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Mr. Douglas Quetin  
Monterey Bay Unified Air  
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Monterey, CA 93940

RE: AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program – County of Santa Cruz Proposal, Carbon Inventory of Mobile Emissions

Dear Mr. Quetin:

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) supports the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works' proposal to develop a template for conducting an inventory of mobile-source carbon dioxide emissions.

- Given the urgency of climate change, it is imperative that communities share tools aimed at mitigating its impact. The MRWMD's member agencies, including the County of Monterey, and the Cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Marina Monterey, Sand City, Seaside, Pacific Grove, and the Pebble Beach Community Services District will greatly benefit from the template developed as part of Santa Cruz County's mobile-source carbon emissions inventory. Not only would it preclude duplicating efforts by this and other Counties, it would also accelerate the establishment of a carbon footprint for the entire region.

A well-defined template is needed to begin the work of accounting for and curbing greenhouse gas emissions. Since transportation represents the largest source of GHG emissions, we must start there. The MRWMD endorses Santa Cruz County's proposal to conduct an inventory of vehicular carbon dioxide emissions and offer a template based on its results.

Sincerely,

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cc: Paul Yoder, Legislative Advocate, SWANA California Chapters  
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