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Air District offers \$15 million to reduce diesel engine pollution

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is seeking proposals for the Carl Moyer grant program, to reduce ozone-forming and toxic air emissions from older heavy-polluting diesel equipment.

Eligible diesel powered equipment includes off-road and agricultural equipment, marine vessels, locomotives, and non-port medium & heavy duty diesel trucks.

“Exhaust from older diesel engines contains a harmful mix of particles and gases which have toxic health impacts for Bay Area residents,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The Air District’s grant program reduces diesel pollution by up to 90 percent by offering grants to change out older equipment, which improves air quality and health throughout the region.”

The Carl Moyer Program is a state-wide program in partnership with the California Air Resources Board, and managed regionally by the Air District. It provides funding to switch out older, high polluting diesel engines in order to reduce air pollution.

This funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to owners of eligible equipment or vehicles. Funding is available for the following projects:

- New equipment projects that replace older equipment with newer and cleaner equipment
- Retrofit projects that install verified emission control devices
- Repower projects that replace older engines with newer and cleaner engines

The Air District will accept applications for projects throughout its nine-county San Francisco Bay Area jurisdiction but will prioritize projects that reduce emissions in communities that are significantly impacted by air pollution.

Highest priority will be given to areas that are more highly impacted by air pollution. This includes portions of Concord, Eastern San Francisco, Redwood City/East Palo Alto, Richmond/San Pablo, San Jose and Western Alameda County along the Interstate-80/880 corridor which contains portions of the Cities of Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Hayward.

Air District staff is available to answer questions about the application process and grant requirements. For more information about the grant program or to start an application online, the public should visit the Air District website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/moyer> or call 415-749-4961.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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