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### Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

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#### **City of Barstow Receives More Than \$20K For New Equipment**

New Skip Loader to Significantly Reduce Emissions

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BARSTOW — The City of Barstow is saving money as well as reducing emissions after taking advantage of grant funds from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) for a new piece of equipment that will be much easier on the air.

A new case skip loader purchased by the City for operation at its wastewater treatment facility will reduce emissions by more than 80 percent compared to the equipment previously used. For the city's contribution to the environment, MDAQMD is covering 23 percent of the \$90,000 price tag with Carl Moyer grant funds. The Carl Moyer Program seeks to improve the quality of the air in the High Desert by funding local, cost-effective projects to upgrade heavy-duty diesel equipment using proven technologies and procedures that reduce emissions.

"Diesel exhaust is a serious public health risk, considered the No. 1 airborne carcinogen in California, responsible for 70 percent of the cancer risk in CA from toxic air contaminants, and a major contributor to lung and heart problems," said Jorge Camacho, MDAQMD's Grant Specialist. "It's great that Plant Manager Kody Tompkins reached out to learn how to take advantage of the program."

Since the MDAQMD began its participation in the program, the District has awarded more than \$13 million to eligible projects. The Carl Moyer Program is continually open until funding is depleted.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries.

#### **Check Presentation**

**What:** Check presentation to City of Barstow on behalf of MDAQMD

**When:** Tuesday, July 17: 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**Where:** Barstow City Hall, 220 E. Mountain View St., Suite A, Barstow, CA 92311

**Who:** Barstow City Leaders, Barstow Chamber of Commerce Members, MDAQMD Representatives

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