

# SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For Agenda of: May 24, 2007

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Larry Greene  
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SUBJECT: Information Update on the SECAT program and Future Funding

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## **Recommendation**

Accept this informational update on the Sacramento Emergency Clean Air and Transportation (SECAT) Program.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this informational item is to update to the Board of Directors on the SECAT program generally, and notify it of an additional \$4 million of SECAT funds received for heavy-duty projects.

## **Background**

The SECAT program was formally created by AB 2511 (Steinberg) in 2000, which initially allocated \$50 million for the program. In addition, \$20 million from the region's share of federal transportation funds was made available bringing the total funding to \$70 million. The funds were to be allocated in four funding phases.

The SECAT program was created as a way to help truck owners and fleet operators reduce their vehicles' emissions in a business friendly manner. Because this region has serious air quality problems, a partnership was established between local and State government, truck manufacturers and businesses to address the problem of air pollution from heavy-duty diesel trucks.

Funds are managed by SACOG and are not part of the SMAQMD's budget. SMAQMD staff is responsible for administering and generating contracts to commit these funds. SMAQMD receives emission reductions for the breathers and those emission reductions help SACOG make their transportation conformity findings for its regional plans. This arrangement has worked very well over the past seven years and staff is not proposing any changes at this time.

During the first three years of the SECAT program, SMAQMD completed two of the four funding phases and spent \$35.5 million on projects. The third and fourth funding phases were pulled back from the state's budget in 2003 due to the budget crisis. The remaining \$34.5 million was reinstated in the state's 2005 - 2006 budget and approved by the California Transportation Commission; becoming available to SMAQMD last October, 2005.

Since its inception in 2000, the SECAT program has funded a total of 2,150 projects and resulted in emission reductions of 2.3 tons per day of NOx and 0.22 tons per day of PM. Typical projects have included Fleet modernization, New Vehicles, Retrofits and Engine Reflash.

### **Future Funding**

SMAQMD is in the process of completing the last phase of the current funding for the Program. SMAQMD is working with SACOG on providing a long-term funding source for the SECAT program and staff time via the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Initial efforts to continue funding will come from a \$4 million allocation for federal fiscal year 2008, beginning October 1, 2007. On April 26, 2006, SACOG's Regional Planning Partnership recommended that \$1 million of the \$4 million allocation be made available during the current federal fiscal year to keep the program continuously funded. Assuming the SACOG Board approves advancement of the funds, the \$1 million should be available this summer. The remaining \$3 million should then be available after October 1, 2007.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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