

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 7, 2025

AGENDA NO. 5

PROPOSAL: Modify Existing Contracts for AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program

SYNOPSIS: In November 2022, the Board allocated \$1,697,500 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to provide air filtration units and a three-year supply of replacement filters to residents in the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) Community under the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program. Due to recent fires within Los Angeles County, the program has received a significant increase in new applications from the ELABHWC Community. This action is to authorize the Executive Officer to modify existing contracts with vendors selected under RFP #P2023-04 to add an amount not to exceed \$2,625,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to four existing contracts to provide air filtration units and a three-year supply of replacement filters for the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Officer to modify four existing contracts with vendors to add an amount not to exceed \$2,625,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to provide residential air filters and a three-year supply of replacement filters, including adding an amount not to exceed:

- a. \$656,250 to the existing contract for IQAir Foundation;
- b. \$656,250 to the existing contract for Medify Air LLC;
- c. \$656,250 to the existing contract for Oransi LLC; and
- d. \$656,250 to the existing contract for US Air Purifiers LLC.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 was signed into state law in July 2017 and focuses on improving air quality and reducing exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution. AB 617 recognizes the disproportionate impacts overburdened communities experience from sources of air pollution near residences. It addresses these impacts through community-driven actions focused on developing and implementing community emissions reduction plans (CERPs) and community air monitoring plans (CAMPs).

In 2021, through a participatory budgeting process to allocate \$36 million for Year 3 Community Air Protection (CAP) incentive funds to AB 617 communities, the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) Community Steering Committees (CSCs) prioritized approximately \$1.6 million for residential air filtration units. The CSCs are comprised of stakeholders (e.g., residents and local community groups) with community knowledge and provide input and guidance for the implementation of the CERP and CAMP. The ELABHWC CERP includes measures to reduce residential exposure to particulate matter (PM) by installing and maintaining air filtration units.

In June 2022, CARB approved the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Project Plan that allows South Coast AQMD to allocate CAP incentive funds to provide residential air filtration units and replacement filters in the ELABHWC Community. As a result, in November of 2022 the Board approved \$1,697,500 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to provide air filtration units and a three-year supply of replacement filters to residents in the ELABHWC Community under the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program.

Proposal

Staff proposes to allocate an additional \$2,625,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to modify four existing contracts to fund an increase in applications from the ELABHWC Community to the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program due to recent fires within Los Angeles County. The program provides air filtration units and a three-year supply of replacement filters to ELABHWC residents on a first-come first-served basis. The vendors supplying the air filtration units and replacement filters were selected under RFP # P2023-04. The AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program will remain open to residents within the ELABHWC Community until these funds are exhausted.

Outreach

Staff will continue community outreach through ELABHWC CSC Meetings, community events (e.g., local community meetings, community celebrations and farmers markets), and webpage updates to the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program available at: <https://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/environmental-justice/ab617-134/community-air-protection-incentives/residential-air-filtration-incentives>.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

Health studies have determined that fine and ultrafine PM, including diesel PM, presents the most significant air pollution health risk to sensitive receptors in overburdened communities. The AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program reduced residences' exposure to diesel PM and other PM emissions in the ELABHWC Community.

Resource Impacts

Up to \$2,625,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) will be used to provide air filtration units and replacement filters to residents within ELABHWC for the Residential Air Filtration Program.