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.