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Air Districts & CARB host meeting about California's allocation of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funding

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area, San Joaquin and South Coast Air Districts, in cooperation with the California Air Resources Board, are hosting a public stakeholder workgroup meeting about the implementation of California's \$423 million allocation of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust on April 23 at 10 a.m. in Redding, California.

The workgroup meeting will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn, ask questions and provide comments on the implementation of funds and project categories. Staff will discuss available funding, types of eligible projects, program timeline, reporting and operational requirements, and other implementation details.

Projects will focus on scrapping and replacing existing mobile heavy-duty sector equipment with lower emission technology. This equipment includes on-road freight trucks, transit and shuttle buses, forklifts and port cargo handling equipment, commercial marine vessels, and freight switcher locomotives. Funds will also be allocated for infrastructure projects which support the market adoption of zero-emission vehicles.

The Trust is the result of partial settlements with VW as a consequence of its use of illegal devices designed to cheat on emissions tests. The Trust provides funding opportunities to mitigate the excess emissions caused by the subject VW vehicles.

Workgroup Date & Time:

Tuesday, April 23
10:00 a.m.

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn
Wintu Room
5050 Bechelli Lane
Redding, CA 96002

The public can find more information on the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust-california> or request more information via email at vwmititrust@arb.ca.gov.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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