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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Green Business Certification for Air Pollution Control District Office

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from Frances Gilliland, Program Director for the Santa Barbara County Green Business Program, acknowledging certification of the Air Pollution Control District (District)'s Santa Barbara office as a Green Business.

### DISCUSSION:

In December, 2012 the District achieved certification from the Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County. Certification involved a comprehensive review of District operations in several resource areas such as solid waste reduction, energy conservation, pollution prevention, water conservation, and employee transportation options. The process of obtaining Green Business certification for the District accomplishes two things: first, it fosters an ongoing culture of conservation and health and safety awareness, with a continued emphasis on cost effective solutions and sound business practices. Second, it helps District staff more readily understand the process of certification, and the challenges that businesses face in the process of achieving Green Business certification.

The District has supported the Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County since its inception in 2008, and District staff have actively participated in the ongoing operation of the program as participants in the program's Steering Committee. The program's goals include promoting environmental ethics in Santa Barbara County and helping businesses integrate environmental responsibility into their operations in a manner that is sustainable.

Frances Gilliland will present the Air Pollution Control Board ("Board") today with a certificate acknowledging this achievement.