

## Actions by the Governing Board – November 18, 2021

### Valley Air District Receives The Government Finance Officers' Association Certificate Of Achievement For Excellence In Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) awarded the District the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This award was for the latest District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (fiscal year 2019-20 ACFR) representing a significant achievement for the District and representing its commitment to meeting the highest principles of Governmental reporting and transparency to the public. To earn this award, an impartial panel judged the ACFR as meeting the high standards of the GFOA program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the District's financial story and motivate the public to read the ACFR.

### State Implementation Plan Credit or Residential Wood Burning Device Change-Out Incentive Measure

On November 18, 2021, the District Governing Board approved the Burn Cleaner Woodstove and Fireplace Change-out Incentive Measure (Burn Cleaner Incentive Measure), which established the necessary structure for achieving emission reduction credit from the Burn Cleaner Program towards the District's commitments from the *2018 PM2.5 Plan*. This measure included details on various elements, including quantification and reporting, to receive emissions reduction credit for this State Implementation Plan (SIP) commitment. Additionally, this submittal includes the quantification and demonstration of Burn Cleaner Program projects, completed between 2016 and 2020, that are surplus to the planning inventory in the *2018 PM2.5 Plan*, representing the first projects available to meet this commitment. This measure was developed based on EPA guidance and in close coordination with CARB.

### State Implementation Plan Credit For Adopted Agricultural Burning Phase-Out Strategy

On November 18, 2021, the District Governing Board approved the *District Rule 4103 (Open Burning) Technical Submittal for Receiving SIP Credit for Reductions in Agricultural Burning*, which quantifies State Implementation Plan emissions reduction credit achieved through the phase-out of agricultural burning towards the District's aggregate commitment in the *2018 PM2.5 Plan*. As approved by the Governing Board on June 17, 2021 and approved by CARB on June 18, 2021, the District developed a transparent and measurable reduction plan with reduction benchmarks for the near-complete phase-out of open burning by January 1, 2025. These emission reductions will support the Valley's attainment of the federal 2006 and 2012 PM2.5 standards in 2024 and 2025, as well as contribute to the District's attainment of the 1997, 2008, and 2015 8-hour ozone standards.

### Receive Progress Reports On AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Program Implementation

The Governing Board received an update on the progress of AB 617 implementation in the Valley, which included an Annual Report on Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) implementation for each of the three communities with adopted CERPs. The update described the District's ongoing monthly meetings with the four Valley Community Steering Committees (CSCs), provided an overview of progress on CERP measures and community air monitoring network deployment, and gave updates on robust community engagement effort. The Annual Reports provided detailed updates on CERP implementation in the first year communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter, and the second year community of Stockton. The Governing Board also heard a report on the newest community of Arvin/Lamont in southern Kern County, including an overview of upcoming work to focus on CERP development in the next several meetings. The Governing Board also heard an update on District staff commitments to working with CARB, residents, businesses,

and community groups in the upcoming year to increase readiness of communities to participate productively in the AB 617 program in the future and to address community concerns through ongoing engagement.

## October District Activities

### Outreach and Communications

- With the Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Program beginning Nov. 1, the District started sharing how residential wood burning is one of the Valley’s largest sources of wintertime PM2.5 emissions and shown to have a direct effect on neighborhood air quality. Because of this, we strongly urge residents to heat their homes by means other than wood burning whenever possible. To learn more, visit [Valley Air News](#).
- The Valley Air District’s Supervising Air Quality Inspector, Kathy Crump, is the recipient of this year’s prestigious Rodney Swartzendruber Outstanding Inspector Award. Presentation of this award has taken place since 2003 and is awarded to an inspector in one of the state’s 35 air quality management districts. It recognizes inspectors who consistently demonstrate outstanding performance and make significant contributions that benefit air pollution control efforts in an exemplary manner.
- In October, District staff responded to 24 media calls, 60 public calls, and 18 emails, and attended ten event/presentations.

### Grants and Incentive Programs

- In October, the District received 1,498 incentive program applications. 425 were for the Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 313 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.
- In October, \$27,759,950.04 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and \$7,701,683.55 in claims was paid.
- In October, \$1,288,783.57 was paid out in Light Duty and REMOVE II program claims.
- In October, \$435,910.00 paid out in Burn Cleaner program claims.

