



# Proposed **BUDGET**

## **FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

### **JULY 1, 2026**

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District

2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

**Barbara Lods, Executive Director/ APCO**



May 19, 2026

I'm pleased to present for your consideration, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 General Fund Budget and Grant Programs. This budget is designed to serve as the financial plan for the District's programs, projects, and policies. It reflects the District's commitment to long-term financial planning, cost-effective services, and fiscal policies that recognize the need to fund future obligations.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 reflects a cautious financial strategy designed to ensure the District's ongoing success. This approach involves careful consideration of revenue projections, expenditure allocations, and financial reserves to safeguard the District's financial stability and operational efficiency. By prioritizing careful planning and responsible resource management, the budget aims to mitigate risks, capitalize on opportunities, and maintain the District's commitment to fulfilling its mission effectively and sustainably.

The Antelope Valley AQMD is staffed with 6 full time equivalents including one vacant FTE. Additional administrative and technical services are provided through our contract for services with the City of Lancaster.

A Public Hearing will be held May 19, 2026 to receive public comments concerning this proposed budget and will be continued to June 16, 2026 for adoption. The FY27 Budget represents a financial strategy designed to meet this year's obligations and challenges, efficiently and transparently, while maintaining sensitivity towards industry and the general public.

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# ABOUT THE AVAQMD

## INTRODUCTION

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) relies on community involvement to educate industry, businesses and individuals about current air quality regulations to ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations through annual inspections. The District approaches air quality regulations in a manner that is responsive, accessible and relatable. Growth and new programs require the District to continue to streamline government, become more efficient, and conserve resources without limiting or decreasing the service provided to the regulated community.

## AVAQMD WEBSITE

Educating the community is the most important investment the District can make to impact the future of air quality in the region. Using technology and social media, the District can reach the public with the latest version of the District rulebook, application for permits, various forms, and air quality information; forecasts, ozone maps and real time air quality data is provided in real time via the AVAQMD air monitoring station.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The District strives to be known as a partner in the development of a sustainable local economy that values health and environmental conservation. This is achieved by providing information through involvement in community events such as the Antelope Valley Economic Development and Growth Enterprise's Business Outlook Conference, school education programs, attendance at regular meetings held by City Councils, local business and organizations.

The District lies within the northern part of Los Angeles County, with boundaries starting to the south just outside of Acton, north to the Kern County line, east to the San Bernardino County line, and west to the Quail Lake area. The AVAQMD is located within the Mojave Desert Air Basin.



# GOVERNING BOARD



**Marvin Crist**  
*City of Lancaster*



**Ken Mann**  
*City of Palmdale*



**Newton Chelette**  
*Public Member*



**Howard Harris**  
*Los Angeles County,  
Fifth District*



**Ron Hawkins**  
*Los Angeles County,  
Fifth District*



**Eric Ohlsen**  
*City of Palmdale*



**Austin Bishop**  
*City of Palmdale*

# WHAT WE DO

- ❖ Adopt rules that limit pollution, issue permits to ensure compliance and inspect pollution sources.
- ❖ Administer agricultural burning and dust control plans to preserve the air quality in the Antelope Valley, protect public health and safety, and to ensure agricultural activity continues in a safe regulated fashion.
- ❖ Inventory and assess the health risks of toxic air emissions.
- ❖ Monitor the county's air quality using an air quality monitoring station.
- ❖ Administer the Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program funding projects which reduce air pollution from motor vehicles, and for related planning, monitoring, and enforcement activities.
- ❖ Prepare Clean Air Plans to identify how much pollution is in our air, where it comes from, and how to control it most effectively.
- ❖ Analyze the air quality impact of new businesses and land development projects. Respond to public complaints and inquiries.
- ❖ Collaborate with other government agencies to ensure their decisions align with and support strong air quality efforts
- ❖ Help individuals and businesses understand and comply with federal, state, and local air pollution control laws.
- ❖ Inform the public about air quality conditions and health implications.
- ❖ Issue permits to build, alter, and operate equipment to companies under our jurisdiction that either cause, contribute to, or control air pollution

