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Sac Metro Air District Report Highlights over \$35 Million to Decrease Air Pollution and Protect Public Health Through the Low-Emission Vehicle Incentive Program

Today at its monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, the Sac Metro Air District approved, in consent, a staff annual report of companies receiving funds under the District's Low-Emission Vehicle Incentive Program (LEVIP). To date, the Sac Metro Air District has invested over \$250 million in incentive funding, allowing regional participants to invest in such things as new, zero-emission vehicles, fleet modernization, compressed natural gas and electric infrastructure and installation.

The District has approved and funded over 8,100 projects. Within the past five years, 31 participants have received funding of \$250,000 or more. Some of these participants include family farms and trucking companies, transit operators, school districts, construction and electric car share companies and railroads. These local investments are from federal and state funds that the Air District successfully procured for the Sacramento region.

By replacing old, dirty, combustion powered equipment with new, cleaner technology, these incentivized projects result in emission reductions of 11 tons per day, improving air quality and protecting public health.

Receiving incentive funds from the District allows companies and government agencies to invest in new technologies that may otherwise not be possible. The benefits of these new technologies include GHG emission reductions, decreased maintenance costs, the ability to operate more efficiently on the road with less down time, and decreased pollution exposure for operators.

"The District's transportation and mobile source incentive programs allow public and private fleets to take advantage of the newest, cleanest technology that protects public health and brings efficiencies to businesses while reducing air and climate emissions," said the District's Air Pollution Control Officer Alberto Ayala.

"The Low-Emission Vehicle Incentive Program is truly a win-win-win for the public, the environment and the operators," said District Chair and City of Sacramento Councilmember Eric Guerra. "We encourage businesses and agencies to contact the District to learn about the variety of funding available."

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