

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: March 23, 2006

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Accepting Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement ("CMAQ") Grant Funding for the Regional Spare The Air Program, State Implementation Plan Development and Urban Forest Demonstration Project.

Staff recommends the Board approve the attached Resolution, which:

1. Accepts \$1,200,000 in federal CMAQ money via the State of California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") for the regional Spare The Air voluntary driving curtailment program.
2. Accepts \$625,000 in CMAQ funding for development of the 8-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan (SIP).
3. Accepts \$641,842 in CMAQ funding for the Urban Forest Demonstration Project, which will fold into the SIP.
4. Accepts funding from the El Dorado, Placer and Yolo-Solano air districts for their portion of the CMAQ grant local match requirement.
5. Commits SMAQMD funds to cover its portion of the local match funding.
6. Directs staff to submit the necessary paperwork to Caltrans to secure an "Authorization to Proceed Date" for each of the three grants.
7. Authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer ("APCO") to sign the Supplemental Agreement associated with each of the three CMAQ grants once they are developed by Caltrans.
8. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of the fully executed supplemental agreements to the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

On November 1, 2005, the SMAQMD submitted applications to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for three CMAQ grants:

1. Spare The Air – A long-standing public education, notification and voluntary driving reduction program administered by the SMAQMD on behalf of the region.
2. SIP Development – Required to be submitted to EPA prior to June 2007, the 8-hour Attainment Demonstration Plan will show how the region will meet the federal health-based air quality standard by June 15, 2013. Failure to develop the SIP on time will impact Transportation Conformity and this region's ability to implement its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
3. Urban Forest For Clean Air – Tied to the above SIP, this project will evaluate the potential to claim emission reductions for various urban forest scenarios in our region.

The SACOG Board approved the three CMAQ grant applications on January 19, 2006 and is expected to amend them into its MTIP in March or April of 2006. Since the SMAQMD is the only air district in the region with a Master Agreement in place with Caltrans to administer CMAQ funds, it is also the only air district currently authorized to enter into supplemental agreements with Caltrans for each of the three grants. The CMAQ grants will provide 88.53% of the funding for each of the grants, with the remaining 11.47% local match funding shared among the four air districts based on population. The funding for the two-year planning cycle breaks down as follows:

Fourth Spare The Air Grant						
Federal Portion (88.53%) ED: \$81,600 (EDCTC) PL: \$168,000 (PCTPA) S: \$780,000 YS: \$170,400		Local Match Total	El Dorado	Placer	Sacramento	Yolo-Solano
		(11.47%)	(6.8% of 11.47%)	(14% of 11.47%)	(65% of 11.47%)	(14.2% of 11.47%)
Totals	\$1,200,000	\$155,473	\$10,572	\$21,766	\$101,059	\$22,076

SIP Planning Grant						
Federal Portion (88.53%) ED: \$42,500 (EDCTC) PL: \$87,500 (PCTPA) S: \$406,250 YS: \$88,750		Local Match Total	El Dorado	Placer	Sacramento	Yolo-Solano
		(11.47%)	(6.8%)	(14%)	(65%)	(14.2%)
Totals	\$625,000	\$80,975	\$5,506	\$11,337	\$52,634	\$11,498

Urban Forest Grant						
Federal Portion (88.53%) ED: \$43,645 (EDCTC) PL: \$89,858 (PCTPA) S: \$417,198 YS: \$91,141		Local Match Total	El Dorado	Placer	Sacramento	Yolo-Solano
		(11.47%)	(6.8%)	(14%)	(65%)	(14.2%)
Totals	\$641,842	\$83,158	\$5,655	\$11,642	\$54,053	\$11,808

By administering the above funds on behalf of the region, the SMAQMD will need to:

- Enter into supplemental agreements with Caltrans
- Enter into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) or other financial arrangements with the other participating air districts to receive their portion of the local match funding for each grant
- Provide its own share of the local match funding.

The attached Resolution:

- Accepts CMAQ funding for the Spare The Air, SIP Development and Urban Forest grants.
- Accepts local match funding from the El Dorado, Placer and Yolo-Solano Air Districts and authorizes the APCO to enter into MOUs or other financial arrangements with these air districts on behalf of the SMAQMD.
- Commits FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008 SMAQMD funding to meet its own local match funding commitments.
- Authorizes staff to submit the necessary paperwork to Caltrans for their development of three supplemental agreements and authorizes the APCO to sign the supplemental agreements on behalf of the SMAQMD and its partnering air districts.

Respectfully submitted

Approved as to Form:

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