



Legislation Text

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lake County Air Quality Management District, Board of Directors

FROM: Douglas Gearhart
Air Pollution Control Officer

DATE: June 26, 2018

SUBJECT: (Sitting as LCAQMD, Board of Directors): Adopt Resolution authorizing participation in AB617 Community Air Protection Program, and authorizing the APCO to sign and execute the Grant Agreement and all program documents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The passage of AB617 Community Air Protection Program occurred in 2017, and AB 109 in 2017 provided funding to implement the program. Funds are appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Significant funds are going to other parts of the state where significant community impacts occur and large populations are exposed to significant air pollution. The Lake County AQMD will receive a small portion of funds to do some emissions inventory work or community monitoring work.

The AB617 program is an overly paper heavy and legalistic process to implement and administer due to the funding source and reporting requirements of the State. The program is setup as a reimbursement program, but we may be able to obtain advance funding for some work. We would like to take these funds and utilize them to purchase small particulate monitors and meteorological stations for every school campus in the County. This would be utilized as a wildfire smoke monitoring network for us and the schools to utilize for making health decisions for students and the community as well as the educational benefit of providing the schools active monitoring onsite which they can use for science classes and general parent/student information during emergency events.

We have the request into the state to utilize the funds for air monitoring, but have not received a definite answer. The State is working on monitoring guidelines, which would include this type of work, but until it is final we are unlikely to receive an answer. If funds cannot be utilized for this project, we can utilize them for other inventory work.

Attached is the grant agreement and provisions. The grant agreement does require significant reporting and documentation requirements which do not work well for us as we do not have

dedicated staff for this program. ARB staff has stated they will provide flexibility on the grant requirements, but to minimize our risk for loss of the funds, we recommend sending a signing statement with the grant agreement noting the agreed upon requirements and flexibility allowed by ARB staff. We will work with District Council to complete this letter prior to sending the signed MOU to the ARB.

FISCAL IMPACT: ___ None ☒ Budgeted ___ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): Potentially Significant, We will evaluate during this first year

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution authorizing participation in AB617 Community Air Protection Program, and authorizing the APCO to sign and execute the Grant Agreement and all program documents