

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** District Community Advisory Council

**From:** Dave Van Mullem (961-8853)

**Subject:** New Initiatives Addressing Marine Shipping Emissions

**Date:** March 12, 2014

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As outlined in the District's *Clean Air Plan*, marine shipping emissions threaten the ability of Santa Barbara County to make progress towards attainment of the state ozone standard. At this upcoming CAC meeting, District staff and community partners will highlight early-2014 milestones in collaborative efforts to reduce shipping emissions and address whale protection in the Santa Barbara Channel.

In 2012 we began a process to reach out to gather information and develop partnerships. We contacted shipping companies, international, national, state and local air and environmental agencies, the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland, shipping emissions specialists, whale researchers, environmental organizations, economists, and more. We also formed the Marine Shipping Solutions Group and hosted several meetings featuring speakers providing a range of information on marine shipping and air pollution. As we have moved forward in this area, we have received support from multiple agencies and companies, including Maersk Line, the world's largest container shipping company, and a leader in environmental initiatives. In February 2014 we co-presented on the topic of reducing marine shipping emissions with Lee Kindberg of Maersk Line at the NACAA-EPA 2014 National Air Quality Conference. (NACAA is the National Association of Clean Air Agencies.) All the meetings noted above have resulted in a healthy exchange of stakeholders' viewpoints, and have strengthened partnerships to help further our clean air objectives.

At the upcoming CAC meeting, District staff will be joined by partners from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and the Environmental Defense Center to discuss our latest endeavors, including:

- 1) Development of a vessel speed reduction incentive trial in the Channel, and
- 2) Participation in a multi-stakeholder Workgroup established in January 2014 under the umbrella of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.

PowerPoint slides are attached; there will be adequate time to address questions.