

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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District Seeks Public Input On Community Projects

The Valley Air District is moving quickly to receive public feedback for project ideas and community suggestions in accordance with AB617 to reduce emissions and improve public health in the Valley's disadvantaged neighborhoods.

AB617 requires the California Air Resource Board (CARB) and air districts to come up with additional plans to report, monitor and reduce emissions. The funds provided by AB617 will support programs that reduce emissions while also benefit disadvantaged communities.

The public workshops will provide an overview of the type of projects that can reduce the impact of community pollution and benefit public health. Comments from the workshops will help guide the District's project outreach and project identification processes for funds.

The first workshop, in collaboration with the CARB, will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the District's Fresno office. The event will be teleconferenced to District offices in Bakersfield and Modesto.

Another community workshop is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 6 at the District's Fresno office and teleconferenced to District offices in Bakersfield and Modesto.

For more info on AB617 and the upcoming public workshops, visit www.valleyair.org/community.



New Dairy Feed Mixer Incentive Program Announced

The Valley Air District has a new pilot program aimed at helping dairies electrify their diesel feeding operations to reduce emissions.

The Electrified Dairy Feed Mixing Program will provide an incentive in the amount of 75% of the total cost of eligible equipment and infrastructure, up to a maximum cost effectiveness of \$30,000 per ton of emissions reduced.

The program is comprised of three parts:

- Replacement and/or new purchase of off-road, mobile diesel equipment like tractors and loaders, that are used to mix, deliver and maintain feeding operations. Reducing the number of hours of use of currently owned off-road equipment also will be an option.
- Replacement and/or new purchase of on-road, mobile diesel trucks used to mix, deliver and maintain the feeding operations.
- Infrastructure needed to convert to an all-electric feed operation, like a conveyer system and concrete for the new stationary mixing station, and new electric equipment such as electric mixers with motors and electric feed pushers.

Eligible entities are dairies and other confined animal facility operations (CAFO's) currently operating a feed program that uses diesel-powered equipment.

The District is now accepting applications. However, due to the complexity of the program, it is strongly encouraged applicants meet with District staff prior to submitting an application. Projects will be selected for funding on a first come, first served basis as determined by the date applications are completed.

For more info about this program, visit www.valleyair.org/grants/dairy-feed-mixing.htm, email weberip@valleyair.org or call (559) 230-5800.

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