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**ALL FUNDS, Consolidated**

	<b>Budget FY 2026</b>	<b>EOY Estimate FY 2026</b>	<b>Budget FY 2027</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Permit Fees	1,680,758	1,767,200	1,852,480
Application Fees	51,750	51,325	54,325
Fines & Penalties	20,000	40,000	30,000
Interest Income	45,000	80,000	65,000
Revenue from Programs	351,024	1,622,362	1,352,094
State Revenue	3,007,380	2,578,390	2,578,390
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,155,912</b>	<b>6,139,277</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>			
Program Staff	1,574,325	1,450,000	1,585,000
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>1,574,325</b>	<b>1,450,000</b>	<b>1,585,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Communications	49,150	45,750	49,490
Dues & Subscriptions	42,000	25,500	32,000
Non-Depreciable Inventory	6,000	1,500	6,500
Legal	57,500	41,200	50,000
Professional Services	183,400	174,400	183,400
Maintenance & Repairs	12,500	6,000	5,000
Training & Travel	4,000	0	4,000
Vehicles	20,500	13,500	23,000
Office Expenses	110,500	92,300	101,940
Program Expenses	2,838,797	1,254,236	3,862,959
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	800	1,500
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>3,325,347</b>	<b>1,655,186</b>	<b>4,319,789</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>			
Improvements	50,000	0	15,000
Furniture & Fixtures	50,000	0	2,500
Equipment	15,000	0	10,000
Vehicles	60,000	0	0
Software	35,000	0	0
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,109,672</b>	<b>3,105,186</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>
<b>Cash To (From) Reserves</b>	<b>46,240</b>	<b>3,034,091</b>	<b>0</b>

# **COST RECOVERY FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

## **BACKGROUND**

The District is responsible for protecting public health and the environment by maintaining health-based national and state ambient air quality standards which help reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants within our District. Fulfilling this task involves reducing emissions from sources of regulated air pollutants and maintaining these emission reductions over time.

The District regulates and inventories criteria and toxic emissions and conducts regional scale air quality monitoring within our District boundaries. The District's air quality programs are primarily funded by revenue from regulatory fees, government grants and subvention.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The cost of addressing air pollution is best allocated to the individuals and businesses that contribute to it, which can be achieved through regulatory and service fees. Authority for recovering the costs of District programs and activities related to stationary sources is provided under Section 41240 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC). In accordance with this guidance, the District must:

- Recover the costs of programs related to permitted stationary sources
- Recover costs associated with regulated area-wide and indirect emission sources that do not require permits.
- Recover the costs of certain Hearing Board proceedings
- Recover the costs related to programs that regulate toxic air contaminants

## **STUDY METHODOLOGY**

The revenue from source fees should cover the full cost of all programs related to those sources. This includes direct costs, a portion of indirect costs, and overhead, unless other funding is provided. The District ensures that these fees are fair, meaning they should not exceed the reasonable cost of the service or program, and the costs should be allocated in a way that reflects each source's impact on and benefit from the system.



Costs are classified as direct, indirect or overhead.

Direct costs are linked directly to a specific program or activity, such as permitting activities. Indirect costs, on the other hand, are not directly tied to a specific program, such as administrative tasks or professional services. Overhead costs are essential for the overall operation of the District but aren't directly linked to any program or activity, like operating expenses.

Each year, the District sets direct, indirect, and overhead cost rates using prior-year financial data to ensure programs fairly share costs and generate enough revenue to cover expenses. Permit revenue and other programs are evaluated for accuracy, and we determine whether permit fees need to be adjusted to achieve full cost recovery.

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**GENERAL FUND, Consolidated**

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Vehicles	60,000	0	0
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# GENERAL FUND

## REVENUE

Our cost recovery process ensures that each program's revenue adequately covers its expenses. We closely examine Permit Revenue and other programs to ensure accuracy, appropriateness, and effective controls. Additionally, we assess the necessity for and calculate the rate of fee increases for our Permitting Program to achieve 100% cost recovery.

