

AGENDA: October 4, 2007

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: FY 2007/08 AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program Awards by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) approves grants to qualifying projects from its AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program. The funds are generated from a \$4 fee on vehicle registrations and qualifying projects must demonstrate that they will contribute to auto emission reductions and help improve air quality.

The Regional Transportation Commission did not submit or sponsor any applications for this year's grant cycle.

DISCUSSION

At its September 19, 2007 meeting, the Air District awarded \$1,538,724 in AB2766 grants to thirty-two of this year's thirty-eight AB2766 applications in San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. Eleven projects, totaling \$513,683, specifically address air quality in Santa Cruz County while an additional two projects, totaling \$267,000 address multi-county air quality.

The approved project list ([Attachment 1](#)) includes the following projects:

- Cabrillo College Transportation Demand Management Program (\$25,250);
- City of Capitola Police Department – Replace Gas Patrol Car with NEV (\$8,133);
- City of Santa Cruz – City Ethanol Fueling Station (\$170,000);
- Pajaro Valley Unified School District – Repower 3 Crown School Buses (\$163,206);
- Santa Cruz County General Services Dept. – Replace 3 Gasoline Cars with CNG Cars (\$3,591)
- Santa Cruz County General Services Dept. – Purchase 2 Electric Bicycles (\$1,500);
- Santa Cruz County General Services Dept. – Install Lockers for Bike/Pedestrian

- Commuters (\$12,003);
- Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency – Bike to School Expansion II (\$62,125)
 - Santa Cruz County Public Works – Study of Vehicular CHG Emissions (\$10,000)
 - Santa Cruz County Public Works – Replace Gasoline Truck with Hybrid Car (\$7,875)
 - UC Santa Cruz – Purchase 2 Vanpool Vans (\$50,000)

The approved multi-county list (Attachment 1) includes the following projects:

- Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner - Tri-County Agricultural Equipment Replacement (\$167,000);
- Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner – Tri-County Strategic Plan for Farming Vehicle Modernization (\$100,000).

SUMMARY

The list of FY 07-08 AB2766 grants awarded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District is attached. The Air District allocated a total of \$1.5 million, of which \$513,683 was to specifically address air quality in Santa Cruz County while an additional \$267,000 was allocated for multi-county projects.

Attachment 1: FY 2007/08 AB2766 Grant Awards