



e-Newsletter

CalVans, California Vanpool Authority Newsletter

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■ Who We Are

The California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) is a public transit agency providing public vanpools to those electing to commute to work in a non-profit manner; this includes agricultural workers and non-agricultural workers. The service provided by CalVans is recognized by local, state and federal agencies as a safe and cost effective method of getting to work in a shared ride vehicle.

■ How Can CalVans Help YOU?

If you would like to bring the benefits of CalVans to your operation, contact the California Vanpool Authority Toll-Free at **1-866-655-5444**.

CalVans operates Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on major holidays.

The CalVans main office is located at:

**1340 North Drive
Hanford, Ca 93230**

CalVans also has satellite offices in Imperial, Kern, Monterey, Ventura, and San Joaquin County.

■ Counties Served by CalVans

San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno. Kings, Tulare, Kern, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial.

95% of CalVans Fleet Has Been Spoken For

Many of you responded to my earlier call to get your requests for the upcoming season in. As of now we have fewer than 50 vans available. If you do not see you or your company's name on the reserved van schedule on the second page please contact CalVans Director Ron Hughes at ron.hughes@co.kings.ca.us. Like last summer we will be out of vans, probably as soon as next month. Those who now have vans that plan on keeping them through the summer will need to contact us as well. We need to know when and what area you will be working in.

Securing Driver Approval

Many of you are already getting your drivers cleared for the summer season. Don't put it off till the last minute as the Department of Labor staff gets overwhelmed at the height of the season. They work to get approval out in a timely manner but there are only so many hours in the day. Make sure your paperwork is complete with original signatures so you don't have to go through the process twice. We've been asked to remind you that, if your drivers license or physical expires it is your responsibility to reach out to the DOL. The FLC cards do not renew automatically for CalVans. Paperwork will need to be submitted again, otherwise your card will be invalid. If you have any question on the process please reach out to the National Farm Labor Certificate Processing Unit at the following:

☎ **415-241-3505**

✉ **Wage and Hour Division
907th Street Suite 13-100
San Francisco, CA 94103**

Van Pickup and or Deliver

In the past we have been able to assist in the delivery of vans from one region to another. With a fleet size exceeding 800 vehicles we will no longer be able to move vans between regions as we have in the past. At the present time most of our vans are in the Hanford office and will need to be picked up there. If needed we will transport your drivers to pick up the vans.

Payments, Unauthorized Drivers and Trash

Most using the vans and companies providing vouchers do a great job of sending in payments. However, a few struggle with keeping up to date. It is important that accounts be kept current if companies want to continue using our program. It is not fair to those that do keep current and who may need more vehicles.

We still occasionally find an unauthorized driver behind the wheel. Often the foreman overrides the objections of the assigned driver and let another person move the van using the assigned driver log-in code. When we discover this we end up pulling the assigned driver from our program and may pull all vans from the grower or company. Don't risk losing your drivers. Be sure your foremen and supervisors understand how our program works.

Although it has gotten much better, we are still seeing some vans full of trash. I have told my staff to disable vans when they find them full of trash. They will be enabled once the van is clean and inspected. Please stress to your crews the need to pick up their trash at the end of the day and take it with them.



Silent Passenger

Some of you have created a log-in to see vans assigned to your company and run reports. Using the program allows you to see in real time who is driving the van and where it is. It is simple to set up; all we need is your email address to get started.

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Upcoming Events

Event	Date/ Time	Location
6th Annual Farmworker Appreciation Day & Resource Fair	2/15/19 8:30a-12:00p	Santa Fe Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room) 286 East Orange Ave Porterville, Ca 93257
Central Valley Quarterly Compliance Training	2/23/19 8:00a-1:00p	Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation 1444 Fulton St. Fresno, Ca 93271
CalVans Driver Appreciation Day & Resource Fair	2/24/19 1:00p-4:00p	Orosi Memorial Hall 41645 Rd. 128 Orosi, Ca 93647
4th Annual Migrant Seasonal Farmworker Appreciation Day & Resource Fair	2/26/19 8:30a-12:00p	City of Delano Community Center 925 Ellington St Delano, Ca 93215
Ag Safe Activate 19 Annual Conference	2/26-28/19	Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel 1 Old Golf Course Rd Monterey, Ca 93940
CalVans Driver Appreciation Day & Resource Fair	3/3/19 1:00p-4:00p	Cecil Park North 1730 Madison St. Delano, Ca 93215
Ag Safety & Compliance Day	3/6/19 7:30a-3:00p	Bakersfield Marriott 801 Truxtun Ave Bakersfield, Ca 93301
Farm Labor Contractor Training	3/14/19 8:30a-2:00p	Coachella Valley Water District 51501 Tyler St. Coachella, Ca 92236
Los Banos Smart Travel Event Vanpool-a-Looza	3/16/19 11:00a-1:00p	Los Banos Community Center - Grand Ballroom 645 7th St. Los Banos, Ca 93635