This budget comprises a financial overview of all revenues, expenditures, and staffing allocated to each of Antelope Valley AQMD's programs. These resources are utilized to deliver vital services aimed at improving air quality and safeguarding the health of all residents in the Antelope Valley

Recommendations include an increase to Regulation III, Fees, by proposing an 8.0% fee increase effective January 1, 2027.

## EXPENSES

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District is in a five-year contract for services with the City of Lancaster. Administrative and operational services were contracted to meet the regulatory responsibilities of an air quality management district for compensation consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**GENERAL FUND, Revenue Detail**

	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>EOY Estimate FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Permit Fees</b>			
Permit Fees Rev	1,586,758	1,571,867	1,668,480
Asbestos Demo/Reno Rev	50,000	50,000	60,000
Title V Revenue	4,000	5,333	4,000
Rule 302	40,000	140,000	120,000
	<u>1,680,758</u>	<u>1,767,200</u>	<u>1,852,480</u>
<b>Application Fees</b>			
Permit Application Fees	50,000	51,000	54,000
AG Application Fees	1,750	325	325
	<u>51,750</u>	<u>51,325</u>	<u>54,325</u>
<b>Fines &amp; Penalties</b>			
Notice of Violations Fee	10,000	20,000	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Interest Income</b>			
Interest Revenue	45,000	80,000	65,000
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
<b>Revenue from Programs</b>			
Administrative Funding	74,524	1,021,362	731,094
AB2766 Program	275,000	600,000	620,000
Hot Spots Revenue	1,500	1,000	1,000
	<u>351,024</u>	<u>1,622,362</u>	<u>1,352,094</u>
<b>State and Federal Revenue</b>			
PERP	40,000	40,000	40,000
State Contracts	2,847,380	2,413,390	2,413,390
State Subvention	120,000	125,000	125,000
	<u>3,007,380</u>	<u>2,578,390</u>	<u>2,578,390</u>
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b><u>5,145,912</u></b>	<b><u>6,119,277</u></b>	<b><u>5,912,289</u></b>

# **AVAQMD PROGRAMS**

## **COMUNICATIONS**

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District runs programs to inform businesses and residents about air pollution. These programs explain its causes, health effects, environmental impact, and the District's efforts to reduce emissions. The programs are aimed at different groups, including students, adults, and businesses. Information is shared through workshops, conferences, presentations, social media, and other channels. The District also provides air quality forecasts to keep the public updated.

## **AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM**

The District operates an ambient air monitoring and meteorological network that tracks air quality trends within the Antelope Valley region. The station is an active part of the State and Local Air Monitoring System (SLAMS) network.

A computer-operated data acquisition system continuously collects daily and real-time pollutant levels. This data is shared with the California Air Resources Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regulated industries, and the public. It is also used to forecast pollution episodes and provide timely notifications to schools and the broader community when air quality reaches harmful levels.

## **STATIONARY SOURCES**

One of the District's main responsibilities is to review and approve permit applications, making sure they follow local, state, and federal rules. These permits are needed for industrial or commercial projects that might release certain air pollutants. The applicable rules used to evaluate and issue a permit vary based on the project's type, size, and the equipment being used.

District staff carefully review documents permit applications, manufacturer information, test results, risk reports, and pollution data.



The District implements and manages:

- ❖ Title III & Title V Programs. The Title III program is the federal toxic program specifically for Title V facilities. Title V (EPA Regulation) is a Federal Operating Permits Program required by the 1990 Clean Air Act. This program requires the District to develop and implement a Federal Permitting Program approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for sources of a certain capacity.
- ❖ Emissions Inventory. This program maintains an active inventory of the sources of criteria air pollutants within the District and measures progress towards attainment and maintaining compliance with National and State Ambient Air Quality Standards. State and Federal Law require this program.
- ❖ Toxic Emissions Inventory. (Air Toxic "Hot Spot" Information and Assessment Act of 1987) This program assesses the amounts, types and health impacts of air toxics produced from stationary sources.

