

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2024

AGENDA NO. 5

PROPOSAL: Recognize Funds, Execute Agreements for School Air Filtration Systems in Environmental Justice Communities, and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs

SYNOPSIS: A settlement between the District Attorneys of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties and Pacifica Hosts, Inc. includes a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in which air filtration systems would be supplied to schools within Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities. South Coast AQMD has been requested to administer the SEP. Further, unspent school air filtration SEP funds of \$45,000 from a South Coast AQMD settlement with the California Attorney General previously recognized by the Board need to be reallocated to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). These actions are to:
1) recognize up to \$40,000 from the settlement between the District Attorneys and Pacifica Hosts, Inc. into Air Filtration Fund (75) to implement a school air filtration SEP; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to execute agreement(s) not to exceed \$81,000 with the LAUSD to install or maintain air filtration systems in schools within EJ Communities; and 3) reimburse the General Fund from the Air Filtration Fund (75) for administrative costs up to \$4,000 for implementing the school air filtration projects.

COMMITTEE: Technology, April 19, 2024; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Recognize up to \$40,000 from a settlement between District Attorneys in California and Pacifica Hosts, Inc., into the Air Filtration Fund (75) to implement a school air filtration Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP);
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute agreement(s) not to exceed a total amount of \$81,000 with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to install or maintain air filtration systems in schools within Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities; and

3. Reimburse the General Fund from Air Filtration Fund (75) for the administrative costs up to \$4,000 for implementing the school air filtration projects.

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Background

In December 2019, the Board approved the execution of a contract with IQAir North America, Inc. for \$45,000 from Air Filtration Fund (75) to install and maintain air filtration systems at an eligible school. These funds originated from a South Coast AQMD settlement with the California Attorney General to implement a SEP. A school was identified within LAUSD for the funds. However, due to implementation timeline issues and changes in equipment needs the contract with IQAir North America, Inc. was canceled. On July 12, 2023, District Attorneys for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties entered into a settlement with Pacifica Hosts, Inc. (Pacifica) which included \$40,000 in SEP funds for South Coast AQMD to install or maintain air filtration systems at schools in EJ communities. A total of \$81,000 from the two SEPs is available for implementing air filtration projects at LAUSD. Staff worked closely with LAUSD to identify potential schools within EJ Communities to install or maintain air filtration systems.

Proposal

These actions are to: 1) to recognize up to \$40,000 from the settlement between the District Attorneys and Pacifica to implement a school air filtration SEP; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to execute agreement(s) with LAUSD not to exceed a total amount of \$81,000 to install or maintain air filtration systems in schools in EJ Communities; and 3) reimburse the General Fund from the Air Filtration Fund (75) up to \$4,000 to cover administrative costs for implementing the school air filtration projects.

Sole Source Justification

Section VIII. B. 2 of the Procurement Policy and Procedure identifies four major provisions under which a sole source award may be justified. This request for a sole source award is made under provision B.2.c (1): The desired services are available from only the sole-source based upon the unique experience and capabilities of the proposed contractor or contractor team; and B.2.d: Other circumstances exist which in the determination of the Executive Officer requires such waiver in the best interests of South Coast AQMD. LAUSD can successfully obtain contracts and

products needed to supply replacement filters for existing LAUSD air filtration systems.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

These projects will reduce exposure to toxic pollutants and ultrafine particulate matter (PM) for children, and school staff in EJ Communities. Health studies have determined that fine and ultrafine PM, including diesel PM, present the greatest air pollution health risk to sensitive receptors in EJ Communities.

Resource Impacts

All executed agreements with LAUSD for the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at schools under the recommended actions will not exceed \$81,000 and administrative costs to implement these agreements will not exceed \$4,000. These executed agreements and administrative costs will be covered by \$45,000 in Air Filtration Fund (75) from the South Coast AQMD settlement with the California Attorney General plus \$40,000 from the Pacifica Hosts, Inc. settlement recognized into the Air Filtration Fund (75).