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Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board approves \$2.7 Million in Clean Air Grants

(Ventura, CA) On September 9, 2015, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board approved \$2.7 Million in Clean Air Grants under the Carl Moyer Program. These 45 grants will reduce annual emissions of smog forming emissions by nearly 36 tons and will reduce annual emissions of toxic diesel particulate matter by 1.7 tons. Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, will be reduced by 318 metric tons annually. The grants will help pay for 26 new lower emission farm tractors, new lower emission engines for 5 commercial fishing vessels, and the repower of 45 agriculture water pumps.

According to Mike Villegas, Executive Officer of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, "This grant program is protecting public health while assisting the local agricultural and business community. The program has recently been accounting for approximately one-fifth of all emission reductions achieved in Ventura County. These efforts are critical to efforts to attain federal and state air quality standards in Ventura County. Further, the cost-effectiveness of the emission reductions being achieved is quite good."

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This is the sixteenth year the District has administered the grant program. In total, the program has replaced 906 older high-emitting diesel engines with new low emission engines.

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