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CLIMATE PROTECTION CURRICULUM SHARED WITH SLO COUNTY SCHOOLS

San Luis Obispo, CA — On Tuesday, February 15, 2011 twenty San Luis Obispo County educators will attend a teacher training to learn how to implement climate change curriculum into their lesson plans. The curriculum is based on sixteen lessons covering greenhouse gas emissions, energy, waste, and transportation. Teachers receive the initial training, climate toolkit, access to ongoing support, assistance from a college intern, and a stipend after teaching the lessons.

The program has been made possible through a partnership between the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District, the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building, the Clarence E. Heller Foundation, and Strategic Energy Innovations (SEI). Since spring of 2010, San Luis Obispo County teachers have been teaching lessons on climate change in their classrooms.

The Climate Protection Curriculum training is part of the APCD's Board initiative adopted in 2005 to better inform the public on issues related to greenhouse gas emissions and provide resources for individual actions that can make a difference. Upon completion of this workshop, over 30 local teachers will have participated in this training opportunity and are geared to implement these resources into their on-going curriculum. SEI, the non-profit organization based in the Bay Area, has trained over 100 teachers across the state in this curriculum.

If you are a teacher for grades Kindergarten through 12 and are interested in attending, please contact Gary Arcemont with the Air Pollution Control District at 781-5743.