Vessel Speed Reduction Trial Program
Santa Barbara Channel

Board of Directors
Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District

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Overview

• Proof of concept
• Incentivize reducing speed to 12 knots for transits July-October 2014
  • Upcoming blue whale season in Channel
  • Ozone season for Santa Barbara County
• Modeled after successful Ports Programs
VSR Trial Program Evolution

• Collaborative Effort
  – District
  – NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS)
  – Environmental Defense Center
  – National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (handling funds)

• Funding
  – Santa Barbara Foundation Grant
  – District contribution
  – Additional opportunities

• In-kind support By District and CINMS
VSR Trial Program Area

Vessel Speed Reduction Trial 2014 for the Santa Barbara Channel

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

www.OurAir.org
Program Design

• Speed reduction to 12 knots
• Shipping company registers; ships and # of transits pre-qualified
• Speed verified prior to payment
• Incentive per transit $2500; plus public recognition

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Current Status

- Invitation to Participate sent June 6
- District reviewing registration forms to qualify ships
- Trial may commence in July
National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

- Nonprofit that supports national marine sanctuaries
- **Role in VSR Trial**: signs agreements with shipping companies and handles funds contributed to program
- District to sign MOA with Foundation for handling of District funds
Proposed Board Action

• Authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation