Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Education Office Education Celebration Event

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file information about the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) Education Celebration event on May 25, 2017 to recognize teachers selected for Care for Our Earth grants.

DISCUSSION:

The District has partnered with SBCEO for more than 13 years, supporting Santa Barbara County teachers’ environmental and science projects. At the March 2014 meeting, your Board presented the Education Office with a Resolution of Appreciation for its partnership in these programs.

Along with the District, the County Water Agency and utility companies fund the $300 mini-grants. These grants support the District’s mission and have helped thousands of students understand scientific concepts related to the environment, energy, and alternative transportation. The projects have benefitted schools through savings on energy and water bills and reduced traffic.

In 2017, Care for Our Earth grants will be awarded for 23 projects at 21 schools throughout the county. The District’s contribution of $4,300 to the program covers approximately 12 grants and the costs to SBCEO for administering the program. The list of grant recipients is attached.

Grant recipients will be honored at an Education Celebration on May 25, at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott in Buellton. One Board member is invited to attend to represent the District, and all Board members are invited to attend to congratulate award recipients.

ATTACHMENT:

Grant Recipients for 2016-2017
Care for Our Earth Grants 2016-2017

Grants are awarded by the Santa Barbara County Education Office, and funded by: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; the Santa Barbara County Water Agency; and utility providers. Teachers receiving grants for the 2016-2017 school year are listed below.

Lela Alcocer
Oakley School
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
“Every Drop Helps”

Tim Barker
Hope School
Hope School District
“Hydroponic Garden Towers”

Michelle Brunkhurst, Lovennea Marchetti, and Terri O’Donnell
Roosevelt Elementary School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“2nd Grade Deep Root Watering”

Stephen Criley
Cleveland Elementary School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“Save the Sea from Marine Debris”

Lorilee Collins
Carpinteria Family School
Carpinteria Unified School District
“Carp Kids Community Bike Club”

Barbara Courain
Vandenberg Middle School
Lompoc Unified School District
“Vandenberg Middle Goes Green — Everyone Recycles”

Kelly Davis
Pioneer Valley High School
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
“Sharing Space, Saving Energy”
Care For Our Earth Grants 2016-2017 (continued)

Christine Edwards
Oak Valley School
Buellton Union School District
“Garden Based Learning — From Small Acorns Great Oaks Grow”

Ty Fredriks
Orcutt Academy High School
Orcutt Union School District
“Understanding Electricity Conservation”

Sonia Galvez
Delta High School
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
“Water-Saving Shower Routine”

Rob Goettler
San Marcos High School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“Just Dew It: Collecting Morning Roof Runoff to Support Pollinators”

Chad Hartford
Fesler Junior High School
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
“Solar Cars”

Sarah Hebert
El Camino Junior High School
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
“Agents of Positive Change: Making the World a Better Place”

Terri Ingram
Dos Pueblos High School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“Tube to Table/Hydroponics Happening from Tube to Table Keeping it Local, Very Local from Start to Finish”

Brian Malcheski
Open Alternative School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“Water World”

Linda Mayer
Santa Ynez Charter School
College School District
“Pedal Power”
Kelly McDonald
Solvang School
Solvang School District
“Drought Tolerant Garden”

Juan Sanchez
Delta High School
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
“Drought Tolerant Plants”

Keri Santos
Vista de las Cruces School
Vista Del Mar School District
“Reduce & Reuse”

Jan Silk
Carpinteria Family School
Carpinteria Unified School District
“Walking & Riding Our Way to a Healthier Community”

Carol Stein and Judy Cosio
Monroe Elementary School
Santa Barbara Unified School District
“Importance of Water Awareness/Domestic Water Conservation”

Ronnie Tow
Santa Ynez School
College School District
“Killing the Kilowatt Hours!”

Markie Wordley
Lompoc High School
Lompoc Unified School District
“Water Conservation, Reclamation, and You!”