



air pollution control district  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Agenda Item:  
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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: District Grant and Incentives Program Activity

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file an update on the Old Car Buy Back Program for vehicles retired during the period of May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

### DISCUSSION:

This item provides an update on grant programs and activities that occurred since your last Board meeting. The grant fund allocation reports for the District's Old Car Buy Back Program identify vehicles retired, funding allocation to date, emissions reduced, cost-effectiveness of program, and project location.


For the 2023 Clean Air Grants Program, the District is currently implementing 46 projects throughout Santa Barbara County with approximately \$3.5 million in CARB grant funds and \$2 DMV surcharge revenue. These 46 projects include off-road equipment replacements, marine engine repowers, electric school bus fleet expansion, and alternative vehicle fueling infrastructure purchase and installation. Projects were primarily ranked based on location within a disadvantaged or low-income community as defined by the CalEnviroScreen map (<https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/>) and their CalEnviroScreen score (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6b863505f9454cea802f4be0b4b49d62/>).

No grant agreements were executed in May 2024.

### ATTACHMENTS:

A. Old Car Buy Back Program Update

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## Old Car Buy Back Program Update

The District’s Old Car Buy Back Program currently pays Santa Barbara County vehicle owners \$1,000 to voluntarily retire their fully legal and operational 1997 or older, light or medium duty car, truck, van, or SUV. The regional dismantlers earn \$250 for each vehicle that they help retire. Currently, the total program cost is \$1,250 to retire a vehicle.

The program accelerates the improvement of air quality by removing high polluting vehicles from the road, quicker than normal vehicle attrition. Funding for the program is derived from \$2 DMV registration surcharge funds. Below is the program data for the most recent reporting period and the entire fiscal year.

Old Car Buy Back Program Activity		
	5/1/2024 - 5/31/2024	FY 2023-2024
<b>Vehicles retired</b>	2	47
<b>Funds committed @ \$1,250/vehicle</b>	\$2,500	\$58,750
<b>Total tons reduced [NOx+ ROC + PM]</b>	0.15	3.80
<b>Average project cost-effectiveness</b>	\$18,804/ton	\$15,804/ton

### Vehicle Owner Location (FY 2023-2024)

