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## Air District Approves \$25.9 Million in Carl Moyer Program and Mobile Source Incentive Fund Grants to Reduce Diesel Engine Pollution

Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District approved the allocation of \$25,865,356 to fund the implementation of projects that will reduce emissions, primarily from heavy-duty diesel engines, through two of the Air District's grant programs, the Carl Moyer Program and the Mobile Source Incentive Fund.

The Air District approved the allocation of \$21,761,710 in Carl Moyer Program funds for implementation of the projects. The Carl Moyer Program is a state-funded incentive program originally created by the California Legislature to reduce emissions from heavy-duty engines. Managed locally by the Air District, the Carl Moyer Program provides grants primarily for installing new, cleaner engines or emission-control devices in heavy-duty equipment, such as trucks and buses, marine vessels, construction equipment, locomotives, and agricultural irrigation pumps.

The Air District also approved the allocation of \$4,103,646 from its Mobile Source Incentive Fund (MSIF). MSIF revenues are generated by a \$2 surcharge on motor vehicle registration fees in the Bay Area, as authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 44225.

Both funding sources were combined to award grants to projects that will reduce emissions from 300 diesel engines. An estimated 11,340 tons of emissions, including approximately 9,700 tons of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), 1,225 tons of reactive organic gases, and 410 tons of particulate matter will be reduced over the life-cycle of these projects.

"The Air District's Grants programs protect public health and improve air quality within our communities," said Air District Executive Officer Jack P. Broadbent. "The Air District's incentive funding for dirty-diesel engine replacements and retrofits helps diesel engine owners make clean air choices to reduce emissions."

For more information about the Air District's Grants and Incentives program visit: www.baaqmd.gov/pln/grants\_and\_incentives/index.htm