

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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2017 Healthy Air Living Kids Calendars now available

The artwork of 15 talented Valley students is featured in the 2017 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar, a bilingual, full-color wall calendar, just released by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The annual, educational calendar showcases 15 original works of art chosen from hundreds of entries by children in each of the eight counties that make up the Valley Air District.

These creative and colorful drawings illustrate a monthly clean-air message in both English and Spanish, such as "Clear skies, healthy lives" or "Use an electric lawnmower."

Sanger seventh grader, Aria Delgado's, intricate detailed drawing graces the 2017 calendar's cover. Other featured artists include:

- Izabella Rodriguez, 1st grade, Newman
- Genesis Mendoza, 1st grade, Tipton
- Angelica Ochoa Ceja, 3rd grade, Atwater
- Tabitha Hitchman, 3rd grade, Hanford
- LizaMarie Velasquez, 3rd grade, Fresno
- Jesus Serrato, 5th grade, Arvin
- Taylor Melching, 5th grade, Lemoore
- Daman Basu, 6th grade, Mountain House
- Hannah Agatep, 6th grade, Bakersfield
- Adrian Martinez, 6th grade, Manteca

- Christopher Rubi Peralta, 6th grade, Manteca
- Davis Cesar, 9th grade, Fresno
- Lauren Childers, 10th grade, Madera
- Lluvia Moreno, 12th grade, North Fork

The calendars are distributed to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations and non-profit groups throughout the Valley. The District prints 20,000 copies of the popular, free publication, which promotes Healthy Air Living throughout the year.

The 2017 calendars can be reserved, while supplies last, by emailing public.education@valleyair.org, and can be picked up in any District office: in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. (559-230-6000), in Modesto, at 4800 Enterprise Way (209-557-6400), and in Bakersfield, at 34936 Flyover Court (661-392-5500).

The District will conduct multiple workshops and reconvene the Public Advisory Workgroup (PAW) formed under direction from the District's Governing Board, with appointments by the Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer. The PAW committee consists of representatives from regulated entities (industry, farms, dairy families and municipalities), community advocates, and advisors from EPA and ARB. The PAW committee meetings will be open to the public.

2017 Integrated PM2.5 Plan

The District is in the process of developing a single attainment plan that integrates the following PM2.5 standards under the federal Clean Air Act:

- 1997 PM2.5 Standard (24hour 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and annual 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- 2006 PM2.5 Standard (24-hour 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
- 2012 PM2.5 Standard (annual 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

Preparing a single integrated plan addressing multiple standards instead of three separate plans is not only a more efficient use of resources but also provides the path for developing a much stronger plan that incorporates additional and stronger control measures. Furthermore, a singular and more efficient public process provides greater opportunity for robust public participation.

