

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## Cleaning the Valley's air with incentives for Ag

The San Joaquin Valley produces more agricultural products than anywhere else in the nation. Being a top ag producer means that our Valley is also home to many diesel-powered tractors and other mobile equipment that has been in service for many years, emitting high levels of nitrogen oxide (NOx) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

The Air District is dedicated to helping farmers of the San Joaquin Valley work to improve efficiency and production while reducing emissions. Through the Tractor Replacement Program, agricultural operators can replace older, dirty equipment with new, cutting edge equipment, improving operations and speeding up the progress being made to clean the Valley's air.

"Grant funds such as these recognize the hard work and sacrifice being made by Valley farmers, businesses and residents to expedite emission reductions in the San Joaquin Valley," stated Seyed Sadredin, Air Pollution Control Officer and Executive Director of the Valley Air District.



Because of its great success and popularity, the Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded the Air District with \$3.48 million to continue the Tractor Replacement Program.

Valley farmers are encouraged to take advantage of this great

opportunity for financial assistance to replace their old, high-polluting equipment and work alongside the District in cleaning the Valley's air.

You can find out more about the Tractor Replacement Program and the many other incentives available to Valley businesses and residents at [www.valleyair.org/grants](http://www.valleyair.org/grants).

## Mark your calendar

April 22: Earth Day - Golden Valley Health Center, Merced, 10am-3pm.

April 22: Earth Day Celebration - Chaffee Zoo, Fresno 9am-1pm.

April 23: Greater Bakersfield Green Expo - Yokuts Park, 8am-1pm.

April 23: Earth Day Festival - Modesto, Graceada Park, 10am-4pm.

April 23: Earth Day Festival - Visalia, St. John's Riverwalk Park, 10am-2pm.

April 23: Fresno Earth Day - Radio Park, 10am-4pm.

April 23: Tune In & Tune Up - Lemoore, West Hills College, 8am-12n.

April 23: Earth Day Celebration at Sequoia National Park. [www.delawarenorth.com](http://www.delawarenorth.com).

April 24: Earth Day Celebration - Stockton, Victory Park, 10am-4pm.

April 27: Business Academy for Regulatory Compliance, Valley Green Team, Woodward Park Regional Library, Fresno, 9am-12n.

April 28: World Asthma Day Health Fair, Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition - Memorial Medical Center, Modesto, 10am-2pm.

May 4: Mall to Mall Ride, Fresno - Fresno Bike Coalition, Manchester Mall to Downtown, 8am.

May 5: Bike to Work Day Merced - Commuter stations throughout city. 6am-9am.

May 7: Tune In & Tune Up - Bakersfield, Kern County Fairgrounds, 8am-12n.

May 11: Bike to Work Stockton - Janet Leigh Plaza, 6:30am-9am.

May 14: Mercy's Annual Family Festival & Health Fair, Mercy Medical Center, Merced, 8am-1pm

May 17: Bike to Work Day Newman, 6:30am-8:30am.

May 19: Bike to Work Day Modesto - 10th St. Place, 6:30am-8:30am.

May 20: Bike to Work Day Bakersfield - Commuter stations set up throughout city, 6am-9am.

May 21: Tune In & Tune Up - Fresno County Fairgrounds, 9am-3pm.

May 26: Bike to Work Lodi, 6:30am-8:30am.

