



## Legislation Text

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### Memorandum

**Date:** March 24, 2020

**To:** The Honorable Moke Simon, Chair, LCAQMD Board of Directors

**From:** Douglas Gearhart, APCO

**Subject:** Authorize the APCO to sign and submit the Grant Agreement between the District and CARB for the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, operate a woodstove changeout program, and sign all other program documents.

**Executive Summary:** The Woodsmoke Reduction Program (WRP) was established in FY 2016/2017 with funds appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for a statewide program replacing uncertified inefficient wood burning devices with cleaner burning and more efficient devices, resulting in greenhouse gas reductions with a co-benefit of reducing particulate and toxic pollutants.

The WRP is an overly paper heavy and legalistic process to implement and administer due to the funding source and reporting requirements of the State. During the first year of implementation the District received \$202,500 in project funds and completed 52 woodstove change outs. Nearly all change outs were wood to wood, but they went from uncertified woodstoves to certified woodstoves. Approximately 30% of the new woodstoves met the 2020 standard for emissions and efficiency. Several stoves changed from wood to propane fueled as well.

The program is designed to help low income and environmental justice (EJ) areas. Under the state definition, we do not have any EJ areas, but we do have low income. As such our program policies and procedures provides maximum incentive to low income individuals and areas. For these we have set an initial voucher maximum of \$5,000 for low income households. All applicants in low income communities can qualify for a voucher of \$2,500, and all other qualified applicants can qualify for \$1,000. The program guidelines includes a goal of directing 75% of funds to low income areas. This funding cycle the District is only anticipating receiving \$87,647.06 for projects, but this could change depending on the level of funds underutilized statewide. District staff will continue to pursue additional funds to be directed to Lake County.

The District had two local installers during the first year of the program. We hope to keep at least 2 installers in the program, and will add others as we can when they meet all state program requirements.

Attached is the Year 2 program workplan developed to comply with state guidelines. If the Board

wishes us to continue to accept this program, we will be submitting these with the signed Grant Agreement to begin implementation of year 2 of the program.

**If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:**

Estimated Cost: 87,647.06\_\_ Amount Budgeted: 87,647.06\_\_ Additional Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Future Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan** (check all that apply):

☐ Not applicable

☒ Well-being of Residents

☐ Public Safety

☐ Infrastructure

☐ *Technology Upgrades*

☒ Economic Development

☐ Disaster Recovery

☐ County Workforce

☐ *Revenue Generation*

☐ Community Collaboration

☐ Business Process Efficiency

☐ Clear Lake

☐ *Cost Savings*

**If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:**

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

**Recommended Action:** That the Board of Directors authorize the APCO to sign and submit the Grant Agreement between the District and CARB for the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, operate a woodstove changeout program, and sign all other program documents.