

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, 9:00 AM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH CHAMBER
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

- A. Roll Call
- B. Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.
- C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2017.

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Agenda Items

- | Agenda # | Subject |
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| 1. | APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1B GOODS
MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS
[FUNDING SOURCE: PROPOSITION 1B GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION
REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS FROM CARB]
(4 VOTES) |

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**1. SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1B GOODS
MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On-road heavy-duty trucks and other diesel-powered equipment used in freight transportation emit significant amounts of air pollution that is linked to serious health problems including lung cancer and heart disease. Older diesel engines typically operate for 20 or more years and are expensive to replace. Consequently, they will continue to adversely impact air quality and public health for many years unless their owners have an incentive to replace them with new, cleaner equipment, sooner than is required by state law.

California's Proposition 1B, Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (GMERP), was approved by the voters in 2006 to reduce emissions from goods movement in California's busiest trade corridors. It is implemented in the San Diego region through a partnership between the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District). It provides incentive funding (grants) to businesses and public agencies to replace their older equipment with cleaner-than-required heavy-duty trucks and other diesel-powered equipment involved in goods movement activities. Providing grant funding to reduce their emissions helps local businesses upgrade equipment while removing harmful pollutants from the air. CARB has determined that each \$1 invested in such projects provides \$30 in cost savings from avoided health impacts.

Since 2008, the District has allocated \$22.6 million in GMERP funds to help replace or upgrade more than 500 trucks and eliminate hundreds of tons of harmful air pollutants. Today's request is to approve a Recommended Funding Allocation Plan (Plan) in the amount of \$3.2 million for the recommended emission reduction projects. If approved, the District will execute grant agreements pursuant to state guidelines to help fund the replacement of 24 diesel trucks listed in the Plan with new, cleaner trucks fueled by natural gas or electric batteries.

This action would also increase appropriations in the program by \$8,240,444 to fund both the 24 projects in the Plan and 101 projects previously approved on May 11, 2016 (AP03) and January 25, 2017 (AP02). Funding had not been appropriated for these previously approved projects because they were awaiting the availability of advanced, very low emission engines that the program now requires.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

1. Find that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and that this action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3).
2. In accordance with Air Pollution Control Board Resolution No. 12-016 and California Health and Safety Code Section 40701(f), authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute grant agreements for eligible projects as included in the Recommended Funding Allocation Plan (Attachment A) pursuant to state guidelines, and to amend the agreements as needed to reflect changes to projects and funding.

3. Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to substitute the most cost-effective eligible project from the Recommended Funding Allocation Plan backup list to replace any approved project that may become ineligible, or withdrawn from the program, or otherwise cannot be implemented in a timely manner.
4. Establish appropriations of \$8,240,444 in the Air Quality Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Fund, Other Charges, based on unanticipated additional Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program grant revenue pursuant to state guidelines.

(4 VOTES)

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operational Plan for the Air Quality Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Fund. If approved, this request will result in additional costs and revenue of up to \$8,240,044. The funding source is the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program funds from CARB. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Applicants that are found eligible and awarded funding under the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program will benefit by receiving new, cleaner equipment at a reduced cost.