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**New Grant Programs Replace Old Tractors, Construction
Equipment and Heavy-Duty Trucks**

Two new grant programs have been launched by the Air Pollution Control District of San Luis Obispo County (APCD) that will provide over \$760,000 to local businesses to clean up old tractors, construction equipment and heavy-duty trucks. The Equipment Replacement Program and Fleet Modernization Program, enable the APCD to partner with a local network of equipment dealers, scrap yards and businesses to replace old, dirty agricultural tractors, off-road equipment and on-road diesel trucks. Through these programs, APCD will pick up as much as 80% of the tab for tractors and off-road equipment and up to \$60,000 for on-road trucks – while simultaneously helping local businesses get into new equipment!

The first project completed through the Equipment Replacement Program was the replacement of an old Caterpillar Challenger agricultural tractor by Darway Brothers Farms in San Luis Obispo. By replacing the old Tier 1 tractor with a clean-burning Tier 3 tractor, Darway Brothers Farm was successful in reducing smog forming pollution by approximately 35% and diesel soot by 81%. With the assistance of the local dealership network, fleet operators are guided through the grant process to determine what funds are available to assist with the purchase of clean emitting equipment prior to any State regulated cleanup schedules. Over the past two years the Fleet Modernization program was in operation and replaced six on-road trucks from local business; however, the dealership network was located outside of SLO County. Launch of this year's Fleet Modernization Program enabled APCD the possibility to work with local dealers who will reach out to their clients to increase awareness and implementation of emission reducing grant projects.

Grant projects, such as the Equipment Replacement Program and Fleet Modernization Program, provide the APCD with the opportunity to reduce emissions from mobile sources by helping local companies significantly reduce their cost of upgrading to new, clean emitting equipment. Grant funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis for these two programs as well as other APCD grant programs that repower construction equipment or replace/electrify old agricultural irrigation engines. Grant applications are available on the APCD website at www.slocleanair.org/programs/moyer.php or call 805-781-5912.

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From left to right in the picture is Earl Rakestraw, Quinn Company; Meghan Field, APCD; Chuck Darway, Darway Brothers Farms; Vince Kirkhuff, APCD