

Actions by the Governing Board – Jun. 15, 2023

Accept and Appropriate \$30 Million in State Vehicle Replacement Funding and Approve the Continued Implementation of the District’s Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Replacement and Repair Programs

The Valley Air District’s Governing Board accepted \$30.4 million in state funding from CARB for the continued implementation of the District’s Vehicle Replacement program for San Joaquin Valley residents. This funding will support over 2,000 vehicle replacement projects as well as program administration expenses. In addition, the Governing Board approved \$12 million in funding for the continued implementation of the District’s Vehicle Repair program which will support over 19,000 vehicle repairs in the next year. These programs are designed to provide low-income and disadvantaged communities residents financial incentives to reduce their vehicle emissions. The District’s vehicle replacement and repair programs have been recognized for the environmental and economic benefits the programs achieve as well as being “a model of balancing efficiency and equity.”

Adopt 2023 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Revoked 1-Hour Ozone Standard

The Valley Air District’s Governing Board adopted the *2023 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Revoked 1-Hour Ozone Standard* to demonstrate the District’s continued attainment of the revoked 1-hour ozone standard and ensure attainment of the standard through 2036. The Maintenance Plan includes recent ambient air quality data from 2020-2022 demonstrating continued attainment of the standard, addresses requirements for redesignation as outlined in the Clean Air Act, and EPA approval would terminate all associated anti-backsliding requirements for the standard.

Approve Allocation of Up to \$1 Million in Additional Funding for Valley-Wide Clean Air Rooms Residential Air Filtration Incentive Program for Valley Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities

The Valley Air District Governing Board approved an additional allocation of up to \$1,000,000 in funding to go towards the recently-launched Valley-wide Clean Air Rooms incentive program. The program provides residential air filtration units to residents residing in disadvantaged and low-income communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The additional funding allocation will allow the District to continue to provide a new, CARB-certified high-efficiency residential air filtration unit and one additional filter element to each eligible applicant. This action is estimated to provide an additional 5,000 air purification units Valley-wide.

Adopt Proposed Amendments to District Leak Detection and Repair Rules 4401, 4409, 4455, 4623, and 4624

The Valley Air District’s Governing Board adopted amendments to District Rules 4401, 4409, 4455, 4623, and 4624 to address commitments in the *2022 Plan for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard*, Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements, and Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements. The amendments establish more stringent LDAR requirements for VOC emissions from various types of components at oil and gas production operations, petroleum refineries, natural gas processing plants, and organic liquid storage and transfer operations. Additionally, in order to provide better service to stakeholders and affected industry, the rule amendments simplify and clarify existing rule standards and language.

May District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In May, the District held an in person Shafter CSC meeting. The meeting was interactive, with attendees providing feedback on the measures in the Community Emissions Reduction Program. Attendees also got to chat with the Department of Pesticide Regulation, as well as review a map that included CSC feedback from previous meetings showing possible Vegetative Barrier locations.
- The District celebrated two new city representatives joining the District's Governing Board. Councilmember Rosa Escutia-Braaton, who represents District 1 on the Modesto City Council, is the new Large City Representative for Stanislaus County. Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, who represents District 1 on the Wasco City Council, is the new Small City Representative for Kern County.
- In May, District staff responded to 2 media calls, 11 public calls, 22 emails, and participated in five events/presentation.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	May 2023	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB617	School Air Filtration	31	\$658,984.55	\$0.00
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	122	\$437,500.00	\$785,576.31
CAP & Trade	Demonstration	0	\$0.00	\$3,185,559.19
Community Benefit	Residential New Device	4	\$623.98	\$5,015.48
Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	0	\$0.00	\$4,325.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	125	\$4,563,527.56	\$3,441,220.00
	Ag Engine	1	\$46,841.73	\$47,689.81
	Ag-UTV	86	\$1,161,000.00	\$415,824.74
	Dairy Feed Mixer	0	\$0.00	\$1,398,634.16
	Infrastructure	6	\$6,127,752.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road	163	\$17,567,082.32	\$10,398,675.02
	On-Road	7	\$544,869.53	\$1,150,000.00
	School Bus	2	\$213,400.58	\$0.00

Lawn & Garden	Commercial	15	\$13,093.31	\$69,377.86
	Residential	252	\$34,082.86	\$22,218.39
Light Duty	Charge Up	8	\$252,000.00	\$82,119.07
	Drive Clean	971	\$2,856,000.00	\$1,739,000.00
	EFMP	172	\$1,545,500.00	\$755,000.00
	TITU	218	\$1,346,314.63	\$1,023,033.68
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	0	\$0.00	\$76,421.36
	Clean Air Centers	2	\$38,668.97	\$13,283.92
VW NOx Mitigation	Replacement	0	\$0.00	\$2,699,964.50
Totals		2,185	\$37,407,242.02	\$27,312,938.49

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
1,094	688	619	2,401

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

9:00 AM, Aug. 17

Citizens Advisory Committee*

10:00 AM, Sept. 5

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

5:30 PM, Aug. 24

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.
Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast