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Ms. Catherine Witherspoon, Executive Officer
State of California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812

SUBJECT: 2004 Clean Air Plan for Santa Barbara County

Dear Ms. Witherspoon:

I am pleased to submit the 2004 Clean Air Plan for Santa Barbara County. We are proud of the steady improvement in our air quality over the last decade having reached the milestone of meeting the federal one-hour ozone standard and being very close to attaining the state 1-hour ozone standard. We wish to thank your agency for the important part it has played in this air quality improvement effort. Please accept this plan as our commitment to continued progress over the next decade and as our formal submittal of our Triennial Plan Revision and Progress Report.

This Plan was approved by our Board of Directors on December 16, 2004, and is designed to meet only state Clean Air Act mandates. This Plan details how the current planning process satisfies both the Triennial Progress Report and the Plan Revision requirements for the state ozone standard mandated by the California Clean Air Act of 1988.

The Draft 2004 Clean Air Plan was released on August 25, 2004 for public review after an eight-month review process involving our Community Advisory Council. A public workshop was held on September 15, 2004 and written responses to all public comments are included in Chapter 8 of the Plan.

Clerk of the APCD Board:

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In preparing our Clean Air Plan, we carefully documented offshore sources of emissions and projected those emissions into the future. We found that marine shipping is a very large, under-regulated source of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and is expected to grow rapidly. This emissions growth will negate all the projected NOx emission reductions from local, state and federal control measures. Currently,

these emissions exceed our entire on-road motor vehicle inventory for NOx and by 2020 will represent almost 75 percent of our entire onshore and offshore NOx inventories combined. We ask for your help in addressing this important source of pollution affecting California's coastal districts.

The successful completion of the 2004 Clean Air Plan was a cooperative effort involving the Air Pollution Control District and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, who developed the transportation-related sections of the Plan. In addition, we received assistance from numerous individuals from a variety of agencies, our community advisory council, and the Air Resources Board. The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District is appreciative of the support provided by you and your staff.

We look forward to your expeditious approval of this before your Board in 2005.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2004 Clean Air Plan, please contact Ron Tan at (805) 961-8812.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Brock
Chair, Air Pollution Control District Board

Enclosures

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