

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: May 25, 2006

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: **Amendment to AQMD Resolution No. 2004-017 Regarding
APCO Signature Delegation to Approve Sponsorships**

Recommendation:

1. Approve the attached resolution amending AQMD Resolution No. 2004-017 authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to approve sponsorship requests up to \$5,000, and to notify the Board in advance of any sponsorship over \$1,500.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to transmit fully executed documents to the appropriate parties.

Purpose:

The District is requesting that the Board of Directors grant the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) the authority to approve payments for sponsorships that support the air quality mission to maintain air quality standards and protect public health.

Sponsorships which support the primary goals of the District are an effective way to educate and familiarize the public with the District's air quality mission and are an opportunity for the district to actively participate in the formation and execution of such events.

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The District typically receives numerous sponsorship requests from various entities, including the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Cleaner Air Partnership, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, Breathe California of Sacramento Emigrant Trails, the Air & Waste Management Association, and Valley Vision.

Sponsorship requests typically range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Background:

In June, 2004, District staff requested that the Board of Directors grant the APCO signature authority not to exceed \$2,500, and \$25,000 per year.

The Board amended the District's request to require Board approval for any request in excess of \$1,500. In addition, the District must notify the Board at least five days in advance of sponsoring any event, and include an explanation of the air quality benefit/connection to the programs the District implements. This has been the process for the past two years.

Conclusion:

Due to the large number of sponsorship requests the District receives, staff is requesting that the APCO's signature authority for sponsorships be increased from \$1,500 to \$5,000. The current authorization amount restriction has caused the district to miss out of the planning process for several events where such planning would have benefited the district. A notification requirement would give Board members the opportunity to review sponsorships prior to executing the sponsorship. District staff will notify the Board in advance of any sponsorship in excess of \$1,500, along with an explanation of the air quality benefit. Sponsorship requests would not exceed \$25,000 per year without prior Board approval.

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This will enable the APCO to respond to requests in a more timely manner,
and alleviate the necessity of numerous requests coming before the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Approved as to form,

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District Counsel