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Air District Board commits \$10 million to clean up port trucks

Air District, Port of Oakland, Air Resources Board installing 1,000 particulate filters

San Francisco - The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District voted yesterday to commit \$10 million to a plan to reduce diesel emissions from Port trucks.

This action represents the first step in a historic partnership to clean up emissions between the Air District, the California Air Resources Board, the Port of Oakland, who intend to raise additional funding for this effort, and Bay Area truckers.

"This program will greatly improve air quality and health in an area that experiences diesel particulate concentrations that are among the highest in the Bay Area," said Air District Executive Officer Jack P. Broadbent.

As part of this program, the Air District intends to provide up to 1,000 diesel exhaust filters that will be installed on heavy-duty vehicles serving the Port of Oakland to quickly reduce health risks from trucks and heavy equipment. This action will eliminate approximately 900 tons of emissions from the air in the West Oakland community over the lifetime of these vehicles.

In total, the District funds will be split between two programs: \$5 million from the Transportation Fund for Clean Air and \$5 million from the District's Statewide Goods Movement Bond program.

The Air District through its Statewide Goods Movement Bond Program provides financial incentives to owners of equipment used in freight movement to upgrade to cleaner technologies. The ARB will be allocating \$140 million in bond funding over the next four years (\$35 million per year) to projects in the Bay Area that are designed to reduce air pollutant emissions from goods movement. Pollutants targeted by this program include diesel particulate matter, a toxic air contaminant, and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to the formation of particulate matter and are also ozone precursors. This program will also provide co-benefits by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and black carbon emissions that contribute to climate change.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is committed to achieving clean air to protect the public's health and the environment. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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