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**Climate Change**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the State Implementation Plan for PM 2.5 emissions in the San Joaquin Valley (PM 2.5 SIP) yesterday. The PM 2.5 SIP includes a number of new efforts to reduce emissions of fine particulate matter in the San Joaquin Valley. The entire SIP can be found [here](#).

The measures of interest to farmers include:

- 1) a goal of retiring 12,000 tier 0, tier 1, and tier 2 tractors by 2024 by using financial incentives, and a plan to adopt a rule requiring the replacement of those tractors if the incentive program does not meet the replacement goal;
- 2) reductions of emissions through expansion of conservation management practices;
- 3) replacement of agricultural pump engines with electric motors or tier 4 final engines; and
- 4) creation of an inspection and maintenance program for heavy-duty vehicles. This concept has been compared to the smog check program for light-duty vehicles. ARB plans to adopt this program in 2020.

Farm Bureau requested support for additional incentive funding to pay for tractor replacement and expressed concern about the ability of meeting the goals set forth in the plan. The SIP now goes to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for final approval, but ARB and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District plan to begin implementation immediately. *Staff contact: Noelle Cremers at (916) 446-4647 or [ncremers@cfbf.com](mailto:ncremers@cfbf.com).*

The Air Resources Board is hosting workshops on the implementation of its Community Air Protection Program. This program was created through the passage of AB 617 and aims to reduce the impacts of air pollution on heavily burdened communities. The purpose of the workshops is to consider potential additional communities for inclusion in the program, discuss updates to incentive guidelines, and gather input on how to continue effective program implementation. Community Air Protection Program Community Meetings:

Date: February 5, 2019  
 Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
 Location: David Head Center, 10300 San Diego St., Lamont, CA

Date: February 11, 2019  
 Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
 Location: Van Buskirk Community Center, Multipurpose Room  
 734 Houston Ave., Stockton, CA

Date: February 6, 2019  
 Time: 6:00pm – 8:00 pm  
 Location: Visalia Senior Center, 310 N. Locust St., Visalia, CA

Date: February 27, 2019  
 Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
 Location: Webinar

In addition to these workshops ARB will host a workshop to gather input on the development of guidelines for its Community Air Protection Incentive Funds. This workshop will provide an opportunity for the

public to provide input on the categories of projects eligible for funding under the program. ARB will be considering adoption of funding guidelines at its April 2019 Board meeting. The funding workshop and webinar will be held as follows:

Date: February 6, 2019

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Visalia Senior Center, 310 N.  
Locust St., Visalia, CA

Date: February 27, 2019

Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Webinar

More information and registration for the webinars is available [here](#). *Staff contact: Noelle Cremers at (916) 446-4647 or [ncremers@cxbf.com](mailto:ncremers@cxbf.com).*