

## **EPA honors former Reedley school transportation director**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has given its Environmental Champion award to John Clements, former director of transportation for the Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley.

Mr. Clements was cited for his work to deploy zero emission, battery-electric school buses and refrigerated lunch delivery trucks in the San Joaquin Valley, and for his statewide work as a clean transportation advocate.

“Soot and grime from school bus exhaust not only pollutes the air, but can have serious health impacts on residents, especially children,” says EPA Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest Jared Blumenfeld. “EPA is proud to recognize Mr. Clements, whose work to reduce bus emissions will help shield kids and parents from harmful particles, and fight climate change.”

In addition to his vehicular clean technology work, Mr. Clements has worked to bring together numerous clean transportation stakeholder groups to find ways to improve air quality for San Joaquin Valley residents.