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Air District symposium takes ‘Fast Track’

Sept. 24 – Details of a new, dual-path “Fast Track” strategy for reaching ozone attainment, in-depth discussion about alternative goods-movements methods and a luncheon hosted by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley are on a full agenda for the annual Air District symposium in early October.

“Taking the Fast Track: Continuing to Reach Air Quality Goals in the Valley” takes place at the Visalia Convention Center Wednesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 4. Among the topics featured are:

- Details about the District’s innovative “Fast Track” strategy, which aims to meet federal health-based ozone standards years ahead of schedule;
- Goods-movement alternatives, including short-sea shipping;
- How municipalities can encourage “green” contracting; and
- Enlisting critical resources in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to obtain crucial incentive funding for the Valley.

“We encourage anyone in the Valley air basin who is interested in getting the latest information on our progress in cleaning up our air to attend this event,” said Seyed Sadredin, the District’s Air Pollution Control Officer.

The symposium begins at noon on Oct. 3 and concludes with a reception Oct. 4, following a luncheon and summit hosted by the California Partnership. Registration fee is \$45 per person, and scholarships are available for anyone who would otherwise be unable to attend. The registration deadline is Sept. 26. Registration materials are available at www.valleyair.org.

For more information, contact the nearest Air District office: in Fresno, (559-230-6000); in Modesto, (209) 557-6400; and in Bakersfield, (661) 326-6985.