

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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REPORT to the COMMUNITY
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Community Steering Committees set course for further improvement of Valley air quality

While Community Emissions Reduction Programs are already under way in South Central Fresno and Shafter, second-year strategies are being planned by Stockton's Community Steering Committee for use of funding from AB 617.

Additionally, all three AB 617 communities are implementing or creating a Community Air Monitoring Plan to utilize new monitoring equipment to capture community specific data.

Valley residents are encouraged to participate in monthly steering committee meetings for any or all of the three Valley communities on Facebook live, where viewers can watch, ask questions and provide their comments.

For more information on AB 617 communities, steering committees and scheduled meetings, visit community.valleyair.org.

District releases 2019-20 Annual Report to the Community

The District's recently published Annual Report to the Community provides information on new Valley strategies, major emission reduction programs and partnerships, as well as updated information on emission sources, air quality improvements, the District budget and much more. Plus, the San Joaquin Valley experienced its cleanest summer and winter seasons on record!

Readers of the 2019-20 Report will learn of the District's annual Incentives budget of more than \$560 million, dedicated to Valley residents, businesses, public agencies, and agricultural operators. Much of the funding comes from the State and is used to improve quality of life for disadvantaged communities through Assembly Bill (AB) 617 and California Climate investments (CCI).

In 2020, the District began its second year of AB 617 implementation with Community Steering Committees providing guidance in South Central Fresno and Shafter and kicked off its first year of work with the Stockton Steering Committee on devising a Community Emissions Reduction Program.

Print copies are available by request at public.education@valleyair.org and the entire report is also easy to access at https://www.valleyair.org/General_info/pubdocs/2019-20-Annual-Report.PDF.

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