

August 3, 2016

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

***AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING***

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

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MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH CHAMBER
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 310, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Members Ron Roberts, Chairman; Dianne Jacob, Vice Chairwoman; Greg Cox; Dave Roberts; Bill Horn; also, Andrew Potter, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

Air Pollution Agenda Items

Agenda # Subject

1. AWARD OF FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUS COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS TANK REPLACEMENT AND FUELING UPGRADE PROJECTS
 [FUNDING SOURCES: AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND AND THE AIR QUALITY POWER GENERATION MITIGATION FUND]

AP1. SUBJECT: AWARD OF FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUS COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS TANK REPLACEMENT AND FUELING UPGRADE PROJECTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW:

Older diesel-fueled school buses emit high levels of diesel particulate matter, a known carcinogen that poses a substantial health risk to the public, especially children. Over the past 20 years many schools in the county have reduced this health risk by replacing diesel school buses with cleaner-burning compressed natural gas (CNG)-fueled school buses. Currently there are 127 CNG school buses operating in the county. However, while most of these CNG school buses have a service life of up to 30 years, their onboard CNG tanks expire and may no longer be used after 15 years. If their expired onboard CNG tank is not replaced, then these otherwise usable and clean burning CNG school buses must be grounded pursuant to federal regulation.

To ensure the CNG school buses remain on the road serving the region's school children and providing air quality benefits, the Board previously established a school bus CNG tank replacement incentive program (October 31, 2012, APCB 01). Eligibility is limited to public school districts in the county and applies to CNG school buses with onboard fuel tanks older than 14 years. Up to \$20,000 per eligible CNG tank replacement is provided, which is expected to cover most or all costs. Grantees are responsible for any costs over \$20,000 per bus.

This is a request to approve the Recommended Spending Plan (Attachment A) in the amount of \$830,000 for recommended school bus CNG tank replacement projects. If approved, \$780,000 would fund the replacement of CNG tanks on 39 school buses, which were identified as expired or expiring during a recent survey conducted by staff. These 39 CNG school buses serve students in the Chula Vista, Coronado, La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway, San Marcos, South Bay, and Vista school districts. The balance of \$50,000 would support repair of a 26-year old CNG fueling station at one school facility in Vista, in order to continue serving the CNG bus fleet.

If approved, grant recipients will be required to execute a contract with the Air Pollution Control District and must commit to continue operating the CNG school buses in the county. Accordingly, this is also a request to authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute grant agreements for approved projects, and to amend the agreements as needed to reflect changes to projects and funding. All projects will be completed by June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operational Plan in the Air Pollution Control District. If approved, this request will result in current year costs and revenue of \$830,000 for emission reduction projects. The funding sources are the Air Quality Improvement Trust Fund (\$681,077) and the Air Quality Power Generation Mitigation Fund (\$148,923). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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. Approve the Recommended Spending Plan for the Tank Replacement Incentive Program included as Attachment A.
3. Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute grant agreements for approved projects pursuant to the Tank Replacement Incentive Program, and to amend the agreements as needed to reflect changes to projects and funding.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Member Horn, seconded by Member Cox, the Air Pollution Control Board of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

DAVID HALL

Clerk of the Air Pollution Control Board
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

Notes by: Miller

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Members of the Board, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.



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RON ROBERTS
Chairman

Attest:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hall", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Board