Key	October 2021	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid
	Program	Number Received & Entered	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Number of Contracts Executed	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
<b>Bicycle Infrastructure</b>	Bike Path Class I, II, or III	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Burn Cleaner</b>	Burn Cleaner – Wood Stove Change Out	425	345	\$803,000.00	345	\$803,000.00	\$435,910.00
<b>CAP &amp; Trade</b>	Demonstration – Cargo Handling	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$2,123,823.00
	Demonstration – New Electric Vehicle	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$131,613.96
<b>Heavy Duty</b>	Ag Burn Alternative Fleet Expansion	4	25	\$13,260,844.88	16	\$10,983,990.27	\$0.00
	Ag Burn Alternative Voucher	174	197	\$6,858,620.00	197	\$6,858,620.00	\$378,774.00

	Ag Engine Diesel to Electric	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
	Ag-UTV Vehicle Replacement	0	12	\$162,000.00	12	\$162,000.00	\$172,266.05
	Infrastructure Alternative Fuel	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$956,324.24
	Off-Road Ag Vehicle Replacement	107	104	\$6,347,450.14	123	\$7,547,984.47	\$5,105,111.15
	Off-Road Low-Dust Harvester Replacement	9	4	\$473,685.02	2	\$252,803.64	\$647,803.42
	Off-Road Tractor Trade-Up	0	2	\$77,350.00	2	\$77,350.00	\$313,404.69
	On-Road Emergency Vehicle Replacement	2	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	On-Road Trade-Up	5	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	On-Road Truck Replacement	6	6	\$580,000.00	1	\$80,000.00	\$100,000.00
	On-Road VIP Vehicle Replacement	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	School Bus Vehicle Replacement	2	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Yard Truck Replacement	3	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden</b>	Commercial Replacement	12	7	\$47,226.79	7	\$47,226.79	\$0.00
	Residential New Purchase	58	33	\$1,593.56	33	\$1,593.56	\$1,918.56
	Residential Replacement	45	44	\$10,610.11	44	\$10,610.11	\$12,383.56
<b>Light Duty</b>	Charge Up EV Charger – Private	4	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Charge Up EV Charger – Public	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Drive Clean – EV Vehicle Rebate	399	196	\$563,000.00	196	\$563,000.00	\$589,000.00
	EFMP Charger – Residential	0	26	\$50,956.75	26	\$50,956.75	\$4,956.75
	EFMP Replacement	54	1	\$9,500.00	1	\$9,500.00	\$98,000.00
	TITU Admin/Events	2	3	\$48,597.10	3	\$48,597.10	\$48,592.08
	TITU Payroll	5	3	\$89,380.09	3	\$89,380.09	\$89,380.09

	TITU Repairs	153	148	\$452,581.54	148	\$452,581.54	\$458,854.65
	Van Pool Agency CFP	6	5	\$10,410.00	5	\$10,410.00	\$0.00
<b>Public Benefit</b>	Alternative Fuel New Vehicle	18	6	\$114,708.82	24	\$445,733.44	\$273,191.49
<b>VW NOx Mitigation</b>	Replacement School Bus	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$799,994.22
	Replacement Shuttle Bus	0	0	\$0.00	1	\$160,000.00	\$0.00
	Replacement Transit Bus	1	5	\$900,000.00	6	\$1,080,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>\$30,861,514.80</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>\$29,735,337.76</b>	<b>\$12,769,301.91</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)				Smoking Vehicles	2
NOx	PM	ROG	Total		
1,213	1,107	911	3,231		

## Operations Overview

- Completed 2,638 inspections in October, and 173 NOVs were issued. Mutual settlement case completions totaled 132.
- Received 180 permit applications in October, and 148 permits were issued.
- Received 2 smoking vehicle reports in October.
- Received 163 environmental documents in October.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***  
9:00 AM, Dec. 16

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***  
10:00 AM, Jan. 4

**Environmental Justice Advisory Group**  
5:30 PM, Jan. 27

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.  
Details: [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)

\*Webcast