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Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, PO Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Support for Use of Cap-and-Trade Auction Funds for a Vessel Speed Reduction Incentive Program along the California Coast

Dear Chair Nichols and California Air Resources Board Members:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) Board of Directors supports the use of Cap-and-Trade auction revenues for development and implementation of a Vessel Speed Reduction Incentive Program along the California coast to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The program would be modeled after the existing successful program at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. It aligns with investment plan objectives to reduce GHG emissions from transportation, and would achieve reductions within the three-year plan horizon. The program would also result in significant air quality and public health co-benefits by reducing particulates, air toxics, and smog-forming pollutants. Additional benefits include economic benefits from furthering progress of coastal air districts like ours towards meeting air quality standards, and enhanced protection for endangered whale species.

We believe you have a unique opportunity here to meet GHG-reduction targets under AB 32 and AB 1532 and at the same time produce a number of other significant benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.



Chair, Air Pollution Control District Board