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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Santa Barbara County Education Office for Partnership in Teacher Grants Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for the Santa Barbara County Education Office for its partnership with the District on teacher grants programs since 2003.

DISCUSSION:

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District has partnered with the Teacher Programs department of the Santa Barbara County Education Office for more than ten years, supporting environmental and science projects of teachers around Santa Barbara County.

Since 2009, the District has worked with the Education Office on the “Care for Our Earth” program providing mini-grants of \$200-\$250 to teachers performing environmental education and service projects at school sites. Other partners have joined this effort, including utility companies, and most recently the Santa Barbara County Water Agency. These grants support our clean-air mission and helped hundreds of students understand environmental and science concepts and implement clean-air solutions.

Numerous and varied projects resulted in clean-air benefits as well as benefits to schools by reducing energy use (and electricity bills), raising awareness of the need to cut traffic and pollution at school sites, helping students understand how to take public transportation, training students in bike safety, and much more.

This year, a total of 42 Care for Our Earth grants have been awarded to teachers at schools around Santa Barbara County.