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## **Sac Metro Air District Helping Sacramento County Go Greener by Replacing High Polluting Refuse Trucks with Cleaner Technology**

Sacramento County recently replaced two older, heavily polluting refuse trucks with two new, natural gas trucks that are certified to the lowest, near-zero emission standards. These new trucks are the cleanest combustion technology on the market because they are fueled with renewable natural gas. This project was partially funded with a \$94,000 Carl Moyer state grant administered by the Sac Metro Air District (Air District).

“This is just one in a series of fleet replacement projects Sacramento County has completed over the years to green the fleet,” said Sacramento County Board Chair, Air District Director, and Air Resources Board Member Phil Serna. “In 2018, the county was named the number one Government Green Fleet in North America by 100Best Fleets. By continuing to reduce vehicle emissions the county is helping our region move toward our net-zero climate emission goals.”

The county’s commitment to fleet sustainability improves air quality throughout their service area and beyond. “By working with the Air District and choosing to replace diesel trucks with cleaner technology, more than 90% of smog forming emissions are eliminated,” said Sacramento City Councilmember and Air District Chair Eric Guerra. “These emission reductions help protect the health of Sacramento County residents. Furthermore, air and climate pollution doesn’t stop at the county line, so this project, and others the county has implemented, benefits the health of those living in the entire region.”

In addition to improved air quality, climate, and health benefits, the "near-zero" refuse truck project achieves a positive economic impact for the county's Department of Waste Management & Recycling and their ratepayers. “Greening our fleet is a priority for Sacramento County. Besides being a good environmental steward, these projects result in significant cost savings,” said Keith Leech, Sacramento County’s Chief of Fleet Division & Parking Enterprise. “Renewable Natural gas is less than half the cost than diesel fuel and emissions system maintenance costs are also reduced.”

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