## COMPLIANCE

- ❖ The District's responsibility is to protect the health and welfare of the public by assisting the regulated community in complying with Federal, State and Local regulatory requirements. This responsibility is carried out through various programs and activities:
- ❖ Comprehensive annual inspections are performed to verify compliance to air quality regulations and permit requirements.
- ❖ Citizen complaints pertaining to air related matters are investigated and resolved.
- ❖ Legal case development when necessary to address non-complying situations.
- ❖ Federal Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Program.
- ❖ State-mandated Variance Program.
- ❖ Continuous Emissions Monitoring Programs.
- ❖ Reporting to the Environmental Protection Agency's AIRS and Significant Violator programs.
- ❖ Staff observes source testing or stack sampling that is used at industrial facilities to determine compliance with permit conditions.



## **PLANNING & RULE MAKING**

The District promulgates rules and plans in accordance with State and Federal planning requirements to achieve and maintain regional compliance with the ambient air quality standards. Planning staff serve as the District liaison with regional, State and Federal governments, ensuring District compliance with applicable requirements. Planning staff also perform California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review in the District's role as the expert agency for air quality. Staff in Planning and Rulemaking implement and maintain the following programs:

- ❖ California Ambient Air Quality Standards Attainment Planning, in the California Clean Air Act and subsequent state legislation. This program currently focuses on the California ozone standard
- ❖ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the Federal Clean Air Act, the Clean Air Act Amendments and subsequent Federal legislation. This program focuses on the National eight-hour ozone standard and the National 24-hour annual PM10 and PM 2.5 standards.
- ❖ Federal General and Transportation Conformity, entailing regional project review and comment
- ❖ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), requiring local and regional project review.

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**DISTRICT WIDE, Expense Detail**

	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>EOY Estimate FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>			
Program Staff	1,574,325	1,450,000	1,585,000
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>1,574,325</b>	<b>1,450,000</b>	<b>1,585,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Communications</b>			
Telephones	5,000	2,200	3,500
Long Distance Charges	500	400	500
Video/Teleconference	150	150	150
Internet	5,000	3,000	2,500
Web Hosting	3,500	5,000	12,840
Tech Support	25,000	25,000	20,000
Computers - Expenditures	10,000	10,000	10,000
	<u>49,150</u>	<u>45,750</u>	<u>49,490</u>
<b>Dues &amp; Subscriptions</b>			
Memberships & Sponsorships	40,000	25,000	30,000
Publications & Subscriptions	1,000	500	1,000
Professional Dues	1,000	0	1,000
	<u>42,000</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>32,000</u>
<b>Non-Depreciable Inventory</b>			
Machinery & Equipment Exp	5,000	1,000	5,000
Safety Equipment Exp	1,000	500	1,500
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
<b>Legal</b>			
Legal Notices	7,500	1,200	5,000
Legal Services	50,000	40,000	45,000
	<u>57,500</u>	<u>41,200</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>Professional Services</b>			
Financial Services	175,000	168,000	175,000
Stipends	8,400	6,400	8,400
	<u>183,400</u>	<u>174,400</u>	<u>183,400</u>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>			
General Bldg. Maintenance	10,000	0	0
Equipment Repair	2,500	6,000	5,000
	<u>12,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Training &amp; Travel</b>			
Training	2,000	0	2,000
Travel	2,000	0	2,000
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**DISTRICT WIDE, Expense Detail**

