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TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
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SUBJECT: License Agreement for Santa Ynez Air Quality Monitoring Station

RECOMMENDATION

Execute a License Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) and the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority, Inc. (Airport) for locating and operating an air quality monitoring station on the Santa Ynez Airport property.

INTRODUCTION

The District has operated an air quality monitoring station at the Santa Ynez Valley Airport for over 30 years. Trees have grown up around the current location making it undesirable. A new location has been agreed upon and this license agreement is to allow the District to relocate the monitoring station to the new location and continue operation of the monitoring station into future years.

DISCUSSION

The District has operated an air monitoring station at the Santa Ynez Airport for over 30 years, and it provides valuable data that is available to the public. This site is part of an overall monitoring network which has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. The District plans to continue operating this station, however, the California Air Resources Board has noted in recent audits that the monitoring station is not meeting siting criteria due to the overgrown trees in the area. To remedy this deficiency in the siting criteria, a new location on the Santa Ynez Airport property has been found and the air monitoring station will be relocated to this area. The proposed License Agreement includes terms and conditions for locating the monitoring station in the license area for ten years and includes conditions for accessing the property to service the station. These conditions have been reviewed and have been found acceptable by staff for maintaining high quality operations of the monitoring station.

The agreement includes a one-time consideration fee of \$1000 for use of the license area, and a monthly consideration fee of \$125 to cover the cost of electricity. This fee will be adjusted annually to compensate for future electrical rate changes. The current agreement between the District and the Airport has a \$50 consideration fee to cover the cost of electricity which has not been adjusted for rate changes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Executing the attached license agreement will cause the District to incur a onetime cost of \$1000 and a monthly increase of \$75 for electricity.

ATTACHMENT 1: License Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority, Inc.