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Sac Metro Air District Releases “Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan”

*Guarantees the Opportunity to Compete for IRA-CPRG Implementation
Funding for Climate Projects*

Sacramento, Calif. – The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Air District), on behalf of the seven-county Sacramento region, has submitted its *Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan* (Plan) under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program. The Plan, which required unprecedented cooperation and collaboration among 29 local and regional partners led by the Air District, outlines 24 climate measures that would create substantial greenhouse gas emission reductions and myriad co-benefits, including advancing equity and opportunities in the clean energy transition.

“The Sac Metro Air District continues to prioritize collaboration,” says Sacramento County Supervisor and Air District Board Chair Patrick Kennedy. “This CPRG effort is one example of how to activate the region effectively and proactively for new funding opportunities for climate action in the greater Sacramento Valley.”

The Air District led the climate planning process, which guarantees the region’s opportunity to compete for future CPRG implementation grants that could bring millions of dollars in funding over the next six years for projects identified in the Plan. The Air District intends to submit the region’s application for phase two implementation funding by April 1. Phase two grant awards will be announced by July 1.

“We are proud to lead the CPRG planning effort for the seven-county region spanning from the shore of Lake Tahoe to the waters of the Delta,” said Air Pollution Control Officer Alberto Ayala. “Thanks to the hard work and determination of our CPRG team and partners, this plan represents the region’s integrated environmental priorities, with a focus on improving air quality and reducing climate impacts for our residents, including those most vulnerable to pollution. We stand ready to drive climate action in the region for years to come and thanks to these IRA investments.”

The newly released Air District's *Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan* is available at www.AirQuality.org/CPRG.

About the Sac Metro Air District

The Sac Metro Air District is responsible for monitoring air quality, reducing air pollution, and enforcing air quality regulations in Sacramento County. The Air District also plays a leading role in promoting decarbonization efforts through innovative programs, financial incentives, and projects throughout Sacramento County and the larger region. The Air District's mission is to achieve state and federal clean air and climate goals as we envision a clean air and low-carbon future for all. For more information about the Air District, please visit www.AirQuality.org.

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