	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>EOY Estimate FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b>Vehicles</b>			
Vehicle Gas & Oil	7,500	5,000	8,000
Vehicle Maintenance	2,000	1,000	2,500
Vehicle Repairs	5,000	1,000	5,000
Vehicle Insurance	6,000	6,500	7,500
	<u>20,500</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>23,000</u>
<b>Office Expenses</b>			
Software Expenditure	25,000	20,000	20,000
Supplies	5,500	3,000	4,440
Facility Leases	36,000	36,000	36,000
Equipment Lease	7,500	4,000	5,000
Postage	2,000	1,500	2,000
Courier	1,000	500	1,000
Printing/Shredding Services	1,000	0	1,000
Liability Insurance	20,000	22,000	25,000
Meeting Expenses	2,500	1,800	2,500
Community Relations	10,000	3,500	5,000
	<u>110,500</u>	<u>92,300</u>	<u>101,940</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Program Expenditures	2,838,797	405,269	2,475,677
Program Expenditures Executive Administration	0	848,967	1,387,282
	<u>2,838,797</u>	<u>1,254,236</u>	<u>3,862,959</u>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>			
Bank Fees	1,000	300	1,000
Interest Expense	0	500	500
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>3,325,347</u></b>	<b><u>1,655,186</u></b>	<b><u>4,319,789</u></b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>			
Improvements	50,000	0	15,000
Furniture & Fixtures	50,000	0	2,500
Equipment	15,000	0	10,000
Vehicles	60,000	0	0
Software	35,000	0	0
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b><u>210,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>27,500</u></b>
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# **SUPPORT STAFF**

## **EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

The Executive Office oversees all District operations and programs and is accountable to the Governing Board. This includes programs mandated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. This office monitors state and federal legislation affecting the District and advises the Governing Board on actions required to protect the interests of the District.

The Governing Board, with seven members, meets monthly and members receive \$100.00 stipend per meeting plus travel expenses, if requested. The Hearing Board, with six members, meets as needed and members may receive \$100.00 stipend per meeting plus travel expenses.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Special Counsel to the Governing Board serves as general legal counsel to the Governing Board, the Air Pollution Control Officer and the District, providing public agency legal services regarding the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, California Environmental Quality Act, as well as the Administrative Code, contracts, personnel matters, civil actions, and related litigation.

District Counsel also provides legal advice and opinions on mandates specific to air districts such as the Federal Clean Air Act, California air pollution control laws and air quality rules and regulations. District Counsel exercises authority to bring civil actions in the name of the people of the State of California for violations of various air quality laws and regulations. The District Counsel also represents the District in actions brought before the Hearing Board.

**Antelope Valley AQMD  
CONTRACT, Expense Detail**

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<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Communications</b>			
<b>Dues &amp; Subscriptions</b>			
<b>Non-Depreciable Inventory</b>			
<b>Legal</b>			
<b>Professional Services</b>			
Financial Services	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>			
<b>Training &amp; Travel</b>			

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CONTRACT, Expense Detail**

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<b>Vehicles</b>			
<b>Office Expenses</b>			
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>			
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,724,325</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u>1,735,000</u>

# **THE CONTRACT – CITY OF LANCASTER**

## **CONTRACTED SERVICES**

The City of Lancaster provides Human Resource and Finance service and support

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District contracts with the City of Lancaster for services necessary to enable AVAQMD to meet the regulatory and legislative responsibilities of an air quality management district for compensation consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

This agreement is pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the California Government Code (commencing with §6500).

## **CONTRACT HOURS**

The Antelope Valley AQMD office located in Lancaster, CA is staffed by 6 full-time equivalents (FTE) with one vacant FTE.



## **AVAQMD GRANTS**

### **AB2766**

The District's air quality programs are primarily funded by revenue from regulatory fees, government grants and subventions. The AB2766 program is funded through a \$4 (four dollar) assessment collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles on motor vehicle registrations and disbursed to the District on a monthly basis. Calls for projects, eligibility determinations, and Governing Board award are all part of the process that make funds available for qualified emission reduction projects.

### **AB923**

The District regulates and inventories criteria and toxic emissions and conducts regional scale air quality monitoring within our jurisdictional boundaries. Funds collected under AB923 allow air districts that are non- attainment to adopt an additional \$2 (two dollar) surcharge on motor vehicle registration fees to be used for qualified emission reduction projects

The use of the fees is limited to projects eligible for grants under the Carl Moyer Program, the purchase of school buses under the Lower-Emission School Bus Program, light-duty scrap or repair programs, alternative fuel and electric infrastructure for unregulated agricultural sources.

