

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## District addresses new president with white paper

In its continuing effort to leave no stone unturned, the District recently submitted a presidential transition "white paper" to the new administration, outlining recommended changes to the Clean Air Act.

The recommended changes are designed to update the antiquated law which has not been amended since 1990. The changes would allow some areas the ability to more effectively protect public health with less red tape.

The District recommends the following changes to the Clean Air Act:

A. Eliminate duplicative requirements, confusion and costly bureaucratic red tape by synchronizing progress milestones when a new standard is published by the EPA.

B. In establishing deadlines and milestones, require control measures that lead to the most expeditious attainment while considering technological achievability and economic feasibility.

C. Allow states to focus efforts on meeting new standards in the most expeditious fashion through deployment of scarce resources in a manner that provides the utmost benefit to public health (e.g. greater weight for NOx reductions).

D. Eliminate the requirement for contingency measures in areas classified as "extreme" non-attainment.

E. Allow states to take credit for all

transportation control measures and strategies and not punish areas that have implemented transportation control measures and strategies that have achieved early reductions in emissions.

F. Local regions should not be subjected to federal sanctions when their inability to attain federal standards is due to pollution sources outside their regulatory authority:

1) Direct EPA to work closely with local air quality agencies to develop incentive-based control measures that are federally approvable.

2) Provide federal funding for voluntary incentive-based control measures that expedite emissions reductions while investing in the national and local economy.

3) Adopt new national standards for on-road heavy-duty trucks and locomotives under federal jurisdiction.

4) Direct EPA to further streamline the process for considering Exceptional Events and to allow for reasonable inclusion of exceptional drought conditions as Exceptional Events.

G. Support adequate resources and policies to reduce the impact of wildfires and their attendant public health impact.

The entire white paper can be viewed at: [www.valleyair.org/documents/PRESIDENTIAL-TRANSITION-WHITE-PAPER.pdf](http://www.valleyair.org/documents/PRESIDENTIAL-TRANSITION-WHITE-PAPER.pdf).



## Tune In & Tune Up returns for 2017

Are you a resident of the San Joaquin Valley? Have you owned your car for at least six months? Do you think your car would fail a smog test?

If you answered "yes" to all three of these questions, you are eligible for a free emissions test and may be eligible for a repair voucher at a Tune In & Tune Up event.

These events take place all over the San Joaquin Valley, from Stockton to Bakersfield, allowing Valley residents to have their vehicle emissions tested for free. If you fail the test, your car is eligible for up to \$500 worth of free repairs to get it smog-ready.

The first six events of the year have already been scheduled and are as follows:

- January 21 - Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock
- February 4 - Madera County Fairgrounds, Madera
- February 25 - San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton
- March 11 - Kern County Raceway Park, Bakersfield
- March 25, Fresno County Fairgrounds, Fresno
- April 8 - Merced County Fairgrounds, Merced

For more information on these events, visit: <http://valleyair.org/grants/pass.htm>.

