FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET



Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26

Budget Hearing May 15, 2025

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

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Major Accomplishments for FY 2024-25

Rule 210 Implementation

- > Database changes, staff training, outreach to permitted sources
- > Developed in-house cost-recovery tool to meet Board policy
- Completed the remodel of 1011 McCoy (Santa Maria)
- Reviewed & approved Smoke Management Plans for 13 prescribed burns, totally 664 acres
- Completed redesign of online Permitted Facility Map
- Performance Numbers in CY 2024:
 - 571 permitting actions 456 Inspections Responded to 271 air pollution Responded to 96 complaints PRA requests
- Executed \$3.75 million in clean air grant contracts
 - > 35 Clean Air Grant projects that became operational in FY 2024-25

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Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Overview

- Balanced budget
- FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget \$13,254,310
 - > Overall budget decrease of 6.8% (\$964,420)
 - Due to new Santa Maria office being completed in FY 24-25
- Operating budget \$9,541,033
- FY 2025-26 Staffing: 34 FTE

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Key Factors Affecting This Year's Budget

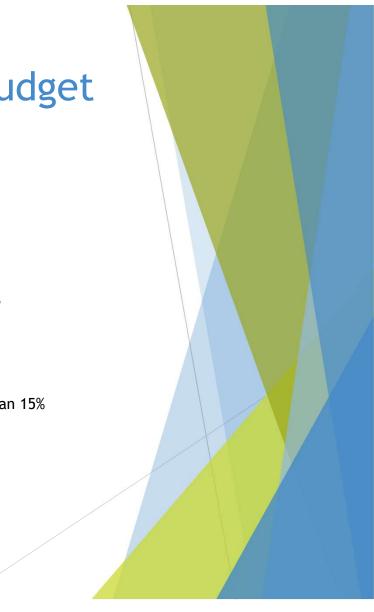
On-going Pass-Through Grant Fund Revenue

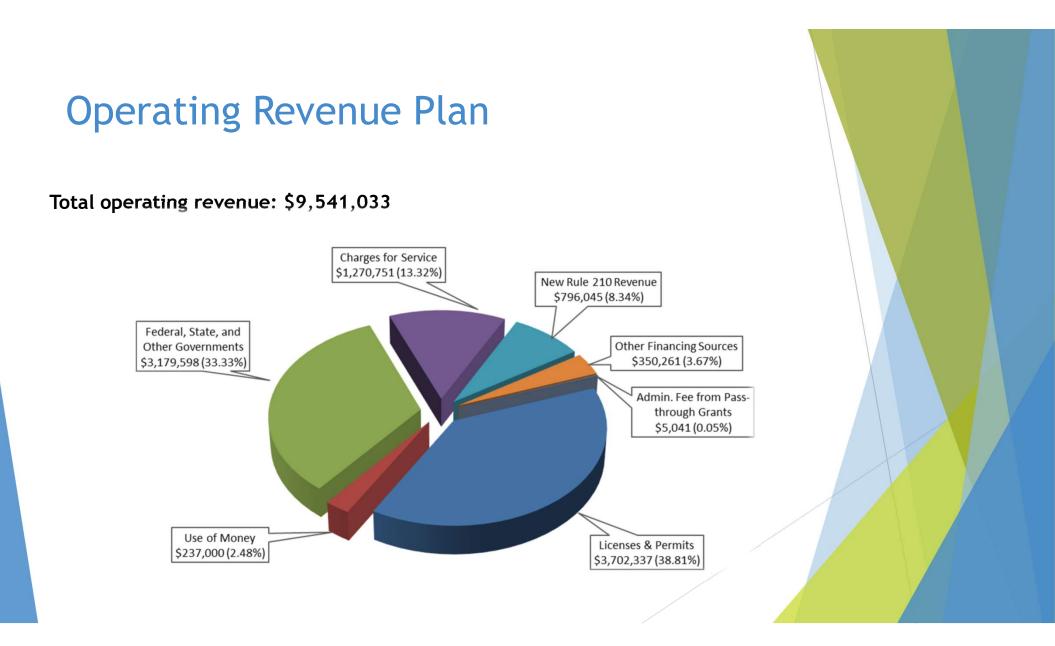
- > \$3.3 million for local voluntary emission reduction projects:
 - \$405,041 in administrative funds to implement grant projects

