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DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board

FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO
Project Coordinators: Stephanie Ng
Todd DeYoung



RE: **ITEM NUMBER 21: AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT
WITH VALLEY CLEAN AIR NOW FOR
RESIDENTIAL LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE
EVENT ADMINISTRATION FOR ASSEMBLY
BILL 617 COMMUNITIES**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to execute an agreement for \$275,000 with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) for the implementation of the District's residential Clean Green Yard Machine lawn mower exchange events in AB 617 Communities.
2. Approve the attached Budget Resolution to increase the District's 2026-27 Budget appropriations in the amount of \$275,000.
3. Authorize the Board Chair, with Executive Director/APCO recommendation, to execute necessary agreements and make administrative changes to the programs as necessary to ensure successful program implementation.

BACKGROUND:

Assembly Bill (AB) 617, signed into law in July 2017, initiated a statewide effort to monitor and reduce localized air pollution, and highly improve public health, in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants through new community-focused and community-driven actions. The communities of Shafter, South Central Fresno, Stockton and Arvin/Lamont have been prioritized by the Air District and subsequently selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as communities in the San Joaquin Valley to receive clean air resources available under AB 617, based on a technical analysis of several pollution and poverty-related criteria. AB 617 provides mechanisms and resources to implement community-specific air quality monitoring networks; to develop, implement, and track emission reduction programs; to improve availability of data and other technical information; and to invest substantial funding in the community through voluntary incentive funding measures. Importantly, these measures are guided by advice and knowledge of local community members, through their input and involvement on Steering Committees for each AB 617-selected community.

AB 617 provides mechanisms and resources to implement community air monitoring plans (CAMPs); to develop, implement, and track community emissions reduction programs (CERPs); to improve availability of data and other technical information; and to invest substantial staffing resources and incentive funding in the community through enforcement, regulatory development, interagency collaboration, and voluntary incentive funding measures. Importantly, these measures are guided by advice and knowledge of local community members, through their input and involvement on Community Steering Committees (CSC) for each selected community.

The CERPs for the four Valley AB 617 communities have all been adopted by your Board and approved by the CARB Board and contain a wide variety of community-specific incentive-based emission reduction and exposure reduction measures. These measures were identified, developed and prioritized in conjunction with each community's CSC. The purpose of today's item is to seek your Board's approval of the following action:

- Approval to enter into a new agreement with Valley Clean Air Now (CAN) to administer up to \$275,000 in funding available in the District's Community Air Protection Program administrative funding for the continued implementation of the District's residential lawn mower exchange events across the Valley's four CARB-selected AB617 communities.

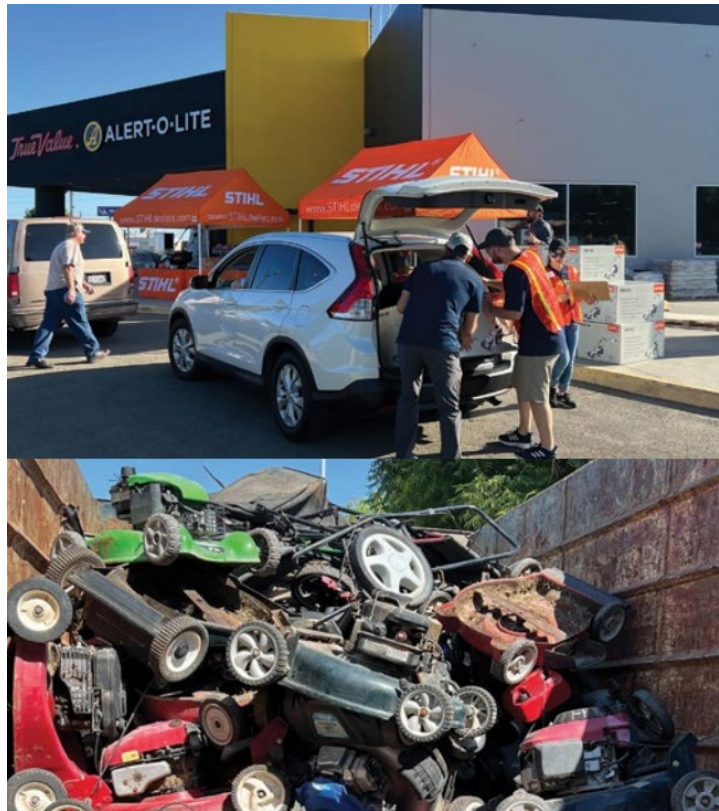
COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION:

Gas-powered yard care equipment presents a significant source of localized air pollution in Valley neighborhoods. These small engines contain no emission controls and pollute substantially more than newer passenger vehicles. Statistically, one gas lawnmower produces the equivalent in emissions of 12 late model cars operating for the same time. To help reduce these localized sources of pollution, residents and stakeholders across all four of the Valley's AB 617 communities included incentives allocations in their CERPs to exchange old, gas-powered electric lawn and garden equipment with electric units.

Since 2021, the District has supported lawn mower exchange events in all four AB 617 communities. At these events, residents turn in their old, polluting mower and receive a new cordless electric mower and additional battery. These events provide clean-air equipment directly to Valley residents, helping to reduce neighborhood-level emissions and creates additional opportunities for the District to connect residents with clean air resources.

