

## Actions by the Governing Board – Jan. 19, 2023

### Accept and Appropriate \$137 Million in State Community Air Protection Funds and Reallocate Existing Funding for Vegetative Barriers in the Shafter AB 617 Community

The Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$137,428,365 in State Community Air Protection funding from CARB to fund voluntary emission and exposure reduction projects in AB 617 communities and disadvantaged communities Valley-wide. Assembly Bill (AB) 617, signed into law in July 2017, initiated a statewide effort to monitor and reduce localized air pollution, and highly improve public health, in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants through new community-focused and community-driven actions. The communities of Shafter, South Central Fresno, Stockton and Arvin/Lamont have been prioritized by the Air District and subsequently selected CARB as communities in the San Joaquin Valley to receive clean air resources available under AB 617. Community Air Protection funding has been focused on a combination of funding a wide range of incentive-based measures contained within adopted CERPs as well as continuing to provide benefit to disadvantaged and low-income communities District-wide through a variety of clean air programs available to residents, local agencies, partner community organizations, local businesses, and other community stakeholders.

### Approve the District's 2023 Legislative Platform

The Governing Board approved the District's 2023 Legislative Platform that establishes the District's 2023 legislative priorities. Following the approval of the platform, Staff will distribute the platform to the Valley state and federal delegations and will advocate for the District's priorities with appropriate state/federal policymakers. A copy of the District's 2023 Legislative Platform can be found on the District's website at: <https://www.valleyair.org/documents/Legislative-Platform-2023.pdf>

## December District Activities

### Outreach and Communications

- In December, the District encouraged the public to protect their health by understanding the District's daily burn status. As nights get colder in the Valley, some residents turn to fireplaces to keep their homes warm. The District encourages Valley residents to avoid wood burning altogether. Before using any kind of residential wood burning device November 1 through the end of February, the District urged residents to please visit [valleyair.org/burnstatus](http://valleyair.org/burnstatus) to determine if it is legal to burn that day.
- The District's Governing Board recognized 14 Valley students for their outstanding artwork in the 2023 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar during December's board meeting. This year's cover artist and grand-prize winner is Sienna Valdivia, a fourth grader at Redwood Elementary School in Shafter. The District's annual calendar, designed to educate and inspire the public to live a Healthy Air Life and reduce air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley. The wall calendar is full-color, bilingual, featuring clean-air messages and drawings of students from throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
- In December, District staff responded to 2 media calls, 31 public calls, 13 emails, and participated in one events/presentation.

### Grants and Incentive Programs

- In December, the District received 1,882 incentive program applications. 551 were for the Burn Cleaner Wood Stove Change-Out Program and 384 were for the Heavy Duty Engine Program.

- In December, \$30,424,682.35 was placed under contract in the Heavy Duty Engine Program and \$14,527,532.64 in claims was paid.
- In December, \$2,402,832.47 was paid out in Light Duty and REMOVE II program claims.
- In December, \$270,950.00 was paid out in Burn Cleaner program claims.

	December 2022	Applications	Grants Offered		Grants Executed		Amount Paid
Key	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
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out – Decommission	4	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Wood Stove Change Out – New Device	547	418	\$1,535,650.00	418	\$1,535,650.00	\$270,950.00
CAP & Trade	Demonstration – New Electric Vehicle	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$74,903.07
Community Benefit	Residential New Device	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$128,965.78
Commuter Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	0	1	\$22,818.00	1	\$22,818.00	\$0.00
Heavy Duty	Ag Burn Alternative Fleet Expansion	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$2,605,631.55
	Ag Burn Alternative Voucher	121	165	\$10,732,714.50	165	\$10,732,714.50	\$4,490,815.86
	Ag Engine Alt Fuel to Electric	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Ag Engine Diesel to Electric	3	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$49,182.03
	Ag-UTV Vehicle Replacement	32	24	\$324,000.00	24	\$324,000.00	\$353,475.94
	Dairy Feed Mixer Electrification	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,384,884.89
	Infrastructure Alternative Fuel	2	0	\$0.00	1	\$5,684,559.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road Ag Vehicle Replacement	204	84	\$9,413,040.18	124	\$12,553,962.69	\$4,384,222.66
	Off-Road Engine Repower	3	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road Low-Dust Harvester Replacement	2	0	\$0.00	1	\$53,684.75	\$224,161.72
	Off-Road Tractor Trade-Up	0	0	\$0.00	2	\$79,950.00	\$0.00
Off-Road Used Ag Vehicle Replacement	3	5	\$407,770.71	5	\$391,777.57	\$468,010.99	

	On-Road Emergency Vehicle Replacement	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$67,147.00
	On-Road New Purchase	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
	On-Road Truck Replacement	12	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$400,000.00
	School Bus Vehicle Replacement	0	24	\$9,547,156.96	5	\$1,947,156.96	\$0.00
<b>Lawn &amp; Garden</b>	Commercial Replacement	18	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$3,726.12
	Residential New Purchase	23	68	\$3,242.79	68	\$3,242.79	\$934.50
	Residential Replacement	29	64	\$15,576.00	64	\$15,576.00	\$96,294.93
<b>Light Duty</b>	Charge Up EV Charger – Private	4	3	\$120,000.00	3	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
	Charge Up EV Charger – Public	3	17	\$229,000.00	17	\$229,000.00	\$250,000.00
	Drive Clean – EV Vehicle Rebate	675	642	\$1,866,000.00	642	\$1,866,000.00	\$527,000.00
	EFMP Replacement	0	60	\$530,000.00	60	\$530,000.00	\$486,500.00
	TITU Admin/Events	12	2	\$55,962.86	2	\$55,962.86	\$64,188.24
	TITU Payroll	10	4	\$115,165.34	4	\$115,165.34	\$212,908.78
	TITU Repairs	135	165	\$691,734.91	165	\$691,734.91	\$862,235.45
<b>Public Benefit</b>	Alternative Fuel New Vehicle	34	7	\$94,660.60	10	\$154,660.60	\$213,876.21
	Clean Air Centers – Portable Devices	2	7	\$83,499.08	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Remove II</b>	Alternate Fuel Training	0	1	\$4,893.24	1	\$4,893.24	\$0.00
<b>Special Projects</b>	Raisin Tray Rebate	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$85.14
<b>VW NOx Mitigation</b>	Replacement School Bus	0	1	\$399,999.29	0	\$0.00	\$3,515,145.87
	Replacement Shuttle Bus	2	2	\$320,000.00	2	\$320,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>\$36,512,884.46</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>\$37,432,509.21</b>	<b>\$21,235,246.73</b>

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
1,531	1,793	1,501	4,825

<b>Smoking Vehicles</b>	<b>3</b>
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## Upcoming Meetings

**Governing Board\***

9:00 AM, Feb. 16

**Citizens Advisory Committee\***

10:00 AM, Mar. 7

**Environmental Justice Advisory Group**

5:30 PM, Feb. 23

*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*