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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer 

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SUBJECT: Resolution for Community Air Protection (CAP) Program

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution to amend the administration percentage the District receives to implement the CAP Program from the existing 12.5% to the percentage listed within the most recent California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued CAP Program Guidelines (which is currently 15%).

### BACKGROUND:

AB 617 (C. Garcia) was signed into law in September 2017. In response to this legislation, CARB created the Community Air Protection Program. The Program's focus is to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution. CARB staff worked with local air districts, community groups, community members, environmental organizations, and regulated industries to develop a community-focused action framework for community air protection. The initial framework was approved by the CARB Board in 2018 and was called the Community Air Protection Program Blueprint (an updated Blueprint 2.0 was approved by the CARB Board in 2023). The Program's blueprint includes community air monitoring in some areas, community emissions reduction programs, early actions to address localized air pollution through targeted incentive funding to deploy cleaner technologies in these communities, and grants to support community participation in the AB 617 process. AB 617 also includes requirements for accelerated retrofit of pollution controls on industrial sources, increased penalty fees, and greater transparency and availability of air quality and emissions data.

In 2018, and again in 2019, your Board approved the District's participation in CARB's AB 617 Community Air Protection grant programs through District Board Resolutions 18-12 and 19-10.

The District has entered into many separate AB 617 grant agreements with CARB over the years to facilitate AB 617 implementation and incentive projects throughout the County. The Implementation grant agreement helps fund several activities related to AB 617 (e.g., community engagement, emissions reporting requirements, and implementing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology requirements at large stationary sources) while the Incentive grant agreement focuses on funding emission reduction incentive projects. More information is available on the District's website at [www.ourair.org/community-air](http://www.ourair.org/community-air).

## **DISCUSSION:**

Since 2017, the California Legislature has budgeted over \$1.4 billion to support AB 617. With Board approval of the attached resolution, the District will be able to continue its ongoing participation of this successful program that helps engage low-income communities, provides valuable economic incentives to businesses to use cleaner technology, increases health benefits to community members, and meets the legislative requirements of AB 617.

District Board Resolution 20-06, approved on June 18, 2020, delegated authority to the Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into grant agreements with CARB for the AB 617 CAP Program, in Fiscal Year 2020-21, and in future years, for amounts not to exceed \$200,000 to implement AB 617 and \$1,500,000 for incentive projects each fiscal year, and subject to review and approval by District Counsel, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller, and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Using tools and guidance provided by CARB and the California Environmental Protection Agency, such as CalEnviroScreen 4.0, and other tools and maps, District staff reviews data for communities in Santa Barbara County and identifies regions with low-income populations as well as a higher pollution burden. The District continues to conduct outreach to individuals and organizations in these communities in order to inform how future incentive funding will be spent in Santa Barbara County. A summary of the District's CAP incentive projects is available on the District's website at [www.ourair.org/community-air-protection-projects](http://www.ourair.org/community-air-protection-projects).

The District's implementation of the CAP Program is supported by administration funds, the amount of which shall be granted to the District consistent with the current CAP Incentive Program Guidelines in effect (most recently revised on May 30, 2025). The modifications included in the attached resolution allow the District to receive the allowable administrative funds that are consistent with CARB's approved program guidelines.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

CARB's Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAP Program Year 8 included grant fund allocations to the District for Implementation (\$112,638) and Incentives (\$874,988). These pass-through grant funds were included in the District's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Approved Budget.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Board Resolution in the matter of continued participation in the California Air Resources Board's CAP Program.

## ATTACHMENT A

Board Resolution in the matter of continued participation in  
the California Air Resources Board's CAP Program

January 15, 2026

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Board of Directors

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Santa Barbara, California 93110

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Santa Maria, California 93455

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUED  
PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S  
COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION  
PROGRAM

APCD RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, section 44391.2 was added to the Health and Safety Code when Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia), which requires a new state program to monitor and reduce air pollution, with the intention of targeting communities affected by high cumulative exposure burdens for toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 617 contains several elements that require participation and action on the part of local air districts, including but not limited to the identification and selection of communities, emission reduction plans and programs, air monitoring plans, reporting of air pollutant emissions, assessment and implementation of best available retrofit control technology requirements, and public outreach to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Assembly Bill 74, appropriated \$265 million of California Climate Investment funds in Fiscal Year 2019-20 for implementation of the Community Air Protection Program (CAP), including funding for incentive projects, to be administered by air districts in partnership with local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on May 23, 2019 adopted the CAP Incentives 2019 Guidelines. These 2019 Guidelines govern the expenditure of CAP incentive funds to eligible projects including mobile source projects, zero-emission vehicles, technology and charging infrastructure projects, stationary source projects, community-identified projects including reducing air pollution at schools, and hexavalent chromium reduction. These 2019 Guidelines include guiding principles designed to achieve program objectives; and

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PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES  
BOARD'S COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) is identified to receive CAP funds from CARB to fund the District's efforts to implement Assembly Bill 617. The CAP Program for District Fiscal Year 2025-26 currently includes a grant agreement with CARB in the amount of \$112,638 to implement aspects of Assembly Bill 617 not related to incentive projects as well as a grant agreement with CARB in the amount of \$874,988 to implement aspects of Assembly Bill 617 related to incentive projects. These funds are included in the District's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Approved Budget. The District may also be identified during CARB's Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget, and in future years, to receive additional program implementation and incentive funds from CARB to implement Assembly Bill 617 in Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, District Board Resolution 09-14 delegates authority to the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute individual grant agreements that meet specified parameters, including an authorized overall grant program with an authorized overall budget, established cost-effectiveness limits, and the use of a standard District grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Health and Safety Code sections 44275-44299.2 authorize CARB to allocate Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program funds to local air quality districts to provide financial incentives to both the public and private sector to implement eligible projects to reduce emissions from on-road and off-road engines; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has successfully implemented Carl Moyer Program projects since 1999 to improve air quality in the South Central Coast Air Basin and seeks to reduce emissions from diesel engines through clean air projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAP Incentives Guidelines (initially approved by the CARB Board on May 23, 2019 and most recently revised on May 30, 2025) include incentive funding limits for those projects that are not addressed in the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program and Guidelines. Projects implemented under the most recently approved Guidelines that do not fall under the Carl Moyer Program and associated cost-effectiveness criteria would instead be funded according to the limits included in the most recently approved CAP Incentives Guidelines; and

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**WHEREAS**, in Board Resolution 20-06, the District Board delegated authority to the Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into grant agreements with CARB for the Assembly Bill 617 CAP Program, in FY 2020-21, and in future years, for amounts not to exceed \$200,000 to implement Assembly Bill 617 and \$1,500,000 for incentive projects each fiscal year, and subject to review and approval by Auditor-Controller, District Counsel, and Risk Management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The District Board hereby approves the District's continued participation in CARB's CAP Program, and acceptance of funds to implement the program consistent with the current CAP Incentives Program Guidelines in effect (most recently revised on May 30, 2025); and
2. The District is not required to provide matching funds for the CAP Program, and the District's implementation of the CAP Program is supported by administration funds, the amount of which shall be granted to the District consistent with the current CAP Incentives Program Guidelines in effect; and
3. All other provisions of District Board Resolution 20-06 shall remain in full force and effect.

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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Air Pollution Control District Board of  
the Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, by the following  
vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

**ATTEST:**

AERON ARLIN GENET  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:   
Deputy


**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

RISK MANAGER

By: Marisa Kahn  
Risk Manager

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

BETSY M. SCHAFFER, CPA  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By:   
Deputy