



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT.

VEGETATIVE BARRIERS PROGRAM FACT SHEET



Help plant vegetative barriers, also known as windbreaks, in your community to improve air quality! The Valley Air District has funding available through the AB 617 Program. This program provides multiple benefits in addition to improving air quality, including improving aesthetics, increasing privacy, minimizing offsite movement and more.

What are Vegetative Barriers?



Vegetative barriers are composed of one or more rows of trees or shrubs that are planted strategically near areas of concern to block pollution, dust, chemicals or odor to improve air quality.

What is the purpose of this program?



Funding is available for the installation of vegetative barriers around/near sources of concern in the Arvin/Lamont and Shafter AB 617 communities to improve air quality.

Who can participate in this program?



Grants may be awarded to a city, county, special district, non-profit, tribal government, public agency or businesses for projects to be implemented within the community.

What are some of the general requirements?



- Permission to plant on property
- Must maintain the vegetative barriers during the 10 year contract period

What does the program funding cover?



The grant amount will cover up to 100% of eligible costs (ex. initial study, supplies or materials, construction, and contracted services).

What are the benefits of the program?



- Use natural solutions to mitigate air quality impacts and improve public health
- Reduces near-road air pollution
- Reduces heat
- Improves aesthetics



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