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Christine Ferraro-Tallman or Clerk to the Board County of Stanislaus 1010 10th St. Suite 6700 Modesto CA 95354

RE: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program - Request For Applications

Dear Christine Ferraro-Tallman or Clerk to the Board:

This letter is to provide notification that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is providing a new grant opportunity for the demonstration of cordless zero-emission commercial lawn and garden equipment. The SJVAPCD is currently seeking applications from commercial lawn and garden professionals wishing to participate in the demonstration program. The purpose of the program is to demonstrate the performance of cordless zero-emission commercial lawn and garden equipment in nonresidential applications to accelerate market acceptance and build upon the progress already made in the residential sector. Currently, available zero-emission equipment is limited in the commercial sector and the demonstration would allow participants to gain hands-on familiarity with the equipment. The data obtained through in-use testing and reporting would help further improve, and encourage the use of clean technologies.

Eligible applicants are public agencies that have their own lawn care maintenance teams (public agencies that contract with outside lawn care companies are not eligible) and private professional licensed landscape businesses (including those that contract with public agencies) located within the geographic boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. Applications may be submitted to the SJVAPCD beginning August 20, 2012. The solicitation period for this application closes on **September 20, 2012.** The District may close or extend the solicitation period based on available funds remaining for the program.

To download an application packet, please visit the program's website starting at Http://www.vallevair.org/Grant Programs/GrantPrograms.htm#CordlessLawnMachine. A hard copy of the application can be mailed by request. For more information about the application or the Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program, please call program staff at (559) 230-5800 or send inquiries to weberip@valleyair.org.

Sincerely,

Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program Staff Strategies and Incentives Department

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Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer