



Valley Clean Air Now Comments on Proposed Modification to the FY2015-16 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments

Valley Clean Air Now appreciates CARB'S thoughtful approach to modifying the Low Carbon Transportation spending plan for this fiscal year. As the manager of the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Plan Plus-Up program on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, this funding will allow us to continue to successfully implement what has proven to be a very effective and popular program among residents of disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

We recognize that CARB had to make some very difficult decisions on how to reallocate funds, but the decision to limit funding to those programs already in progress was a sensible one.

In our first quarter of operation, we initiated and are on track to complete 200 replacement transactions, with 65 percent of them qualifying for EFMP Plus-Up advanced-technology vehicle incentives. Every one of these EFMP customers resides in a SB535 ZIP code (approximately 80% reside in SB535 census tracts), and every customer household qualifies as low-income.

Thanks to CARB's continued support, this fiscal year we will be able to serve potentially 1,000 or more disadvantaged community drivers reduce their emissions by replacing their very expensive-to-maintain, inefficient vehicle with a newer, reliable, much cleaner vehicle. We have already seen the transformative effects that this program has for working families in the San Joaquin Valley, as a big percentage of their household budget is redirected from repairs and fuel into building their credit by paying off their finance, and the net savings is available to pay for priorities such as education and health care.

Thank you for CARB's continued support, it has been a pleasure to work with your staff and management.