Offsets Presentation

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Air Pollution Control District

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Overview

- Last Meeting
- Staff Report Update
- Next Steps
- New Options
- Recommendations



Last Meeting

- Discussed Offsets Workgroup Options
- Analysis Results: Not Feasible
- Return in March to Discuss Next Steps



Staff Report Update

New Tables Added to the Report:

- Table 3: Sources Subject to Offsets
- Table 4: Sources w/in 25% of Daily Offset Threshold
- Table 5: Sources w/in 25% of Annual Offset Threshold
- Table 6: Sources with a Potential to Emit over 25 tons per year



Next Steps

- No easy solution can resolve the issues of availability and cost
- Our goal is to meet H&SC 40918 mandate for a No Net Emissions permitting program
- We have a state-approved Alternative Approach
- Consider new options to achieve the No Net Emissions requirement and to address specific local concerns
- Modify draft Clean Air Plan



New Options

- Expand trading zones to include Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties
- Add an offsets exemption for Essential Public Services
- 3. Add an electrical Peaking Power Plant offsets exemption provision
- Add an Equipment Replacement offsets exemption if Best Available Control Technology is applied



New Options (cont'd)

- 5. Revise the Offset Threshold to the State Mandated Value
- 6. Revise the Offset Zones/Trading Ratios
- 7. Create a Local Source Registry Rule for Banking GHG Credits



Recommendations

- A. Receive staff's analysis on the Offsets Workgroup options {completed 2/20/14}; and
- B. Direct the Control Officer to proceed with public workshops and Community Advisory Council (CAC) meetings in order to develop rule revisions to address the offsets issue.



Questions?



