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Valley kids show the way to a clearer future

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's 2006 Clean Air Kids calendars are now available and free of charge.

The annual calendar features original art (example shown on this page) from children throughout the eight-county Valley Air District. Their creative and colorful drawings depict interpretations of a world without air pollution. The clean-air message for each month is presented in both English and Spanish.



More than 800 entries were received in the contest, which is open to all San Joaquin Valley kindergarten through high school students. The artwork of 14 youngsters, representing communities throughout the Valley, was selected.

The educational wall calendar is distributed free to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches and civic organizations, non-political groups and individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. The calendars can be picked up at the nearest regional office: in Fresno at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.; in Bakersfield at 2700 M St., Ste. 275; and in Modesto at 4800 Enterprise Way.

This year's winning artists are:

- Maria Maldonado, American Union Elementary School, Fresno. Maria's drawing, "Spare the Air. Walk more, drive less," appears on the calendar cover.
- Vivian Thoo, Leo B. Hart Elementary School, Bakersfield
- Natalie Lyster, Mountain View Elementary School, Fresno
- Sara Ohler, Liddell Elementary School, Fresno
- Jeane Glenn Taruc, South West Park Elementary, Tracy
- Giselle Garcia, Parlier Junior High School, Parlier
- Holley Brady, Cole Elementary School, Clovis
- Sierra Davis, Cole Elementary School, Clovis
- Alexa Olvera, Washington School, Winton
- Amber Hall, Alta Sierra Intermediate School, Clovis
- Desiree Meza, Hanford West High School, Hanford
- Sachiko Garcia, Lincoln Elementary School, Kingsburg
- Vianey Samaniego, Sierra Vista Elementary School, Madera
- Josh Schafer, Alta Sierra Intermediate School, Clovis

Board Items

New rules adopted during December's Governing Board meeting included:

- Rule 4694 (Wine Fermentation and Storage Tanks). Rule focuses on reducing volatile organic compound emissions which are found to be significant in the aging and fermentation process of wine-making. Applies mostly to large wineries in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) and Rule 3180 (Administrative fees for air impact assessment applications). Rule is designed to reduce emissions from development projects through design features and on-site measures and if needed, offsite mitigation.