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AIR DISTRICT AWARDS \$121K TO TRONA-BASED COMPANY

Valley Wide Construction reducing emissions with new equipment partially funded by MDAQMD grant

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TRONA — One more large piece of air-polluting equipment is out of commission thanks to a grant the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) recently awarded to a Trona-based construction company.

MDAQMD has been working with Valley Wide Construction to help fund the purchase of a 2018 New Xtreme XR 1147 to effectively reduce emissions up to 99 percent in comparison with the 1999 diesel forklift it replaces.

Using funds from the Carl Moyer Program, MDAQMD awarded Valley Wide Construction \$121,638, or 77 percent of the new equipment's cost. The Carl Moyer Program seeks to improve the quality of the air in the High Desert by funding local, cost-effective projects to upgrade heavy-duty diesel equipment using proven technologies and procedures that reduce emissions.

"It's great to have partners like Valley Wide Construction throughout our district who are willing to help in our mission to improve air quality for everybody," said Brad Poiriez, MDAQMD Executive Director.

Since the MDAQMD began its participation in the program, the District has awarded more than \$13 million to eligible projects. The Carl Moyer Program is continually open until funding is depleted.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit www.mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow us on social media @MDAQMD.

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