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DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO
Project Coordinator: Todd DeYoung

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 9: ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE
\$152,214 IN FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA
AIR RESOURCES BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT PROGRAM FOR
RESIDENTIAL LAWMOWER REPLACEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept and appropriate \$152,214 from the California Air Resources Board Supplemental Environmental Project Program to fund residential lawnmower replacements.
2. Authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to enter into any agreements with CARB and other entities as necessary to accept and administer this funding.
3. Approve the attached Budget Resolution to amend the 2026-27 District Budget to appropriate \$152,214 in new revenue.

BACKGROUND:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Program allows community-based projects to be funded from a portion of the penalties received during settlement of CARB enforcement actions. The SEP Program aims to improve public health, increase compliance, and reduce the pollution burden of communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental harm. CARB's SEP policy allows a SEP to be used in lieu of a portion of a penalty payment to mitigate the effects of a particular violation. The SEP program is a voluntary program for violators who may choose to fund one or more SEPs with up to 50% of their penalty fees during the enforcement case settlement process.

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Availability of funding is not guaranteed and the amount of funding available from each settlement may vary. CARB accepts project proposals year-round.

Towards that end, the District submitted an application to the CARB SEP Program on September 3, 2025. This application proposed up to \$1,000,000 in SEP funding to reduce NOx and PM2.5 by replacing older, high-polluting residential lawnmowers with battery-powered zero-emission lawnmowers through the District's existing Clean Green Yard Machine residential lawnmower replacement program. The District worked with CARB to revise and enhance the application and re-submitted the final application on October 21, 2025. On July 22, 2026, CARB notified the District that our application was selected for partial funding in the amount of \$152,214. The purpose of today's item is to accept and appropriate this funding from the CARB SEP Program and administer this funding through the District's Clean Green Yard Machine program.

DISCUSSION:

This SEP project will provide a financial incentive in the form of a rebate to Valley residents who turn in their old, gas-powered lawn mower to a District approved and contracted dismantling facility and purchase a new, zero-emission lawn mower. Eligibility criteria includes, but is not limited to, individuals who are residents of the Valley, have not participated in the program for the past 2 years, have submitted a rebate application within 6 months of the purchase of the new mower, and have provided proof of surrendering the old mower to an approved Dismantler for destruction. Approved dismantling facilities are those that have entered into a contract with the District to physically destroy the equipment within sixty (60) days of receiving it and in such a manner to eliminate the possibility of future operation. Rebates are provided based on the purchase price of the new mower. For mowers priced at \$200 or less, the resident is responsible for a minimum of 50% of the purchase price.

Table 1: Rebate Amounts

Purchase Price of New Mower	Eligible Rebate Amount
\$200 or less	Up to \$100
\$201 - \$350	\$150
\$351 or more	\$250

With the partial funding of \$152,214, the District estimates approximately 571 mowers can be replaced. The replacement of the old mowers with zero-emission mowers will result in approximately 2.502 tons of NOx, ROG, and PM2.5 emissions being reduced over the 10-year project life. Utilizing electric lawn care equipment can provide residents with immediate economic, environmental, and health benefits by directly reducing emissions in and around the neighborhoods of Valley residents. Due to the higher cost of new, zero-emission mowers, the project will encourage the participation of low-income residents resulting in further emission reductions in

disadvantaged communities. This project will allow for accelerated reductions of NOx, ROG, and PM in the air and in turn improve the quality of life for local residents in Valley communities.

The District has been successfully and efficiently implementing this program since 2010 with a variety of state and local funding sources. Through this program, the District has replaced more than 14,000 lawn mowers in the Valley. As such, the District does not anticipate any challenges with the implementation of this project. While the District does also offer smaller rebates for new purchase of zero-emission yard care equipment without the requirement to turn in an old gas-powered piece of equipment, this proposal is limited to just the replacement option under the District's current program to ensure a permanent reduction in emissions is achieved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the attached Budget Resolution will increase the District's 2026-27 Budget revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$152,214. The grant will provide up to 6.25% of this amount in administrative funds necessary to successfully manage the project.

Attachment:

Budget Resolution (3 pages)

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
August 20, 2026

**ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$152,214 IN FUNDING FROM THE
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL
LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENTS**

Attachment:

Budget Resolution
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**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING THE
2026/27 DISTRICT BUDGET TO ACCEPT
AND APPROPRIATE \$152,214 IN
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
PROJECT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL
LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08-09

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) is a duly constituted unified district, as provided in California Health and Safety Code sections 40150 to 40161, and;

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by California Health and Safety Code section 40702 to make and enforce all necessary and proper orders, rules and regulations to accomplish the purpose of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, and;

WHEREAS, the District submitted an application to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Program for funding to reduce NOx and PM2.5 by replacing older, high-polluting residential lawnmowers with battery-powered zero-emission lawnmowers through the District's existing Clean Green Yard Machine residential lawnmower replacement program, and;

WHEREAS, the District has been successfully and efficiently implementing this program Since 2010 with a variety of state and local funding sources. Through this program the District has replaced more than 14,000 lawn mowers in the Valley, and;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2026, CARB notified the District that our application was selected for partial funding in the amount of \$152,214, and;

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to participate in, and agrees to comply with the requirements of the CARB funded SEP Program guidelines, and;

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to administer this funding from the CARB SEP Program through the District's Clean Green Yard Machine Program in the amount of \$152,214, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the District's Director of Finance and Administrative Services is authorized to increase the 2026/27 District Budget as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

NON-OPERATING – INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

ARB – SEP LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 587-8610-350-100	<u>\$ 142,701</u>
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TOTAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS	<u>\$ 142,701</u>
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 142,701</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services is ordered to increase the following:

DISTRICT RESERVES:

Fund Balance Reserve 100-3090-000-100	<u>\$ 9,513</u>
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TOTAL RESERVES INCREASED	<u>\$ 9,513</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the estimated revenues for the 2026/27 District Budget be adjusted as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUES

NON-OPERATING REVENUE

ARB – SEP LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 587-4610-350-100	<u>\$ 142,701</u>
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TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE	<u>\$ 142,701</u>
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OPERATING REVENUE

Admin Fees – ARB – SEP LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT 587-4495-160-100	<u>\$ 9,513</u>
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TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	<u>\$ 9,513</u>
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TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>\$ 152,214</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the estimated transfers for the 2026/27 District Budget be adjusted as follows:

1 OPERATING – TRANSFERS IN
2 GENERAL FUND ADMIN EARNED \$ 9,513
3 100-4720-000-100

4 NON-OPERATING – TRANSFERS OUT
5 PROGRAM ADMIN COSTS \$ 9,513
6 587-9020-160-100

7 Approved as to Accounting Form

8 By _____
9 Mario Orosco
10 Director of Finance and Administrative Services

11 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Governing Board
12 of the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT this
13 20th day of August, 2026, to wit:

14 AYES:

15 NOES:

16 ABSENT:

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20 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED
21 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

22 By _____

23 Amy Shuklian, Chair
24 Governing Board

25 ATTEST:

26 Deputy Clerk to the Governing Board

27 By _____
28 Katrina Rojas