

**AGENDA:** September 2, 2004

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director  
**RE:** FY 2004/05 AB2766 Grants Awarded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Each year the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) distributes motor vehicle registration fee revenues to cost-effective, air quality improving projects through the AB2766 Emissions Reduction Grant program. At its August 18, 2004 meeting, the Air District awarded approximately \$1.3 million in AB2766 grants to 19 projects in San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. Seven of these projects, totaling \$493,131, address air quality in Santa Cruz County.

The approved project list ([Attachment 1](#)) includes the Main St. Ped/Bike Path in the City of Watsonville (\$18,800), County of Santa Cruz Agriculture Commission Engine Conversions (\$180,000), County of Santa Cruz Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Station Upgrade (\$30,000), County of Santa Cruz Courtroom Relocations to Watsonville (\$200,000), San Lorenzo Valley Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Costs (\$4,200), CNG/Gasoline Vanpools from Watsonville for UC Santa Cruz, and a County-Wide Emergency Ride Home program (\$18,820). The Regional Transportation Commission approved sponsorship of the Emergency Ride Home grant application, submitted to the Air District by the Santa Cruz Transportation Management Association, at its June 2004 meeting.

Santa Cruz County projects that were not approved for funding this cycle include a City of Santa Cruz vanpool; a CNG shuttle for UCSC commuters; a bike/ped path in the County of Santa Cruz and bike lanes in the City of Santa Cruz; school buses for the San Lorenzo Valley and Pajaro Valley school districts; and City of Santa Cruz and SCMTD transit service.

## **SUMMARY**

The list of FY04-05 AB2766 grants is attached.

Attachment 1: FY 2004/05 Grant Awards

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County of Santa Cruz	Install card-lock public access fueling system at County's Ocean Ave. CNG station	\$30,000
County of Santa Cruz	Relocate 4 S.C. Courtrooms to Watsonville	\$200,000
County of Santa Cruz - Ag. Comm.	Repower off-road vehicular diesel equipment with cleaner new engines.	\$180,000
SCCRTC	Offer up to \$8,250 toward free rides home to eligible commuters using alternative travel modes.	\$18,250
UCSC	Purchase CNG/ Gasoline dual-fuel 12 pass. vans for UCSC-Watsonville Vanpools.	\$41,881