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## **Air District seeks public comment on draft smog plan Oct. 17 workshop in Fresno, Bakersfield and Modesto**

(Fresno, CA) – The Valley Air District will host a public workshop Tuesday afternoon to gather input on a draft plan to reduce smog-forming emissions in the San Joaquin Valley.

The draft “2007 Ozone Plan” is designed to reduce emissions that create ozone, the main ingredient of smog. A new, federal, health-based standard sets limits on ozone concentrations averaged over eight-hour periods. The old standard averaged concentrations over a one-hour period. The plan will undergo several months of public review and discussion prior to being presented to the District’s governing board in spring 2007 for their approval.

The public workshop on the plan is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Air District’s central office in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. The workshop also can be attended by videoconference at either of the District’s regional offices: 2700 M Street, Suite 275 in Bakersfield and 4800 Enterprise Way in Modesto.

The draft plan provides an ambitious list of regulatory and voluntary measures to reduce smog-forming emissions. Some of the measures are under the jurisdiction of the Air District, while some are the responsibility of local, state and federal governments. For example, the plan calls for further regulations on industrial, commercial and agricultural operations; new state and federal standards for tailpipe emissions from cars, trucks, and locomotives; public funding to help the private sector pay for replacing and retrofitting high-polluting engines; and other measures.

The draft plan is available online at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or by calling any of the District’s offices: (559) 230-6000 in Fresno, (661) 326-6900 in Bakersfield and (209) 557-6400 in Modesto.

Through the plan development and workshop process, the Air District seeks to learn whether the measures in the plan are adequate and feasible; if any opportunities have been overlooked; how soon new regulations can be adopted and how quickly affected businesses could comply; what level of state and federal funding can be expected and when; how soon new and clean technologies can be placed in service; and other issues.

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the valley portion of Kern.

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