

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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District awarded almost \$119 million for clean ag equipment programs

Local agricultural operators can take advantage of the additional funding the Valley Air District's Governing Board recently unanimously voted to accept from the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The District was awarded \$118.8 million, which will go toward the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER) program to help Valley farmers switch to cleaner equipment, vehicles and practices.

Continued FARMER program funding, coupled with strong participation by the agricultural industry has been, and continues to be, instrumental in achieving clean air benefits in Valley communities.

The FARMER Program builds upon more than 25 years of collaboration and innovation between the Valley agricultural community, the District and CARB in addressing emissions from agricultural sources, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley. To date, the District has been allocated \$432,129,600 in FARMER program funding during the first four funding cycles.

In addition to the FARMER program, the District offers a variety of programs to support Valley farmers, residents, businesses, and public agencies with cleaner equipment, vehicles, and practices.

Visit www.valleyair.org/grants or call the grants team at 559-230-5800 for more information to learn more about the FARMER and other programs.

Trade-in event successfully hands out electric lawnmowers to Fresno residents

The Valley Air District gave out more than 200 electric lawnmowers during the second South Central Fresno AB 617 Lawnmower Trade-In Event in the parking lot area of Alert-O-Lite True Value in Fresno.

The trade-in event on October 29, 2022, was part of an air quality improvement program designed by the Fresno Community Steering Committee, which was established under Assembly Bill 617 to provide more resources to reduce air pollution exposure and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities.

Residents who participated in the event live within the South Central AB 617 community boundary and pre-registered to swap their gas mowers for new electric ones.

South Central Fresno residents who missed the event can still participate. The District offers a rebate, up to \$500, to those who want to replace their gas lawnmowers with electric ones. Visit www.valleyair.org/CGYM to apply. Limit one electric lawnmower replacement per address.

For more info about the program, visit the residential Clean Green Yard Machines website.

The Lawn Mower Exchange Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.



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