



air pollution control district  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

March 26, 2024

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District  
Tyler Harris, Manager – Planning, Rules and Incentives  
4567 Telephone Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Ventura, CA 93003

**RE: Letter of Intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Opportunity “Reducing Ocean-Going Vessel Speeds - Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies (BWBS)”**

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (Santa Barbara County APCD), we are providing this letter of intent in respect to the **Ocean-Going Vessel Speeds - Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies (BWBS)** implementation grant application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

The Santa Barbara County APCD appreciates the opportunity to partner on this important project. Even as far back as 1994, the District has been promoting state and federal efforts to reduce oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from the marine shipping sector. The District has adopted a wide-variety of rules and regulations to control the onshore sources of pollution within our jurisdiction, but the offshore emissions from these ships continue to grow at a rapid rate. Currently, these ships contribute approximately 66% of the NOx emissions within Santa Barbara County and are also a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. We are committed to reducing air pollution in California and ensuring that our local communities can breathe clean, healthy air. We are also committed to ensuring that the state’s most disproportionately affected populations realize emissions reductions as expeditiously as possible.

Santa Barbara County APCD agrees to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, which states that the project partners agree to fulfill their respective roles and responsibilities to successfully implement the greenhouse gas reduction measures described in the CPRG implementation application.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 979-8282 or [aag@sbcapcd.org](mailto:aag@sbcapcd.org).

Sincerely,

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Air Pollution Control Officer