### **CARL MOYER**

The Carl Moyer grant program provides incentives for cost-effective and surplus emission reductions to be credited toward California's legally enforceable obligations in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) – California's road map for attaining health-based national ambient air quality standards.

Carl Moyer Grant Program Funds are distributed by the California Air Resources Board for projects awarded to qualifying applicants on a formula basis according to specific criteria and cost effectiveness.

### **AB134**

The AB134 grant program provides incentives to obtain early or extra emission reductions, especially from emission sources in minority and low- income communities and areas disproportionately impacted by air pollution. Incentives offered encourage customers to purchase cleaner technologies which in turn stimulate manufacturers to offer more equipment with cleaner technologies.

AB134 grant program is distributed by the California Air Resources Board for projects that are awarded to qualifying applicants on a formula basis according to specific criteria and cost effectiveness

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**Program Funds Consolidated GRANT PROGRAMS**

	<u>Budget FY 2025</u>	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
AB2766 Program	600,000	600,000	600,000
Carl Moyer Program	1,169,166	1,607,037	637,906
AB923 - Project Revenue	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total Consolidated Program Revenue</b>	<b>2,369,166</b>	<b>2,807,037</b>	<b>1,837,906</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Program Expenditures	<u>2,369,166</u>	<u>2,807,037</u>	<u>1,837,906</u>
<b>Total Consolidated Program Expense</b>	<b>2,369,166</b>	<b>2,807,037</b>	<b>1,837,906</b>

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**Program Funds AB2766 GRANT PROGRAMS**

	<u>Budget FY 2025</u>	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
AB2766 - Project Revenue	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total AB2766 Program Revenue</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Program Expenditures Mower Replacement	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total AB2766 Program Expense</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**Program Funds AB923 GRANT PROGRAMS**

	<u>Budget FY 2025</u>	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
AB923 - Project Revenue	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total AB923 Program Revenue</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Program Expenditures	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
<b>Total AB923 Program Expense</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>600,000</b>

**Antelope Valley AQMD**  
**Program Funds Carl Moyer GRANT PROGRAMS**

	<u>Budget FY 2025</u>	<u>Budget FY 2026</u>	<u>Budget FY 2027</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Carl Moyer Program	<u>1,169,166</u>	<u>1,607,037</u>	<u>637,906</u>
<b>Total Carl Moyer Program Revenue</b>	<b>1,169,166</b>	<b>1,607,037</b>	<b>637,906</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Program Expenditures Mower Replacement	<u>1,169,166</u>	<u>1,607,037</u>	<u>637,906</u>
<b>Total Carl Moyer Program Expense</b>	<b>1,169,166</b>	<b>1,607,037</b>	<b>637,906</b>

# Antelope Valley AQMD

## ALL FUNDS, Consolidated Historical

	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024	Budget FY 2025	Budget FY 2026	Budget FY 2027
<b>Revenues</b>					
Permit Fees	1,199,200	1,303,600	1,353,300	1,640,758	1,732,480
Application Fees	32,500	32,325	35,000	51,750	54,325
Federal Revenue	63,982	63,982	0	0	0
Fines & Penalties	10,000	60,000	185,000	60,000	150,000
Interest Income	10,000	10,000	45,000	45,000	65,000
Revenue from Programs	934,045	874,064	1,096,064	351,024	1,352,094
State Revenue	1,446,315	1,604,523	2,236,773	3,007,380	2,578,390
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,696,042</b>	<b>3,948,494</b>	<b>4,951,137</b>	<b>5,155,912</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>					
Salaries & Wages	1,800,000	1,828,647	1,255,000	1,574,325	1,585,000
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>1,828,647</b>	<b>1,255,000</b>	<b>1,574,325</b>	<b>1,585,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Communications	35,870	22,000	27,150	49,150	49,490
Dues & Subscriptions	21,100	36,100	36,500	42,000	32,000
Non-Depreciable Inventory	10,500	18,500	5,500	6,000	6,500
Legal	79,000	53,000	55,000	57,500	50,000
Professional Services	305,150	253,400	145,200	183,400	183,400
Maintenance & Repairs	7,000	2,000	0	12,500	5,000
Training & Travel	16,650	12,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
Vehicles	15,930	21,000	18,000	20,500	23,000
Office Expenses	132,761	109,800	66,000	110,500	101,940
Program Expenses	1,264,315	1,404,809	3,291,787	2,838,797	3,862,959
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,900	1,000	500	1,000	1,500
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,891,176</b>	<b>1,933,609</b>	<b>3,647,637</b>	<b>3,325,347</b>	<b>4,319,789</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>					
Improvements	0	0	0	50,000	15,000
Furniture & Fixtures	0	0	0	50,000	2,500
Equipment	25,000	50,000	0	15,000	10,000
Vehicles	0	30,000	0	60,000	0
Software	25,000	25,000	0	35,000	0
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>27,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,741,176</b>	<b>3,867,256</b>	<b>4,902,637</b>	<b>5,109,672</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>

