Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Dave Van Mullem, Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Marine Shipping Update and Support Letter

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on recent marine shipping developments and activities and authorize Chair to sign attached letter of support for use of Cap-and-Trade auction funds for a vessel speed reduction incentive program along the California coast.

DISCUSSION:

The District continues to work to reduce emissions from marine shipping, a major source of air pollution for Santa Barbara County. Staff will provide your Board with an update on our recent activities, including our efforts to pursue state funding of a marine shipping vessel speed reduction incentive program using Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds (AB 1532 investment plan). There will be comment periods as this process unfolds, and a draft letter of support from the District Board is attached.

Attachments:

1) Written submittal to California Air Resources Board (CARB) on AB 1532 investment plan including:
   a) Cover letter,
   b) Fact Sheet, and
   c) Proposed Implementation Plan.

2) Support letters submitted by stakeholders (4).

3) District Board letter of support for Chair signature.