

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For the Agenda of January 24, 2008

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director

Subject: Land Use and Transportation Planning
2008 Mow Down MOU

Recommendation

Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) with Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) for \$105,000 for the 2008 Mow Down Air Pollution Program.

Purpose & Background

At the request of SMUD, project lead for the Mow Down Working Group, the SMAQMD was asked to hold \$50,000 in ARB settlement funds to be used to augment the 2008 Mow Down Program for the Sacramento area. The ARB settlement funds along with the \$50,000 of SMAQMD funds and \$5,000 from the County of Sacramento will cause the MOU total amount to exceed the signing authority of the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director. The funds authorized by this MOU, when executed, along with those contributed from the other Mow Down Working Group Partners will provide the financial support for a successful 2008 Mow Down effort.

Fiscal Impact

The total \$105,000 MOU breaks down as follows:

- \$50,000 from SMAQMD 2007-2008 budget;
- \$ 5,000 pass through via journal voucher from the County of Sacramento; and
- \$50,000 pass through from ARB settlement received August 1, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director

Reviewed by,

Kathrine Pittard
District Counsel

Attachments: Resolution
 MOU

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Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 41014 authorizes Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) to conduct public education, marketing, demonstration, monitoring, research, and evaluation programs; and

WHEREAS, SMAQMD continues to strive to reduce emissions from all sources in order to meet both State and federal ambient air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, lawn and garden equipment, specifically gas powered lawnmowers, contribute significantly to the overall emission inventory for the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, a Working Group has been established which includes representation from all the contributing agency partners to oversee the implementation of the Mow Down Air Pollution Program; and

WHEREAS, with support and assistance from SMAQMD staff, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), a Mow Down Working Group member, has again agreed to take on the lead role for the program and administer funds for all Working Group members including those executed here from the SMAQMD, the County of Sacramento, and Air Resources Board (ARB) settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the SMAQMD Board of Directors has approved funding for the 2008 Mow Down Air Pollution Program by approval of the 2007/2008 Budget through Resolution No. 2007-030 on June 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County, a Working Group member, will provide its contribution of \$5,000 for mower discounts to SMAQMD through a journal voucher process for transmittal by SMAQMD to SMUD; and

WHEREAS, funds from an ARB settlement in the amount of \$50,000 have been held since August 1, 2007 by SMAQMD for the Mow Down Working Group and will be transmitted to SMUD, and

WHEREAS, the previous 11 years of Mow Down Air Pollution Programs have resulted in nearly 10,000 clean electric rechargeable lawnmowers replacing polluting gas powered lawnmowers and the SMAQMD and the Mow Down Working Group wish to continue to build on the successes of this program; and

WHEREAS, for all of the above reasons, the SMAQMD Board believes it to be in the best interest of SMAQMD to participate in the Mow Down Air Pollution Program 2008 and to enter into a contract with SMUD to administer SMAQMD funds provided for this Program; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved and ordered that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District approves and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$50,000 in SMAQMD Civil Penalties/Mutual Settlement funds and the pass through of \$50,000 of ARB settlement funds and \$5,000 County of Sacramento funds, for total of \$105,000, and so long as the use of these funds and staff time is as set forth in the attached Exhibit A; and

On a Motion by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, the forgoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, this 24th day of January, 2008, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

Chairperson, Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air
Quality Management District

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board