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Rebates available for electric ag ATVs *District administers statewide zero- emission program*

Applications are now being accepted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for rebates for new, electric utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) for agricultural use state-wide.

Nearly \$1 million is available to offset the cost of purchasing agricultural ATVs and UTVs through the Agricultural UTV Rebate Project, awarded by the state Air Resources Board. The grant provides rebates of 15 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, up to \$2,500 per vehicle, for new, certified, zero-emission vehicles. The Air District is administering the statewide program.

"This program is greatly needed by the agriculture industry to offset the costs of zero-emissions vehicles that will benefit all of us through cleaner air," said Samir Sheikh, the director of the District's Strategies and Incentives department.

Individuals, businesses, public agencies and entities, and nonprofit organizations involved in California agricultural operations are eligible for the rebate. There is no limit on the number of vehicles purchased per applicant.

For more information about eligibility, vehicles and rebate amounts, or to obtain a rebate application, visit the District's website at www.valleyair.org or call 559-230-5800. Applications may be submitted online or through the mail.

For more information about the Valley Air District, call a regional office: in Fresno, 559-230-6000; in Bakersfield, 661-392-5500; and in Modesto, 209-557-6400.