

Actions by the Governing Board – Jun. 18, 2026

Approve the Continued Implementation of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin Vehicle Repair Program

The District's Governing Board approved \$12 million in funding for the continued implementation of the District's vehicle repair program. This funding will support at least 16 weekend events scheduled throughout the Valley and an estimated 18,000 vehicle repairs over the next year. This program provides low-income Valley residents with the opportunity and necessary funding to make emissions related repairs to their vehicles, significantly reducing emissions in disadvantaged communities throughout the Valley.

Approve Continued Implementation of Updated Incentive Levels in District's Ag Burn Alternatives Grant Program

The Valley Air District's Governing Board approved the continued implementation of two key emergency measures first approved by the Board in April 2026 to address a projected funding shortfall for the District's Ag Burn Alternatives Grant Program and extend the program for the remainder of the current 2025-26 fiscal year and beyond. The emergency measures included a temporary reduction in incentive levels across all crop types and a one-time limited infusion of District funding to help ensure the program can remain available and responsive to the needs of Valley growers for the remainder of the 2025-26 fiscal year. In the absence of continued, significant state investment in this critical program, the Board approved the continued implementation of the updated incentive levels as funding for this program allows, or until significant, sustained funding for this program is identified and secured. The District committed to revisit this issue and return to the Board as necessary.

Verbal Report on Clean Air Act Implementation

The Governing Board received an update on the District's ongoing Clean Air Act implementation efforts, including the status of several key State Implementation Plan (SIP) actions pending before the U.S. EPA. The presentation highlighted EPA's recent proposed approval of the District's requested five-year attainment date extension for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard, as well as EPA's June 2026 action on the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard, which reversed the previously approved extension, issued a finding of failure to attain, and triggered new contingency measures and development of a Clean Air Act Section 189(d) plan. The Board was also briefed on the status of the 2015 ozone SIP revision, EPA's conditional approval of the 2008 ozone contingency measure plan, and the District's commitment to amend five coating and solvent rules as part of that approval.

The presentation also provided updates on transportation conformity, District rules awaiting EPA approval, and upcoming rule development activities. Staff emphasized the importance of timely EPA action on pending SIP submissions and rule approvals to maintain transportation conformity, preserve regulatory certainty, support continued progress toward attaining federal air quality standards, and avoid potential Clean Air Act sanctions, including more stringent permitting requirements, the loss of federal transportation funding, and the potential loss of local control.

May District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- During the month of May, we partnered with Assemblymember Soria's office to participate in several Spring Resource Fairs held throughout the Valley. At each event, we connected with community members, shared information about Valley Air District programs and services, and distributed air purifiers to qualified residents. These events provided a valuable opportunity to improve access to clean air resources while strengthening our partnerships and community outreach
- Throughout the month of May, we continued our education outreach efforts by participating in school events, delivering classroom presentations, attending school district celebrations, and meeting with educators. These opportunities allowed us to engage with students, teachers, and school communities, share information about air quality and Valley Air District programs, and strengthen our partnerships with local schools and education leaders.
- In May, District staff responded to 1 media calls, 13 public calls, 22 emails, and participated in eight events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	May 2026	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB617	Urban Greening	0	\$0.00	\$9,132.09
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	70	\$269,500.00	\$317,483.00
Community Benefit	Residential	474	\$102,203.88	\$134,331.26
Community Subsidy	Transit Bus Subsidy	0	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	85	\$1,974,562.00	\$2,237,650.00
	Ag Engine	1	\$122,506.39	\$108,955.78
	Ag-UTV	0	\$0.00	\$330,154.80
	Dairy Feed Mixer	0	\$0.00	\$1,006,610.29
	Forklift	10	\$658,377.80	\$81,963.87
	Infrastructure	0	\$0.00	\$5,652,729.75
	Low-Dust Harvester	0	\$0.00	\$294,776.56
	Off-Road	84	\$8,235,168.70	\$4,177,290.76
	School Bus	0	\$0.00	\$3,459,901.54
	Yard Truck	3	\$468,833.61	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	56	\$224,000.00	\$533,712.26
	Residential	626	\$231,617.12	\$234,163.11
Light Duty	Charge Up	2	\$70,000.00	\$150,000.00
	EFMP	78	\$1,401,444.95	\$1,297,444.95
	TITU	283	\$1,311,744.47	\$1,127,259.87
Public Benefits	Alternative Fuel	0	\$0.00	\$381,177.85
	Clean Air Centers	1	\$1,700.61	\$0.00
Remove II	Alternate Fuel Training	1	\$11,000.00	\$51,000.00
Special Project	Infrastructure	0	\$0.00	\$943.28

	Totals	1,774	\$15,082,659.53	\$21,588,881.02
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Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
420	424	373	1,227

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

Citizens Advisory Committee*

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

9:00 AM, Aug. 20

10:00 AM, Sept. 1

5:30 PM, Aug. 27

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.
Details: www.valleyair.org

*Webcast