

June 15, 2021

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Dear Mr. Reider:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently concluded its review of San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (District) implementation of State-sponsored incentive programs, including the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program), the Community Air Protection incentives (CAP incentives), the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program (FARMER Program), and the Proposition 1 B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Goods Movement Program). The scope of this program review included grants made in fiscal years 2011-12 through 2018-19. In addition to this review, a fiscal compliance audit (Fiscal audit) of these programs was conducted by the California Department of Finance Office of State Audits and Evaluations (Department of Finance).

CARB's program review report is enclosed. Our review confirms that the District's incentive programs are efficient and effectively achieving emissions reductions. We report no findings of District practices that are inconsistent with statute or program guidelines. However, we offer three recommendations for the Carl Moyer Program, two for CAP Incentives, and one for the FARMER Program. We have discussed these recommendations with your staff. I am pleased that the District has responded and acknowledged these recommendations, indicating the intent to review and update District's Policies and Procedures Manual, and the file documentation procedures, with additional detail and clarification for consistency.

During this review period, the District administered over \$45 million in State grants and matching funds for San Diego County and the contiguous San Diego Air Basin, reducing emissions through funding:

- 261 projects and 383 engines including marine, off-road equipment construction and off-road mobile agriculture, on-road heavy-duty and on-road Voucher Incentive Program through the Carl Moyer Program.
- 13 projects and 31 engines including diesel engine forklifts and zero-emissions forklifts, and marine projects through CAP Incentives.
- 374 heavy-duty diesel trucks, 70 diesel trucks with Level-3 retrofit devices, and 9 commercial harbor craft repowers through the Goods Movement Program.

- 58 projects including off-road agricultural equipment, zero-emission agricultural utility terrain vehicles (UTV), irrigation pumps, and on-road agricultural trucks through FARMER Program.

Under established program review guidelines, the District has 30 days from the date of this cover letter to submit a formal response, if desired, to the enclosed Program Review Report. Thereafter, we will post the report and any District response on our website along with Department of Finance's final fiscal compliance report dated February 2, 2021.

I thank you and your staff for working with CARB staff through the course of this review. The District's incentive programs contribute significant and vital air quality improvements to the San Diego Air Basin and provide opportunity to numerous grantees within the basin to cost-effectively reduce public exposure to harmful emissions.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Mr. Scott Rowland, Branch Chief, at scott.rowland@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer

Enclosure: Program Review Final Report

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