# Antelope Valley AQMD

## GENERAL FUND, Consolidated Historical

	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024	Budget FY 2025	Budget FY 2026	Budget FY 2027
<b>Revenues</b>					
Permit Fees	1,199,200	1,380,380	1,353,300	1,640,758	1,732,480
Application Fees	32,500	71,493	35,000	51,750	54,325
Federal Revenue	63,982	10,799	0	0	0
Fines & Penalties	10,000	134,717	185,000	60,000	150,000
Interest Income	10,000	65,470	45,000	45,000	65,000
Revenue from Programs	934,045	584,540	1,096,064	351,024	1,352,094
State Revenue	1,446,315	313,451	2,236,773	3,007,380	2,578,390
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,696,042</b>	<b>2,560,850</b>	<b>4,951,137</b>	<b>5,155,912</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>					
Salaries & Wages	1,800,000	842,378	1,255,000	1,574,325	1,585,000
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>842,378</b>	<b>1,255,000</b>	<b>1,574,325</b>	<b>1,585,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Communications	35,870	21,310	27,150	49,150	49,490
Dues & Subscriptions	21,100	29,894	36,500	42,000	32,000
Non-Depreciable Inventory	10,500	2,359	5,500	6,000	6,500
Legal	79,000	50,454	55,000	57,500	50,000
Professional Services	305,150	52,932	145,200	183,400	183,400
Maintenance & Repairs	7,000	28	0	12,500	5,000
Training & Travel	16,650	248	2,000	4,000	4,000
Vehicles	15,930	12,828	18,000	20,500	23,000
Office Expenses	132,761	38,019	66,000	110,500	101,940
Program Expenses	1,264,315	641,494	3,291,787	2,838,797	3,862,959
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,900	220	500	1,000	1,500
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,891,176</b>	<b>849,786</b>	<b>3,647,637</b>	<b>3,325,347</b>	<b>4,319,789</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>					
Improvements	0	0	0	50,000	15,000
Furniture & Fixtures	0	0	0	50,000	2,500
Equipment	25,000	14,819	0	15,000	10,000
Vehicles	0	0	0	60,000	0
Software	25,000	20,360	0	35,000	0
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>35,179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>27,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,741,176</b>	<b>1,727,343</b>	<b>4,902,637</b>	<b>5,109,672</b>	<b>5,932,289</b>

## **FINANCIAL RESERVES**

It is the policy of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) to direct the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to establish and maintain certain fund balances to ensure the sound fiscal management of District resources.

The purposes of the District's fund balance policy include maintaining a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising fees because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures. Another purpose is to reserve funds for unanticipated large expenditures, such as capital expenses or extraordinary costs associated with defending the District's regulatory activities.

## **CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS**

**Restricted Fund Balance** is designated for the specific purposes stipulated by the external source, government code, enabling legislation, or other legal restriction. The following are an example of this classification: Mobile Emission Reduction Revenue (AB 2766), Incentive Based Emission Reduction Funding (AB 923), and Carl Moyer Grant Program Funds. These funds are held in separate trust accounts and are reported separate from the District's General Fund.

