

Air Aware



YOLO-SOLANO
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Quarterly Newsletter

SPRING 2025

As we welcome spring, we are excited to share the latest updates and initiatives from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. In this Spring 2025 edition of *Air Aware*, you'll find information on grant programs, an art contest for students and upcoming outreach events that contribute to our mission **to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution.**

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Applications Open for District's Clean Air Funds, 2025 Solicitation

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications for nearly \$3 million in funding to reduce emissions across the region. Through the District's Clean Air Funds program and its 2025 Solicitation for grant funding, financial support is available for projects focused on clean vehicle upgrades, alternative transportation, and public education.

Applications for Clean Air Funds are available [here](#). There is \$439,000 available for projects in the District. The application deadline for Clean Air Funds projects is 4 p.m. April 18.

Applications for the 2025 Solicitation for grant funding are available [here](#). The District has more than \$2.3 million available in funding for the 2025 Solicitation through the Carl Moyer, Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives, Targeted Airshed Grant (TAG), and AB 923 Programs. The application deadline for the 2025 Solicitation is 4 p.m. May 2.

Questions? Email grants@ysaqmd.org or call (530) 757-3539.

Watch YSAQMD's Grant Program Webinar

To help potential applicants navigate the grants



application process, District staff held an informational webinar on March 26 via Zoom. The session offered a comprehensive overview of the available grants and the application process.

Watch webinar presentation [here](#).

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[Check out the PowerPoint here](#)

Calling All Student Artists for the Clean Air Calendar Art Contest!

Artwork due April 25

The Clean Air Calendar Art Contest invites K-12 students within the Air District (all of Yolo County and northeast Solano County – Dixon, Rio Vista and Vacaville) to create original artwork that highlights the significance of clean air and its impact on our health and environment. The theme this year is “Why is Clean Air Important to You?” We will select first, second and third place winners in each of the following grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will receive Amazon gift cards (\$30 for first place and \$25 for second and third places) and be featured in the **2026 Clean Air Calendar**, which will be distributed throughout the community.



[Full Details Here](#)

Staff Spotlights



Miguel Ibarra serves as the District's Interim Administrative Services Manager, a position



Ben Beattie, District Engineering Manager for the past 8 years, was recently promoted

he started in January 2025 after swiftly advancing from his role as Accounting Specialist, which he began in November 2024.

A proud Woodland native and UC Davis alumnus, Miguel is also a U.S. Navy veteran, earning the Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement, and National Defense Service Medals. Prior to joining the District, he gained accounting experience with Yolo County.

Outside of work, Miguel cherishes quality time with his wife, their two young children (ages 3 and 1), and their Yorkie, Henry. He brings his passion for accounting to YSAQMD, enthusiastically contributing to the District's mission of protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution.

to Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, succeeding Paul Hensleigh after his retirement in December.

With a degree in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Tech, Ben previously worked as an Air Quality Engineer for Georgia-Pacific and CH2M HILL. A Northern California native, he enjoys cycling, cooking, and board gaming when he's not involved in his twin children's extracurricular activities.

2024 Annual Report

The 2024 Annual Report provides an overview on District activities and programs, local air quality issues, and highlights work completed during the last year to protect health and improve air quality within the District.

[Read Here](#)



Come See Us At These Upcoming Community Events!

April 19, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	West Sacramento Earth Day and Spring Celebration at Bryte Park - 1225 Carrie Street, West Sacramento
May 4, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	City of Davis Loopalooza at Community Park - 14th and B Streets, Davis
May 31, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	RioVision's Riverfront Arts Fest in Downtown Rio Vista

Spare the Air Season Starts May 1

To help reduce the number of high-smog days, Spare The Air alerts are called when air pollution is



forecasted to be high between May and October. On Spare The Air Days, please drive less. This could mean taking public transit, carpooling, biking, walking or telecommuting.

May is Bike Month, too, which is a perfect opportunity to swap the car for a bike and reduce emissions as well as win prizes for miles logged.

More information on May is Bike Month [here](#).

During the 2024-25 DLT season, the Air District issued 18 Don't Light Tonight advisories. This annual program runs from November 1 through the end of February each year when common weather conditions and the elevated use of fireplaces and woodstoves raise the levels of fine particulate pollution (commonly called soot) in our air. To help reduce peak soot levels and protect the public health, the Air District runs an annual program called Don't Light Tonight that asks residents to refrain from wood burning on days that typical winter weather conditions contribute to an increase in particle pollution (PM2.5) closer to ground level. For the 2024-2025 season, observed air quality in the District was in the Good AQI category on 32 percent of days, the Moderate AQI category on 67 percent of days, and the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) category on 1 percent of days.

[Learn More Here](#)



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