Fee Revenues

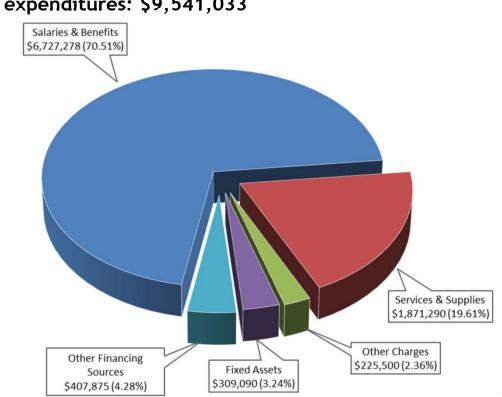
- > Incorporated proposed Rule 210 changes & April to April CPI increase
 - Cost-recovery based on proposed Rule 210 changes
 - Annual adjustment for Consumer Price Index at 3.8%
 - Per California Health & Safety Code the District can not increase fees more than 15%



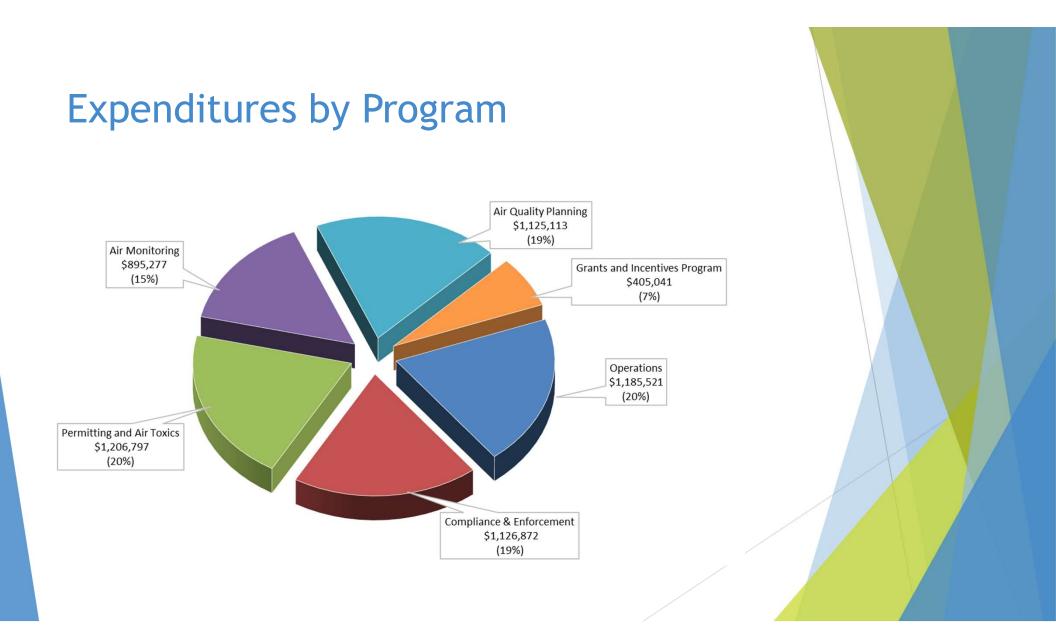




Operating Expenditure Characterization



Total operating expenditures: \$9,541,033



FY 2025-26 Key Goals & Objectives

- Prepare a triennial update to the Clean Air Plan, which will demonstrate progress and commitments to achieve attainment of the state ozone standard
- Continue to implement Community Air Protection Program to expand awareness of the District's programs and enhance interagency coordination
- Initiate a special study of particulate matter in the Santa Maria Valley utilizing grant funding from USEPA
- In coordination with schools and community-based organization, implement \$325,000 in District Clean Air Fund projects that benefit air quality in Lompoc
- Expand use of low-cost sensors to schools and strategic areas of the County
- Evaluate and plan for an overhaul, or replacement, of our existing Integrated Database System (IDS) programs
- Develop and present for adoption updates to District Rule 1002 for asbestos
- Install EV charging stations at the Santa Maria office for staff and public use

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