## Low Income Weatherization Woodstove Changeout Program Snapshot: Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, CA



Program Title	Low Income Wood Stove/Fireplace Change Out Incentive Program
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Location (City, Counties, Regions included in program)	Sacramento County including all cities within the county
Population/No. of Homes <sup>†</sup> (in program area)	<ul> <li>Approximately:</li> <li>155,600 residences have fireplaces</li> <li>25,100 residences have wood stoves</li> <li>80,300 residences have wood burning inserts</li> <li>15,100 residences have pellet stoves</li> </ul>
Objectives (NAAQS attainment/maintenance, indoor air, visibility, air toxics, public education)	<ul> <li>Reduce PM<sub>2,5</sub> emissions</li> <li>Reduce health risks due to exposure to PM<sub>2,5</sub> emission</li> <li>Improve area's air quality especially in EJ areas</li> <li>Fully fund replacement to qualified low income applicants</li> </ul>
Milestones (time frame for program, no. of changeouts, air quality goals, no. of low-income homes targeted, if applicable)	<ul> <li>District entered into contract with Community Resource Project, Inc. (CRP), a not for profit organization in May 2007 to implement the low income program for the District.</li> <li>Program pays up to \$2,500 for wood stove/insert and up to \$3,500 for gas stove/insert which includes the cost of the device plus material cost. Installation cost is paid by CRP from weatherization funds.</li> <li>67 changeouts have been completed (51 gas inserts, 16 wood inserts) to date.</li> <li>Qualified residents get the new device for free</li> <li>Qualified resident also get their homes weatherized to improve heating and cooling efficiencies.</li> <li>Program goal is 500 changeouts.</li> </ul>
Budget (projected/actual cost of program)	<ul> <li>Low Income Program ~ \$1.2 million</li> </ul>
Funding Sources (Government funds, grants, SEPs, fees, etc.)	<ul> <li>District's SEED Program, Construction Mitigation Fees</li> <li>Installation cost for devices in the low income program is paid by CRP from weatherization monies</li> </ul>
Partners (gov't/private organizations involved in changeout program)	<ul> <li>Community Resource Project, Inc. (CRP) a not-for-profit organization serving Sacramento County and other surrounding counties</li> <li>California Community Services Department</li> </ul>



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Incentives Offered (Rebates, discounts, vouchers, special incentives for low-income homes, etc.)	<ul> <li>Program pays for the entire cost of the new device which includes device cost, material, installation, and other costs such as gas line and permit costs.</li> </ul>
Ordinances/Regulations (mandates for use of cleaner- burning hearth devices)	<ul> <li>District Rule 417, Wood Burning Appliances- Rule does not allow the installation of open woodburning fireplaces.</li> <li>Rule requires wood devices to be EPA Phase II certified or exempt devices such as pellet stoves.</li> <li>No burn program implemented pursuant to District Rule 421, Mandatory Episodic Curtailment of Wood and Other Solid Fuel Burning, Adopted 10-25-07</li> <li>District issues Stage I &amp; II alerts depending on previous day forecast of PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. Stage I is called when PM2.5 levels are expected to be 35-40 micrograms per cubic meters. Stage II is issued when PM2.5 levels are expected to be above 40 micrograms per cubic meters.</li> </ul>
<b>Program Yardstick</b> (means for measuring program success)	<ul> <li>Tons of PM<sub>10</sub> mitigated</li> <li>Level of participation</li> <li>Public awareness of health effects of particulate matter emissions from woodburning.</li> </ul>
Program Contact (name, organization, phone #, e- mail address)	<ul> <li>Ali Mohamad (Associate Air Quality Engineer) 916-874-4850; <u>amohamad@airquality.org</u></li> <li>Aleta Kennard (Program Supervisor) 916-874-4833; <u>akennard@airquality.org</u></li> </ul>
Lessons Learned (What worked? What didn't? How program can be improved)	<ul> <li>Selecting an agency or organization that has extensive experience in providing services for low income residents such as home weatherization and energy assistance is important to make the program successful.</li> <li>Work with other agencies or organizations that provide services for low income residents</li> <li>Examples are city, county, and state agencies, non profit organizations, and local utility companies.</li> <li>They may have some monies that can be used to leverage your program.</li> <li>Media Outreach: Press event to publicize the program</li> <li>Participate in community events</li> <li>Make the program available to home owners as well as renters since many low income residents are renters.</li> </ul>
Outreach/Marketing (e.g., radio public service announcements (PSAs), workshops, woodstove expo, flyers, mailouts, other?)	<ul> <li>Spare the Air program - www.sparetheair.org</li> <li>Utility bill inserts distributed initially</li> <li>Advertisement in TV and local newspapers</li> <li>Radio and television messages of burn status</li> <li>District website: www.airquality.org</li> <li>Community events</li> <li>Home and garden shows</li> </ul>



Air Quality Data	During the winter up to 50% of directly emitted particulate matter
(current air quality status in the	(estimated) in the air comes from wood smoke
area covered by this program, and	Wood smoke PM <sub>2.5</sub> emissions are about 8.37 tons per day based on
is reducing wood smoke believed to	2006 wintertime $PM_{2.5}$ inventory
be an important factor in improving	
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<sup>†</sup>A housing unit is defined as a house, apartment, mobile homes, group of rooms, or single room that is occupied (or, if vacant, is intended for occupation) as a separate living quarters (United States Census Bureau).

