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Air District to Issue Vouchers to Replace Old Woodstoves and Fireplaces

The Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program is funded by California Climate Investments and administered by local air districts. This program provides an incentive voucher to replace a pre-1988 non-EPA certified wood-burning stove or fireplace that is used as a primary source of heat with either an EPA-certified woodstove or insert, or a natural gas, propane, or electric heating device.

For people in certain census tracts designated by the State as low-income and for low-income households, the voucher may cover the entire cost of the replacement, up to \$3,500. A standard voucher of \$1,000 is available to all households regardless of income within Plumas, Sierra and Nevada County to use toward the cost of purchase, permits and installation. Even mobile homes, second homes and rentals are eligible.

Applications will become available on May 23, 2018 through participating retailers, in person at Air District offices in Grass Valley and Portola, at www.myairdistrict.com, or mailed by request. To apply, submit a completed Voucher Application and a photo of the old wood burning device to the Air District by mail or email, or drop them off in person. Additional information is included in the Voucher Application instructions.

Vouchers will be issued in the order complete applications are received, and are good for 4 weeks. Within the 4 weeks, the applicant must simply select a replacement device from a participating retailer and use the voucher toward the price. The retailer will verify that the original device is eligible and provide a price estimate. Installations must be done by appropriately licensed contractors with the necessary permit and follow all local fire and building codes; do-it-yourself installations are NOT allowed under this program.

For more information and a list of participating retailers, visit www.myairdistrict.com or contact Sam Longmire at sam@myairdistrict.com or (530) 274-9360. Participating retailers can also provide additional information.

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