

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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District welcomes newest Governing Board members

At the January 19 Governing Board meeting, the District and other board members welcomed Stanislaus County Supervisor Kristin Olsen and Merced County Supervisor, Lloyd Pareira to the board.

Former California Assembly member, Kristin Olsen took the seat of three-term Stanislaus County Supervisor, William O'Brien, who announced his retirement in March of 2016.

Former Merced County Supervisor Hub Walsh was replaced on the board by another new supervisor, Lloyd Pareira.

The District is excited to have these individuals on board and looks forward to benefiting from their leadership and guidance for years to come. During their first meeting, they already demonstrated knowledge and a great deal of interest in air quality issues and quality of life for residents throughout the Valley.



Kristin Olsen



Lloyd Pareira

Grant helps farmers replace tractors

The Agricultural Tractor Replacement Program provides incentive funds for the replacement of in-use, off-road mobile equipment that is engaged in agricultural operations as defined by the California Air Resources Board.

Funds are provided on a first come, first serve basis and applicants must obtain approval and have a signed, executed contract from the Valley Air District prior to the purchase of new equipment. Any

equipment purchased prior to contract execution is ineligible as this is not a rebate program.

Funding amounts are based on a dollar per horsepower scale and may provide as much as 60% of the cost of replacing an older, high-polluting tractor with new, cleaner equipment.

Valley farmers are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity for financial assistance and work alongside the District in cleaning the Valley's air.

"Grant funds such as these recognize the hard work and sacrifice being made by Valley farmers, businesses and residents to expedite emission reductions in the San Joaquin Valley," stated Seyed Sadredin, Air Pollution Control Officer and Executive Director of the Valley Air District.

For more information, visit: www.valleyair.org/grants/tractorreplacement.htm

Mark your calendar

Spring events are around the corner

- February 24 - Workplace Charging Workshop, SJ Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership, Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, 9:30 am.
- February 25 - Tune In & Tune Up event: San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton, 9 am.
- March 8 - REXPO, Stockton Chamber of Commerce Recycling and Business Exposition, Stockton Hilton, 8 am - 2 pm.
- March 18 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Kern County Raceway Park, Bakersfield, 9 am.
- March 25 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Fresno County Fairgrounds, 9 am.
- April 8 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Merced County Fairgrounds, 9 am.
- April 22 - Earth Day Fresno, Radio Park, www.earthdayfresno.org/
- April 22 - Earth Day - Visalia, Miki City Park, 9 am - 3 pm. www.gogreenvisalia.com/
- April 22 - Earth Day in the Park, Graceada Park, Modesto, 10 am - 4 pm.
- April 23 - Stockton's 29th Annual Earth Day Celebration, Victory Park 10 am - 4 pm.
- May 6 - Mercy Medical Center's Annual Family Festival and 5K Run. Merced, 8 am - 1 pm.

