



News Release

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Summit addresses alternative fuels and clean transportation for the Valley

FRESNO – Over 150 people gathered at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District in Clovis, CA, on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, for the inaugural San Joaquin Valley Clean Transportation Summit. The event provided an opportunity to learn about the latest in advanced, clean transportation technology options right here in the Valley through an up close and personal experience. Attendees were able to interact with owners and operators of clean emission vehicles, meet with manufacturers and dealers, hear from state and local agencies, and learn about rebate and incentive programs.

The Summit featured vendor booths, speakers, and breakout sessions on topics including electric vehicles and natural gas alternatives, and numerous vehicles on display. The event opened with speeches from the likes of Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula, CALSTART CEO John Boesel and George Minter, SoCalGas Regional Vice President of External Affairs and Environmental Strategy. Keynote speakers included Fresno Councilmember, Oliver L. Baines III; Sheraz Gill, Director of Strategies and Incentives, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; and John Kato, Deputy Director of Fuels and Transportation Division, California Energy Commission. The day ended with vehicle ride-and-drive demonstrations.

The event was organized by CALSTART in partnership with Fresno State's Office of Community and Economic Development and various industry partners.

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CALSTART and its 160 member companies are dedicated to expanding and supporting a clean transportation industry that cleans the air, creates jobs and economic opportunities, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and secures our transportation energy future. CALSTART's member companies represent a broad range of clean transportation technologies and the fleets that use them, including fuel providers; truck, bus and carmakers; and Fortune 500 companies.

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