**Committed Fund Balance** is designated by policy and includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Governing Board. Commitments may be changed only by the action of the Governing Board.

**Assigned Fund Balance** is used to describe the portion of the fund balance that reflects the intended use of resources; the intent being established by the Governing Board, or the Board's designee. Such fund balance will be allocated and defined in the District's annual adopted budget. The District's Budget Stabilization Reserves is an example of this classification.

# BUDGET CATEGORIES

## REVENUES

### Permit Fees

- Permit Fees - Operating and Annual Renewal Permit Fees
- Asbestos Demo/Reno - Fees for Permits related to Asbestos Removal - Rule 302
- Title V Permit - Permit fees for Federal Permit Program

### Application Fees

- ERC Application Fees - Emission Reduction Credit
- New Source Review - Project Evaluation for Complex Source - Rule 301
- Permit Application Fees - Filing of new permits and permit changes
- Variance Filing Fees - Filing fee for each petition to District Hearing Board - Rule 303
- AG Application/Renewal Fee - charged on a 3-year renewal cycle for AG Engines

### Fine & Penalties

- Excess Emissions Fees - Fee charged when a variance is granted by Hearing Board - Rule 303
- Notice of Violation Fee - Fee Charged for unpermitted source, or violation of permit condition
- Interest Revenue - Interest on funds held on deposit, all funds

### Revenue from Programs

- Administrative Funding - Program - pass thru funds for administration costs of the program
- AB2766 & AB923 Program - Revenue received through DMV vehicle registration
- California Clean Air Act - State mandated fee collected on behalf of CARB
- Hot Spots - State mandated fee: "Air Toxic "Hot Spot"

### State Revenue

- PERP - State Funds - Portable Engine Registration Program
- State Subvention Funds - received from state budget to supplement Permitting and Air Monitoring

## EXPENSES

- Program Staff - Contracted costs to provide staff for District operations
- Operating Expenses – Communications, Telephones, teleconferencing, internet, cable, hosting, tech support
- Dues & Subscriptions - District memberships, sponsorships, publications, subscriptions
- Non-Depreciable Inventory - Furniture, equipment, machinery, and safety equipment < \$5,000
- Legal - Legal services for Governing Board, Hearing Board; publications Professional Services - Financial services, audit, research studies, consulting fees, stipends
- Maintenance & Repairs - General building maintenance, custodial services, and repairs
- Training and Travel - Employee training; professional development and related travel
- Vehicles - Fuel and oil, maintenance and repair, insurance for District's fleet
- Office Expenses - Software, supplies, leases, postage, courier, insurance, meeting expenses and community relations

### PROGRAM EXPENSES

- Expenses attributable to the use of special funds

### CAPITAL EXPENSES

- Furniture & fixtures, Equipment, vehicles, computers, and software cost over \$5K

# ACRYNOMS

AB2766	Enabling legislation for collection of fees for mobile source reduction projects
AIRS	Aerometric Information Retrieval System
APCD	Air Pollution Control District
APCO	Air Pollution Control Officer
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
ARB	Air Resources Board
AVAQMD	Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
BACT	Best Available Control Technology
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAPCOA	California Air Pollution Control Officers Association
CAPP	Clean Air Patrol Program
CAPS	Compliance and Permit System (permit tracking database)
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CNGVG	California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition
CRE	Community Relations and Education
CREEC	California Regional Environmental Education Community
CSDA	California Special Districts Association
DAPCO	Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERC	Emission Reduction Credit
FY	Fiscal Year
ICTC	Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor
MACT	Maximum Achievable Control for Toxics
MEEC	Mojave Environmental Education Consortium
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NESHAP	National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Pollutants
NSPS	New Source Performance Standards
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits
PARS	Public Agency Retirement Services
PERP	Portable Equipment Registration Program
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
PTBS	Permit Tracking and Billing System
SDRMA	Special Districts Risk Management Authority
SLAMS	State and Local Air Monitoring Stations
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
VPN	Virtual Private Network