



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** April 2, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Community Services      Jesús Armas, Community Services Director  
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Contact Info: Ashley Watkins, Division Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of APCD Clean Air Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Wallace Ave (Supervisory District 1)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management; CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) for acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$70,000 for installation of one (1) electric vehicle charging station (EV Charger) at the Wallace Avenue in Summerland, California (Attachment 1); and
- b) Approve the attached Budget Revision Request (BJE No. #0009630) appropriating \$70,000 in grant revenue for electric vehicle charging stations (Attachment 2) (4/5 vote required); and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15262 and 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, finding that the activities involve only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted or funded and are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:** The purpose of this Board Letter is to accept a grant from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) in the total amount of \$70,000. This grant partially funds the procurement, construction and installation of one (1) publicly accessible curbside electric vehicle charging station on Wallace Avenue in Summerland. Additional funding will need to be identified to complete the project. If staff are unable to obtain additional funds to complete the project, the agreement will be terminated, and the award of funds will be rescinded so there is no risk to the County.

**Background:** The County currently operates 130 EV Chargers for County Fleet and public use. Of these EV chargers, just six EV chargers are direct current fast chargers (Fast Charger) capable of fully charging an electric vehicle (EV) in approximately 30 – 45 minutes. This project will be the County’s first curbside Fast Charger exclusively available for public use. The deployment of fast charging stations provide electric vehicle drivers with the confidence to travel longer distances.

Community Services seeks to install one publicly accessible curbside direct current fast charger along Wallace Avenue. This project is part of a larger streetscape improvement project led by the Public Works Department. Community Services, General Services and Public Works are collaborating to complete this project. This location was selected due to the close proximity the US 101 Highway and the already planned streetscape improvement project led by Public Works.

Staff estimate the full cost of the project, including construction and installation, to be approximately \$175,000. Staff applied for \$250,000 from the APCD Clean Air Grant program for two charging stations, but the County was awarded \$70,000 for one station. An additional \$105,000 is needed to complete this project.

To address the funding shortfall, staff will seek additional funding from California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP), Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) and the County’s Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Additionally, staff will not incur reimbursable expenses until additional funding has been secured. If staff are unable to obtain additional funds to complete the project, the agreement will be terminated, and the award of funds will be rescinded so there is no risk to the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** The total project cost for the installation of the charging station is estimated to be \$175,000. The APCD grant would cover \$70,000 of those costs. The Sustainability Division will lead efforts to identify and obtain remaining funding required to complete the project.

**Fiscal Analysis**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Current FY Cost:</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total One-Time Equipment Cost</b>
General Fund			\$ -
APCD Grant			\$ 70,000.00
Total			\$ 175,000.00
<b>Additional Funding Needed</b>			<b>\$ 105,000.00</b>

**Key Contract Risks:**

None. If staff are unable to obtain additional funds to complete the project, the agreement will be terminated, and the award of funds will be rescinded so there is no risk to the County.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None.

**Special Instructions:**

1. Please return the signed original to Garrett Wong, Community Services.
2. Upon execution by APCD a fully executed original will be directed to the Clerk of the Board for retention in the record.

**Attachments:**

1. APCD Grant Agreement
2. Budget Journal Entry (BJE No. #0009630)

**Authored by:**

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