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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Dave Van Mullem, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve \$500,000 in additional funding authority for the Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program.

SUMMARY:

The recommendation increases the current Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program authority of \$1,500,000 by approving an additional \$500,000 in Carl Moyer or Innovative Technologies Group (ITG) funds to replace off-road equipment with new equipment powered by low emissions engines. This \$500,000 program allocation does not change the District's fiscal year 2013/2014 budget amount for ITG.

DISCUSSION:

On October 21, 2010, your Board authorized the District to implement a new Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ORERP) to enhance the District's current Carl Moyer Air Quality Standard Attainment Program. The ORERP reduces emissions by replacing old, high polluting vehicles or equipment with new, cleaner vehicles or equipment earlier than required by regulation or through normal attrition. At the October 21, 2010 meeting, your Board established the initial spending authority at \$500,000. Based on a high level of interest in the program from businesses throughout the county, your Board then authorized additional spending authority of \$500,000 on both August 18, 2011, and August 16, 2012.

Of the \$1,500,000 in spending authorized by your Board to date, only \$258,900 remains. The agriculture and construction industry doing business in Santa Barbara County continue to show interest in Moyer grants that partially fund replacement of higher polluting mobile agricultural and construction equipment with new, lower polluting units. We anticipate that, due to the popularity of the program and the availability of Moyer funding from the state, ORERP projects will exceed the current \$1,500,000 Board approved program spending authority during fiscal year 2013/2014. To move forward with funding projects, an additional \$500,000 of spending authority is needed.

Therefore, we recommend that your Board authorize an additional \$500,000 in program spending. We will continue to follow ARB Carl Moyer Program guidelines when selecting future ORERP projects.