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Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO MDAQMD PUBLIC MEETING

Discussion will focus on electric school bus eligibility

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VICTORVILLE — Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) has planned a community meeting to gather input from residents on priorities regarding projects that can reduce emissions and improve air quality.

The focus of the meeting will address the launch of a school bus replacement program for local eligible districts that can apply for funding to purchase electric school buses. These buses will take the place of current high-emission diesel buses, most commonly used in school districts locally and throughout the nations.

This meeting will also further explain two laws that together have created the “Community Air Protection Program,” administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB):

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 134** provides funding to replace older heavy-duty vehicles, equipment and other diesel sources in our region with new, cleaner technologies.
- **Assembly Bill (AB) 617** is a new effort that will bring opportunities to collaborate with disadvantaged communities to improve air quality in areas that need it the most. The meeting will include a public comment, question and answer portion for the community.

Please join us to discuss the future of our air quality. The meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the MDAQMD Governing Board Chambers at 14306 Park Ave. in Victorville.

For more information, visit www.mdaqmd.ca.gov or contact MDAQMD Community Relations and Education Supervisor Ryan Orr at (760) 245-1661, ext. 3001 or Rorr@mdaqmd.ca.gov.

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