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Air Quality Attainment Plan Fee Report

APCD Rule 210 requires that once every three years the Air Pollution Control Officer report to the Board on the use of our Air Quality Attainment Planning fees. These fees are assessed on permitted stationary sources of emissions to enable the APCD to comply with state and federal planning requirements. During the last three years we have prepared a clean air plan that addresses state clean air planning requirements. The 2004 Clean Air Plan required comprehensive updates of the emission inventories, a review of the current monitored air quality data, a review and update of emission control measures, in order to attain the state 1-hour ozone standard. The CAP development also included an extensive 11-month review process with the Community Advisory Council.

In the next three fiscal years both the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) will be overseeing our efforts to meet the federal and state Clean Air Act planning requirements and air quality standards. We anticipate substantial mandated planning efforts related to emissions inventory development, evaluation of control strategies, assessment of air quality trends and compliance with both general and transportation conformity regulations. As already mentioned, the 2004 Clean Air Plan was adopted by the APCD Board of Directors to comply with only state planning requirements. In subsequent years, staff effort will be focused obtaining full approval of this plan and commencing work on our next federal plan to comply with the new federal 8-hour ozone standard that is generally more protective of public health than the existing 1-hour standard. Also, the ARB recently revised the State ozone standard and EPA is revising their particulate matter standards. Staff will be working with closely EPA and ARB to determine the specific planning requirements for these new health-based standards.

The preparation of plans, air quality trend analysis, emission inventories, control measures and conformity evaluations requires considerable effort. They are basic plan preparation requirements and will continue into the foreseeable future. Our total budget allocation for these planning efforts in fiscal year 2005/2006 is \$523,587. We anticipate \$252,500 to be generated from AQAP fees, which we combine with DMV surcharge fees and some grant monies to fund approximately three staff positions. The use of industry-generated fees together with mobile source generated fees to fund our clean air planning efforts is appropriate. The majority of our in-house activity focuses on developing emission inventories and control strategies for the industrial sources of air pollution. We then incorporate these data with the mobile source information developed by SBCAG and the California Air Resources Board. A cost distribution and a detailed listing of tasks performed is found in "*Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Comprehensive Program Summary and Proposed Budget*" (April 16, 2002). The existing Air Quality Attainment Planning fee continues to be a fair way to apportion fees to the activities that we undertake and is both necessary and adequate.