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Sharing info at the World Ag Expo

For three days in early February, Tulare was bustling with more than 1,200 exhibitors showing the latest in farm equipment and ag products during the 55th edition of the World Ag Expo. The Valley Air District was on site for the duration of the world-renowned event, meeting with clean-air technology vendors and working booths to distribute District materials to attendees informing them about ag grants, alternatives to ag burning funding and other District programs

To learn more about ag-related programs and grants, visit valleyair.org/grants and click on the Business tab.



District's Repair Program changed its tune during pandemic

Despite being sidelined while most of California was shut down during the last two years, the Valley Air District's Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair Program quickly adapted and saw success as it continued to help residents repair their high-polluting cars and trucks.

Traditionally, Tune In Tune Up events rotate throughout the District's eight counties. In partnership with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN), which administers the program, the weekend events give residents an opportunity to see if their vehicles will pass emissions tests. If the vehicles fail, they might qualify for emissions repair vouchers, which can be up to \$850, and be redeemed at participating STAR-certified smog shops.

As the coronavirus pandemic caused the weekend events to be cancelled due to public health recommendations, the District and Valley CAN developed a new program model where in-person contact was not necessary to apply. Valley residents could connect to program staff directly by calling on the phone or submitting an online interest form.

The new program model saw a strong, positive response. Between July 2020-June 2021, program staff received more than 70,000 phone calls and online interest forms, issued close to 21,000 vouchers and saw almost 14,000 repairs completed.

With public health restrictions now easing, Tune In Tune Up in-person events have resumed. A list of upcoming events can be found here: valleyair.org/drivecleaninthesanjoaquin/repair.

Valley residents can still utilize the new program model to participate. They can call (800) 806-2004 or complete the online interest form, valleycan.org/smog-repair-interest-form

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