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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Clean Air Plan Land Use Chapter

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) staff regarding the inclusion of a Land Use Chapter in the 2007 Clean Air Plan.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2004, during the adoption hearing for the 2004 Clean Air Plan, the APCD Board directed staff to remove the Land Use Chapter from the Clean Air Plan. Board members expressed concern that by recommending land use policies that were beneficial to air quality, the APCD was reaching outside its expertise and that land use policy issues should be left to individual jurisdictions. The Board also directed staff to initiate a process with local planning agencies prior to including land use policies in any future Clean Air Plan.

On November 3, 2005, APCD staff met with local planners via the Technical Planning Advisory Committee of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and discussed including land use policies in a Clean Air Plan chapter. The planners were in favor of including a Land Use Chapter in the 2007 Clean Air Plan.

In March 2006, the APCD Community Advisory Council voted to recommend to the APCD Board that APCD staff include a Land Use Chapter in the 2007 Clean Air Plan. We are seeking Board direction on whether or not to include a Land Use Chapter in the 2007 Plan.