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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Douglas W. Allard, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Resolutions Celebrating Earth Day 2004 and Clean Air Month 2004

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution proclaiming April 18, 2004 as Earth Day 2004, May, 2004 as Clean Air Month, and May 15-23, 2004 as Bike Week 2004, affirming the APCD's commitment to support community-related activities that result in cleaner air.

DISCUSSION:

APCD staff will participate in a number of Earth Day events around the county, including a Goleta event scheduled for March 20, and a Santa Barbara event scheduled for April 18.

Also in April we will launch a new "Don't Top Off" campaign to educate the public why 'topping off your tank' is harmful to people, the environment, damages the vapor recovery equipment at the gas pump, and wastes money. This new campaign is funded with federal EPA Supplemental Grant Funds.

The Month of May is celebrated nationally by the American Lung Association as Clean Air Month, and Bike Week will be celebrated in Santa Barbara County May 15-23, 2004. Events include Bike to School Day on May 18 (celebrated at a number of schools in the county), and Bike to Work Day on May 19. Additional Bike Week activities and events may be scheduled. The APCD continues to support these events as a way to help residents discover bicycling as a viable and enjoyable transportation choice in Santa Barbara County.

**Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District Board**

Resolution

**Earth Day 2004
April 18, 2004**

**Clean Air Month
May 2004**

**Bike Week 2004
May 15-23, 2004**

Whereas, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District takes great pride in improving air quality and the natural beauty of its county and in supporting a clean and safe environment; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District's mission is to protect the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution; and

Whereas, April 18, 2004 marks Earth Day celebration in our county; and

Whereas, the American Lung Association has declared the month of May as Clean Air Month; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District recognizes bicycle commuting as an effective means to conserve energy and reduce air pollution; and

Whereas, Santa Barbara County's temperate climate makes bicycle commuting an option for many residents year round.

Therefore, be it resolved that April 18, 2004 is recognized as Earth Day, the month of May, 2004 is Clean Air Month, and May 15-23, 2004 is Bike Week 2004. The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District does hereby confirm our commitment to ensuring clean air for the citizens of Santa Barbara County and to promoting alternate forms of transportation. We challenge every resident to actively participate in efforts to improve and protect the quality of the air we breathe.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

Cynthia Brock, Chair

Date: _____

APCD Resolution No. _____