

CHEERS AND JEERS

Cheers: Gas fireplaces positive

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While many people love a good fire on a chilly winter night, we all must be concerned with air pollution throughout the calendar year.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Control Board deserves kudos for recently extending an incentive program for residents who want to convert their wood-burning hearths to gas fireplaces.

In San Joaquin County, about \$1.3 million in incentives went to residents who opted for the cleaner-burning gas fireplaces.

That amount is tops in the San Joaquin Valley.

Well done, all around.