

air pollution control district santa barbara county

## VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2021 PROGRAM RESULTS

### Board of Directors Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Our Mission: To protect the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.

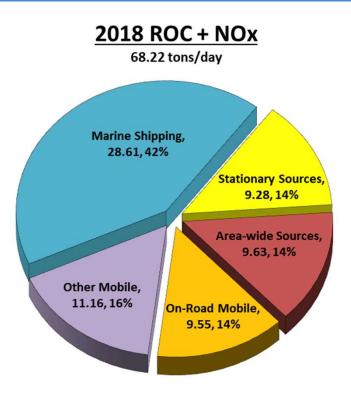
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## BACKGROUND

- Over 100 miles of coastline in Santa Barbara County
  - Offshore emissions = onshore impacts
- 2019 Ozone Plan
  - Emission inventory for Marine Shipping
  - Commitment to pursue VSR
- Near-term NOx reductions
  - Federal and International actions on engine requirements will take a long time
  - Air districts are required to plan to meet federal and state ozone standards



[Source: Draft estimates for 2022 Ozone Plan]

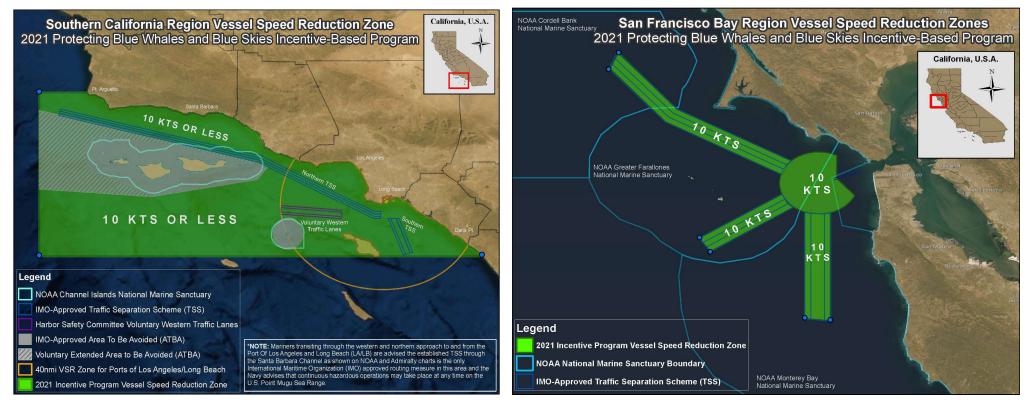
### A PARTNERSHIP FOR CLEANER AIR, SAFER WHALES, AND A QUIETER OCEAN

- Air Districts, National Marine Sanctuaries, Non-Profits, Foundations
- 2014 pilot in Santa Barbara Channel, expanded each year 2016-2021
- Financial & recognition incentives to shipping companies to slow down in VSR zones
- Benefits:
  - Significant emission reductions (NOx, GHGs, PM, Air Toxics)
  - Reduce risk of fatal ship strikes on whales
  - Reduce ocean noise





### 2021 PROGRAM - VSR ZONES



## 2021 PROGRAM - CRITERIA

- Seasonal (May to November) to coincide with high ozone levels and presence of whales
- Open to containerships and auto carrier shipping companies
- Vessels voluntarily travel at 10 knots or less
- Over \$200,000 in funding for awards and recognition
- Financial awards ranged from \$5,000 to \$50,000

### **Recognition levels**

Tiered based on % of distance traveled at 10 knots or less

Sapphire	85-100%
Gold	60-84%
Blue Sky	35-59%

## RESULTS

Company	Cooperation	Vessel	Incontivo
	Rate	Count	Incentive
MSC	93%	65	\$50,000
Swire Shipping	89%	4	\$5,000
Yang Ming	81%	19	\$12,500
Cosco	77%	33	\$12,500
Hapag-Lloyd	79%	18	\$25,000
Maersk	75%	49	\$25,000
Mol ACE	71%	31	\$12,500
NYK-RoRo	73%	39	\$12,500
CMA CGM	66%	57	\$25,000
Wallenius	66%	32	\$12,500
ONE	63%	63	\$25,000
Wan Hai	57%	43	\$0
K Line	56%	30	\$0
Evergreen	54%	29	\$0
Hyundai Glovis	54%	12	\$0



# **RESULTS (continued)**

Total Incentive Funds	\$217,500
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Incentives Accepted	\$112,500
Incentives Declined	\$105,000



Six companies generously declined their financial incentive payment and reinvested it in the 2022 program

## 2021 PROGRAM - WHALE BENEFITS



#### Fatal Ship Strike Risk

50% reduction

### <u>Ocean Noise</u>

5 decibel reduction









# 2021 PROGRAM - RECOGNITION

#### Your Shipping Choices Can Help Protect Blue Whales & Blue Skies



#### Fall 2021: Campaign Report

Number of News Stories	Est. Number of Impressions
150 +	1.2 million

Number of Sponsored Features and Advertisements	Est. Number of Impressions
28	4.2 million

### **Brand Ambassador Program**

- Highlights a company's commitment to sustainable shipping.
- Increases demand signal for VSR participants.

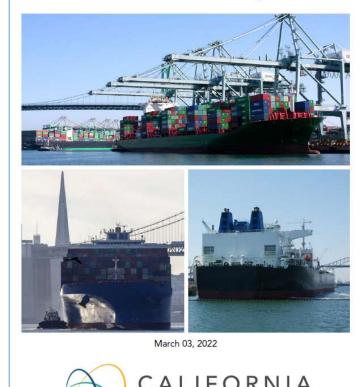


# INTERAGENCY WORK

#### **California Air Resources Board**

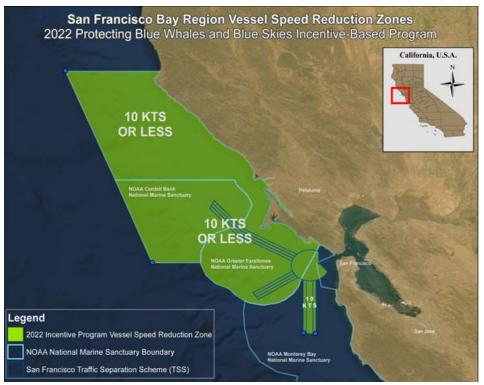
- New Ocean-Going Vessel Emission Methodology
  - Data set results in a 50% decrease in marine shipping NOx emission estimates within Santa Barbara County waters.
- 2020 Mobile Source Strategy:
  - Near-term: require cleaner vessels visiting ports
  - Long-term: stricter federal and international engine emission standards
  - Evaluating incentive or regulatory measures that achieve slower vessel speeds within Regulated California Waters (24 nautical miles from shore)

#### 2021 California Ocean-Going Vessels Emissions Inventory



## 2022 PROGRAM

- Extended Season: May 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022
- Expanded Vessel Types: Added bulk and general cargo
- Expanded Region: Covers additional marine sanctuary waters in San Francisco Bay Region
- Nearly \$300,000 of incentive & recognition funds, from CARB Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)
  - Managed by Ventura County APCD
  - District receives compensation for staff time
- New SEP application submitted for additional program funding for 2023 & beyond



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