

Actions by the Governing Board – August 17, 2023

Approve Project Plans for Implementation of Incentives Within AB 617 Communities of South Central Fresno, Stockton, Arvin/Lamont and Shafter

The Valley Air District Governing Board approved multiple actions related to incentive measures contained within approved Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) for the Valley's selected AB 617 communities of South-Central Fresno, Stockton, Arvin/Lamont and Shafter. Specifically, the Governing Board approved the implementation of the District's Public Benefit Grants Program for the purchase of new, advanced technology light-duty public fleet vehicles within AB 617 communities of South-Central Fresno, Shafter and Arvin/Lamont. Additionally, the Governing Board approved the reallocation of up to \$100,000 from the School Air Filtration CERP measure to the Residential Lawn and Garden CERP measure in the Stockton AB 617 community. Lastly, the Governing Board approved an increase in the funding cap for electric vehicle Level 3/DC fast chargers from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per charger in the approved Charge-Up Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program CERP measure in Shafter.

Receive Update on Attainment Planning Efforts to Address Federal Standards

The Governing Board heard an update on the ongoing air quality planning and regulatory work that is expected for the District over the coming year and into the near future. This includes follow-up planning work for the PM2.5 standards, continued rule development efforts to fulfill attainment plan commitments, and other maintenance plan actions for PM10 and PM2.5 standards. In addition to these projects, the District provided an update on its ongoing work to address planning contingency measure requirements, closely tracking federal and state mobile source measures, and exceptional events modeling and analysis to support attainment determinations.

June District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In June, the Valley Air District celebrated the launch of the new Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) grant program to assist landscape maintenance professionals with trading in their existing gas-or diesel-powered equipment with new electric, zero-emission alternatives. This program is open to commercial landscape maintenance professionals, school districts, cities, counties, special districts and other businesses and commercial entities in the Valley. Small businesses and public agencies may be eligible for up to 100% off the cost of the new equipment. Large businesses may be eligible for up to 85% off the cost of the new equipment. To learn more about the program or to apply, visit valleyair.org/ZELE, email grants@valleyair.org or call (559) 230-5800.
- The Valley Air District has initiated a no-cost room air purifier initiative, aiming to aid residents in establishing a designated clean air space within their homes during wildfire incidents. The District is offering one free portable air purifier and a replacement filter to residents in underserved and low-income communities, subject to availability. Residents can check their eligibility and apply by visiting valleyair.org/roompurifier.
- In June, District staff responded to 12 media calls, 173 public calls, 12 emails, and participated in nine events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	June 2023	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
AB617	Car Sharing	1	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
	Road Paving	2	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00
	School Air Filtration	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	105	\$360,200.00	\$669,169.00
Community Benefit	Residential	853	\$166,564.33	\$0.00
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	77	\$3,708,240.00	\$3,168,557.40
	Ag Engine	0	\$0.00	\$72,444.68
	Ag-UTV	55	\$742,500.00	\$883,723.29
	Dairy Feed Mixer	3	\$5,714,549.27	\$31,160.00
	Infrastructure	2	\$1,486,549.00	\$0.00
	Locomotive	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road	121	\$14,345,630.35	\$11,233,782.00
	On-Road	7	\$666,344.75	\$477,029.00
	Yard Truck	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	50	\$107,700.00	\$54,997.65
	Residential	210	\$27,243.30	\$18,786.58
Light Duty	Charge Up	7	\$275,000.00	\$144,000.00
	Drive Clean	701	\$2,060,000.00	\$3,045,000.00
	EFMP	295	\$2,666,500.00	\$1,031,240.00
	TITU	126	\$875,750.44	\$1,315,197.75
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	34	\$657,210.81	\$140,000.00
VW NOx Mitigation	Replacement	29	\$6,264,000.00	\$780,000.00
	Totals	2,678	\$43,623,982.25	\$23,065,087.35

Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
617	525	457	1,599

July District Activities

Outreach and Communications

- In July, the Valley Air District cautioned Valley residents that personal fireworks emit high levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), including soot, ash and metals, which can cause serious health effects. The District encouraged the public to take advantage of professional, community fireworks shows as a safer and more spectacular source of Independence Day entertainment.
- During July, the District engaged in outreach efforts to connect with schools and educators in preparation for the start of back to school. Building strong relationships with Valley educators is vital for ensuring they are well informed about current air quality conditions and providing them opportunities to receive class presentations to staff, parents and students.
- In July, District staff responded to 15 media calls, 64 public calls, 44 emails, and participated in three events/presentations.

Grants and Incentive Programs

	July 2023	Grants Offered		Amount Paid
Key	Program	Number of Contracts Sent Out	Sum of Grant Funding	Sum of Grant Funding
Burn Cleaner	Wood Stove Change Out	79	\$267,550.00	\$400,789.52
Community Benefit	Residential	1,279	\$249,750.33	\$19,526.88
Heavy-Duty	Ag Burn Alternative	113	\$3,791,752.25	\$4,877,427.88
	Ag Engine	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Ag-UTV	38	\$513,000.00	\$346,301.70
	Dairy Feed Mixer	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Infrastructure	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Off-Road	108	\$10,021,322.56	\$7,165,250.60
	On-Road	11	\$1,082,332.89	\$400,000.00
	School Bus	5	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
Lawn & Garden	Commercial	68	\$197,000.00	\$94,707.10
	Residential	225	\$31,744.47	\$29,169.17
Light Duty	Charge Up	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Drive Clean	650	\$1,935,000.00	\$1,366,000.00
	EFMP	184	\$1,681,500.00	\$1,059,000.00
	TITU	182	\$1,098,566.34	\$896,237.55
Public Benefit	Alternative Fuel	56	\$894,807.94	\$1,240,990.10
	Clean Air Centers	1	\$6,408.23	\$0.00

	Totals	2,999	\$23,770,735.01	\$18,278,358.00
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Reductions from Executed Contracts (tons)			
NOx	PM	ROG	Total
846	478	429	1,753

Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board*

9:00 AM, Sept. 21

Citizens Advisory Committee*

10:00 AM, Oct. 3

Environmental Justice Advisory Group

5:30 PM, Oct. 26

Meetings are held in the Fresno office Governing Board Room, Modesto VTC room and Bakersfield VTC room.

Details: www.valleyair.org

**Webcast*