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## GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CLEAN UP DIESEL ENGINES THROUGHOUT SLO COUNTY

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA:** – At its January 25th meeting, the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Board approved \$524,102 to help local businesses and residents clean up: old tractors, agricultural irrigation engines, construction equipment, heavy-duty trucks and light duty cars and pick-ups. The APCD is currently seeking project applications. Funding for these emission reduction projects comes from state allocated Carl Moyer Grant funds and locally generated DMV registration funds (AB 923).

Specific funding is available for the following eligible emission reduction project categories within SLO County:

- \$454,102 for replacement, repowering and retrofitting of heavy duty off-road construction
  and agricultural tractors and irrigation engines and for replacement of heavy duty on-road
  trucks;
- \$70,000 for the light-duty vehicle, old-car buyback program; and,
- Additionally, \$165,000 was made available to replace a public school bus in San Luis Obispo County.

## Application forms and more information can be found online at

**SLOCleanAir.org/programs/grants or call (805) 781-5912.** Grant funds for heavy-duty replacement projects will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying projects based on the dates when APCD deems the submitted applications to be complete. Car scrap projects are managed by a third party; call 1-800-717-7624 for more information.

Since 1997, the APCD has expended \$20.3 million dollars in SLO County emission reduction grant programs resulting in over 2,758 tons of ozone precursor and toxic diesel emission reductions. The emission reduction projects funded with the above listed program revenues will infuse dollars into local communities and create work that enhances the local economy. In addition, funds will assist applicants in specific funding categories to meet early emission reduction requirements and help provide cleaner air for all to enjoy.

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