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Farm Bureau contributes \$15,000 to Ozone Study

Fresno - At the monthly meeting of the San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency today, the California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) presented a \$15,000 check to help support the Central California Ozone Study.

The ozone study is co-funded by both public and private sectors. State, federal and local contributions to date total \$8,667,000. Though CFBF is one of many private-sector organizations contributing to this effort, more private-sector contributions will be necessary to complete this collaborative study.

"We are pleased to continue working in partnership with the California Farm Bureau and other private-sector organizations to fund ongoing research. The detailed and local air quality data provided by the Central California Ozone Study is vital in developing effective regional air quality plan." Air Pollution Control Officer David L. Crow said.

The study is needed to help identify equitable and effective air pollution control measures throughout Central California. Funding will help to conduct a comprehensive field program to collect data for analysis and modeling.

Since 2001, the San Joaquin Valleywide Air Pollution Study Agency has established policy and technical committees to guide the research project, raised \$8.7 million for the study, and designed a comprehensive field study program. Ongoing activities include validating field data, performing quality assurance, and quality control.

The Kings, Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera, Tulare, Merced and Kern County Farm Bureaus have repeatedly offered information to help support the study. To date the Farm Bureau organization has provided more than \$65,000 in funding for these types of studies.