

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District AB 617 Community Emission Reduction Program

Increased Educational Training for EV Mechanics Plan

South Central Fresno Community Shafter Community

Project Identification

SOUTH CENTRAL FRESNO CERP C.5: INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE MECHANICS

SHAFTER CERP C.4: INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE MECHANICS

This is a Community Identified Project included and prioritized in the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and District adopted South Central Fresno and Shafter Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERP).

The goal of this strategy is to provide incentive funding to develop and advance the education of personnel on the mechanics, safe operation and maintenance of alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure. There are no direct emission reductions associated with this measure, however, this measure supports the emission reductions associated with electric vehicle deployment.

Community Support

This measure received support from both the South Central Fresno and Shafter Community Steering Committees and was included in each of the respective adopted Community Emission Reduction Programs. Information about the Steering Committees is included below:

- (1) Name(s) of the community group(s):**
 - a. South Central Fresno Steering Committee [Map](#)
 - b. Shafter Steering Committee [Map](#)
- (2) Purpose of community group(s)**
 - a. AB617 Community Engagement and Public Input
- (3) Total number of members in the community group(s)**
 - a. South Central Fresno – 34 members
 - b. Shafter – 27 members
- (4) Date(s) of formation/establishment**
 - a. South Central Fresno – December 2018
 - b. Shafter – December 2018
- (5) A description of the decision-making process must be included.**
 - a. South Central Fresno Steering Committee [Charter](#)
 - b. Shafter Steering Committee [Charter](#)

(6) Community Support Demonstration

- a. South Central Fresno [CERP](#)
- b. Shafter [CERP](#)

Mechanism for Informing Community

This measure has been discussed at Community Steering Committee meetings in addition to the outreach activities conducted to inform residents of the program and requirements for participation. The outreach conducted has and will continue to be the following:

- Social media
- Mailers
- Print ads
- Press releases and press events
- Bus ads
- Events, town halls, webinars, etc.
- Other ideas as brought up by committee

Participant Requirements

(A) Alternative Fuel Mechanic Training Incentive Component Eligibility

The Alternative Fuel Mechanic Training Incentive Component (Program) guidelines are attached to this program plan as Exhibit A. In implementing this CERP measure, the District will follow existing Program guidelines and eligibility criteria except for the maximum funding amounts per project as described below. Public and private fleet operators and infrastructure managers are eligible to apply. The participant must submit an application and obtain an executed contract from the District prior to paying for and receiving the training. Applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Qualifying applicants are fleet operators and infrastructure managers of government agencies, private companies and public educational institutions interested in the specific training of alternative fuel systems and related technology that are currently utilizing an alternative fuels program, servicing an alternative fuels system or incorporating alternative fuels technology.

(B) Participant Requirements

The Program application is attached to this program plan as Exhibit B. A certification section is included in the application and details participant requirements. Participation in the program occurs in three phases: Application Approval, Contract Execution and Reimbursement (Claim for Payment).

- (1) Application Approval: A participant must submit a completed application along with the Certifications Form signed by the applicant, a completed IRS Form W-9, and a detailed and itemized quote from any service providers for the planned activities.

- (2) Contract Execution: District staff will review submitted applications and issue a draft contract if the application is deemed eligible. Participants will then sign the draft contract and return to the District for final signatures and contract execution. Funds are not guaranteed until a contract has been issued and executed.
- (3) Reimbursement (Claim for Payment): Once a Participant has completed and paid for the training they may submit a claim packet. A complete claim packet is required as part of the reimbursement process and must include a completed and signed claim form, copies of any invoices for the purchase, and proof of insurance, as applicable by state laws. The eligible cost is calculated based on the invoiced price prior to any grants, incentives, or discounts applied, minus any ineligible items. The District staff will review submitted claim packets and reimburse for eligible costs, up to the contracted amount.

Funding Amounts

The approved CERPs include \$30,000 for the Shafter community and \$75,000 for the South Central Fresno community for the implementation of this measure. It is estimated that this funding will provide at least two (2) alternative fuel mechanics training courses in Shafter, and at least five (5) alternative fuel mechanics training courses in South Central Fresno based on an estimated cost of \$15,000 per course. However, the District will work with the applicants and the community steering committees to ensure the appropriate level of funding for the proposed course(s) up to the maximum funding amount in each community.

Project Selection and Reporting

Projects will be approved on a first come, first served basis determined by the submittal of a complete program application.

The District will report program information in accordance with Community Air Protection program guidelines found at:

https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cap/docs/cap_incentives_2019_guidelines.pdf.

Emission Reduction Targets

There are no direct emission reductions associated with this measure. The goal of this measure is to support the emission reductions associated with electric vehicle deployment. With a deployment of electric vehicles in the South Central Fresno community and Shafter community it will be necessary to have qualified, trained personnel available to provide service as needed to these vehicles.