



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 06/05/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director, 568-3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Accept Grant Funding from the California Environmental Protection Agency/Air Resources Board for the Purchase of Low Emission Construction Equipment**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- a) Concur with the grant application for \$2,091,514 with the California Environmental Protection Agency/Air Resources Board to fund the purchase and retrofit of low emission construction equipment; and
- b) Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to execute Grant Agreement No. G06-PA35 and G06-PA36 and all subsequent agreements or amendments to receive grant monies and to sign requests for disbursements of State funds associated with this Grant Agreement.

Summary Text:

New regulations to reduce toxic emissions from existing off-road diesel vehicles used in California in construction are being proposed by the California Environmental Protection Agency/Air Resources Board. Any person, business or government agency that owns or operates diesel-powered off road vehicles in California (except for agricultural purposes or at ports or intermodal railyards) with engines with maximum power of 25 horsepower (HP) or greater will be subject to the new regulations. Examples of equipment owned by Santa Barbara County that would be subject to the new regulations are loaders, backhoes, forklifts and scrapers.

The proposed regulation will be an unfunded mandate which would require fleets to apply exhaust retrofits that capture pollutants before they are admitted to the air, and to accelerate turnover of fleets to newer cleaner engines.

The Public Works Department has been approved for two Air Resources Board grants for the purchase and retrofit of low emission construction equipment. The grant is for eight (8) purchases of replacement equipment at a cost of \$2,594,435 and four (4) retrofits of current equipment at a cost of \$152,360 for a total cost of \$2,746,794. The grant is funding these purchases/retrofits in both the Transportation and Resource Recovery and Waste Management Divisions of Public Works. The required match for these costs is \$370,488 for Transportation and \$284,796 for Resource Recovery.

Background:

With the passage of the Transportation and Air Quality Bond on November 7, 2006, significant funding was made available for the replacement and retrofit of high polluting school buses. In accordance with the 2006-07 Budget Bill AB 1801, Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006, \$25 million originally allocated for the replacement of older school buses was redirected as grants to public agencies to purchase low-polluting construction equipment.

The California Air Resources Board has agreed to fund 75% of the purchase of new low emission construction equipment and 100% of qualified equipment retrofits

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 2,091,514.00		\$ 2,091,514.00
Federal			
Fees	\$ 284,796.00		\$ 284,796.00
Other: Measure D	\$ 370,484.00		\$ 370,484.00
Total	\$ 2,746,794.00	\$ -	\$ 2,746,794.00

Narrative:

The grants and associated costs were not included in the 2007-08 proposed budget. Public Works will return to the Board of Supervisors in the new fiscal year with a budget revision to appropriate the revenues and expenses.

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