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## **Board Agenda Item**

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Protecting Blue Whales & Blue Skies film on the Vessel Speed Reduction collaborative

initiative

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

View *Protecting Blue Whales & Blue Skies*, a seven-minute film by Earth Media Lab for the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The *Protecting Blue Whales & Blue Skies* film was funded primarily by the Foundation (approximately \$9,000); the District contributed \$900. The film covers our collaborative Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) initiative in the Santa Barbara Channel region. The film is being used to raise awareness and build support for long-term program expansion.