

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 1, 2024

AGENDA NO. 6

PROPOSAL: Adopt Resolution & Recognize Revenue for Continued AB 617 Implementation

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD was approved to receive a \$22,213,333 grant from the CARB AB 617 Community Air Protection Program. In May 2024, the Board recognized \$20,336,700 for the most recent allocation of the AB 617 implementation program funding. This action is to adopt a resolution to accept the terms and conditions of the grant and recognize an additional \$1,876,633 from CARB into the General Fund for AB 617.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 11, 2024; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution to accept the terms and conditions for the AB 617 Implementation Community Air Protection Program grant award; and
2. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, of \$1,876,633 from CARB into the General Fund for continued AB 617 implementation.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

This Board letter recognizes the remaining balance of Year 7 funding for continued implementation of the AB 617 program. Major elements of AB 617 include: accelerated BARCT rule making, community engagement and outreach, community air monitoring, development and implementation of community emissions reduction plans, coordination with co-leads, administrative costs such as translation services, transportation, in-person meeting logistics and statewide emission reporting consistency. South Coast AQMD's portion of the statewide funding for the seventh year of the AB 617 implementation program is \$22,213,333. In May 2024, the total amount was not yet known, so the

Board authorized the recognition of \$20,336,700 as part of the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget. These actions are necessary to recognize the remaining \$1,876,633 that South Coast AQMD is eligible to receive from CARB for Year 7.

Proposal

Staff is seeking Board approval to adopt a resolution to accept the terms and conditions for the AB 617 Implementation Community Air Protection Program grant award and recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$1,876,633 from CARB into the General Fund for continued AB 617 Year 7 implementation.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

The additional Year 7 funding will continue to support South Coast AQMD efforts to fulfill the legislative directives of AB 617 for implementation of Community Emission Reduction Plans and Community Air Monitoring Plans for the six designated AB 617 communities, and benefits such as rulemaking will extend to all communities throughout the Basin.

Resource Impacts

South Coast AQMD receives funding annually from CARB's Air Protection Program under the AB 617 implementation grant. This funding will provide resources for the ongoing implementation of South Coast AQMD's AB 617 program.

Attachment

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

A Resolution of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Recognizing Grant Funds and Accepting the Terms and Conditions of the FY 2023-24 Community Air Protection Program Grant Award G23-CAPP-31

WHEREAS, under Health & Safety Code § 40400 *et seq.*, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the local agency with the primary responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of air pollution control strategies, clean fuels programs and motor vehicle use reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, under Health & Safety Code § 40400 *et seq.* and Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), the South Coast AQMD is authorized to implement programs to support selecting locations for consideration by CARB under AB 617, to deploy community air monitoring systems, deploy fence-line monitoring and develop Community Emissions Reduction Plans with input from Community Steering Committees to develop and implement objectives to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants and exposure to these pollutants, and to develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted several programs to support selecting locations for CARB consideration under AB 617, deploy community air monitoring systems, deploy fence-line monitoring, develop Community Emissions Reduction Programs, and develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board, in regular session assembled on November 1, 2024, does hereby authorize the Executive Officer to accept the terms and conditions of the FY 2023-24 Community Air Protection Program G23-CAPP-31 grant award and recognize up to \$22,213,333 from CARB to support location selection for CARB consideration under AB 617, deploy community air monitoring systems, deploy fence-line monitoring, develop Community Emissions Reduction Programs, and develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out this Resolution.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DATE: _____

Faye Thomas, Clerk of the Boards