In August 2024, recognizing the significant staff time and resources to execute the events and consistent with the District's core values of continuous improvement and efficient use of public funds, the Governing Board authorized the District to enter into an agreement with Valley Clean Air Now (Valley CAN) to administer lawn mower exchange events on behalf of the District. The District has a long history of partnering with Valley CAN to implement the District's award-winning Tune-In Tune-Up vehicle repair program. Leveraging their extensive experience implementing large, hands-on, resident-facing programs, Valley CAN has successfully implemented eight lawn-mower exchange events and are completing the terms and funding of their existing contract.

As the Valley's CARB-selected AB 617 communities near the commitment timeframes for implementation of their CERPs, the District is increasingly focused on completing the commitments established through each community's Board- and CARB-approved CERPs. Continued implementation of successful, community-supported measures, such as the residential lawn mower exchange program, is an important strategy for



efficiently completing remaining CERP funding and fulfilling those commitments. At the same time, the District recognizes the importance of extending the benefits and lessons learned through AB 617 to other communities throughout the Valley and will continue to pursue opportunities, as resources allow, to apply successful approaches and expand clean-air investments more broadly.

Currently, the District has additional lawn mower funding available to support this community supported and beneficial health measure across all 4 Valley AB 617 communities. Based on the successful implementation of events under the prior agreement, continued community interest, and the availability of remaining CERP funds, the District is proposing to enter into a new agreement with Valley CAN for the implementation of additional lawn mower events up to the amounts listed in the table below, consistent with commitments across all CERPs. The number of events identified is an estimate and will be regularly monitored and adjustments taken based on community interest, participation levels, and remaining available funding to ensure events continue to effectively respond to community demand. Responsibilities would include but not limited to outreach, program application approval and communication with residents, hosting the event, working with participating vendors, and providing appropriate staffing to manage the events.

	Shafter	Fresno	Stockton	Arvin/Lamont	Total
Proposed Number of Events	Up to 3 events	Up to 4 events	Up to 2 events	Up to 2 events	Up to 11 events
Potential Units for Replacement	Up to 1,200 units	Up to 1,600 units	Up to 800 units	Up to 800 units	Up to 4,400 units
Total Funding	Up to \$600,000	Up to \$800,000	Up to \$400,000	Up to \$400,000	Up to \$2.2M

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the attached Budget Resolution will increase the District's 2026-27 Budget appropriations in the amount of \$275,000 to be utilized to execute an agreement with Valley Clean Air Now for the implementation of the District's Clean Green Yard Machine exchange events in AB 617 Communities.

Attachment: Budget Resolution (3 pages)

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
September 10, 2026

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY CLEAN AIR NOW FOR
RESIDENTIAL LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE EVENT
ADMINISTRATION FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITIES**

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 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING
A \$275,000 AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY
CLEAN AIR NOW FOR ADMINISTRATION
OF RESIDENTIAL LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE
EVENTS IN AB 617 COMMUNITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-21

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 Community Emissions Reduction Programs (CERPs) for the four Valley communities selected for focused resources under Assembly Bill 617 have all been adopted by the Governing Board, and approved by the California Air Resources Board. The CERPs contain a wide variety of community-specific incentive-based emission and exposure reduction measures, including incentive measures to replace lawn and garden equipment for residents, and;

WHEREAS, since 2021, the District has supported lawn mower exchange events in all four AB 617 communities. These events provide clean-air equipment directly to Valley residents, helping to reduce neighborhood-level emissions, and;

WHEREAS, based on the successful implementation of events under the existing agreement, continued community interest, and the availability of remaining CERP funds, the District is seeking your Board's approval to enter into a new agreement with Valley Clean Air Now to administer up to \$275,000 in funding available in the District's Community Air Protection Program administrative funding for the implementation of the District's residential lawn mower exchange events across the Valley's four CARB-selected AB 617 communities, 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 – AB107 – GGRF – CAP – PASS THROUGH ADMIN 581-8599-170-100	<u>\$275,000</u>
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TOTAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS	<u>\$275,000</u>
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$275,000</u>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services is ordered to decrease the following:

DISTRICT RESERVES:

F/B RESERVE – ADMIN FEES RELEASED 581-3110-160-100	<u>\$275,000</u>
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TOTAL RESERVES DECREASED	\$275,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the estimated transfers for the 2026/27 District Budget be adjusted as follows:

NON-OPERATING – TRANSFERS IN

PROGRAM ADMIN FEES – PASS THROUGH	<u>\$275,000</u>
581-4715-170-100	

NON-OPERATING – TRANSFERS OUT

PROGRAM ADMIN FEES – DISTRICT	<u>\$275,000</u>
581-9015-160-100	

Approved as to Accounting Form

By _____

Mario Orosco
Director of Finance and Administrative Services

1 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Governing Board
2 of the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT this
3 10th day of September, 2026, to wit:

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6 AYES:

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16 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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18 Amy Shuklian, Chair
19 Governing Board

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21 Deputy Clerk to the Governing Board

22 By _____

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