Fresno's Mall-to-Mall Ride, while Bike-to-Work Week (May 12-16) saw hundreds of commuters put their cars aside to get some great exercise, save gas and reduce vehicle emissions.

During Bike-to-Work week, events that provide cyclists with free breakfast and other incentives for their efforts took place in Fresno, Bakersfield, Stockton, Modesto, Merced, Turlock, Lodi, Escalon, Patterson, Newman and Oakdale.

National Bike Month and Bike-to-Work week are great opportunities for non-cyclists to see how rewarding it can be to get out of their cars, improve their health, save money, and start a good habit.

