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Air District offers \$10 million to reduce marine engine air pollution Additional \$5 million in loan funding available from state

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is offering \$10 million in grants to assist commercial marine vessel owners and operators to reduce air pollution by replacing their older marine engines.

Air District grants covering up to 80 percent of the cost of marine engine replacement are available.

“Older marine engines continue to be a significant contributor to air pollution,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “By funding projects to replace dirty marine engines, we are achieving cleaner air and healthier communities in advance of state deadlines.”

The Air District is offering up to \$10 million of grant funding for replacing older marine engines. Funding for the marine vessel project is provided through the Carl Moyer Program, a grant program funded by the state to reduce ozone-forming and toxic emissions from older, polluting engines.

These funds will reduce emissions from a variety of marine vessels that have older diesel engines. Eligible vessels include charter fishing boats, commercial fishing boats, crew and supply vessels, ferry and excursion boats, pilot vessels, tow boats, tug boats, and work boats.

Applications for the Air District grant program are available on the Air District website at www.baaqmd.gov/moyer and will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions about the program, visit www.baaqmd.gov/marine or please contact Stacy Shull at (415) 749-4955, or via e-mail at sshull@baaqmd.gov.

In addition to grant funding, the California Air Resources Board has partnered with the California Capital Access Program to set up a loan guarantee program to provide \$5 million in loan assistance to business owners of marine vessels/diesel-fueled marine engines. This is a one-time loan assistance opportunity that **expires on July 31, 2012**. The objective of the loan assistance program is to encourage small business owners to upgrade their marine vessels for early compliance with ARB’s Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation.

For the ARB loan guarantee program, eligible vessels must be diesel-powered commercial harbor craft, have an engine horsepower rating of 50 or greater and operate primarily in California waters. Participants are limited to companies with fewer than 500 employees. Additional requirements apply. Please contact the ARB’s Commercial Harbor Craft Hotline at (888) 442-7238 or email harborcraft@arb.ca.gov for more information.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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