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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Dave Van Mullem, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the Engineers and Technicians Association

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the Engineers and Technicians Association (ETA) with an effective date of June 24, 2013 through June 30, 2016 (Attachment 1); and
2. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 2) amending the APCD's Classification and Salary Plan to implement the provisions of this MOU.

DISCUSSION:

The ETA represents 24 employees in our technical and professional groups. Their current contract expired June 23, 2013. Consistent with parameters set by your Board, we have negotiated a three-year successor MOU.

The APCD's negotiating team, comprised of Bob Van Beveren and Jane Bright completed a collaborative negotiation while jointly working toward a common goal with ETA's team of Glenn Griffin, Inspection Specialist III; Jim Fredrickson, Emissions Inventory Planning Specialist III; David Brummond, ETA President; and Henry Bongiovi, ETA Labor Representative.

The most significant terms of this agreement are as follows:

1. Three-year agreement effective June 24, 2013 through June 30, 2016;
2. A 2% COLA increase on September 1, 2013 and a 1% COLA increase on January 1, 2015;
3. Effective September 1, 2013 the District shall contribute an additional semi-monthly benefit of \$70.37 to the employee-only premium of the medical benefit; and an additional semi-monthly benefit of \$8.83 to the employee-only premium of the dental benefit;

4. Effective January 1, 2014 an increase in Cafeteria dollars of \$10.00 each pay period;
5. Effective January 1, 2015 an increase in Cafeteria dollars of \$4.61 each pay period;
6. An additional one-time holiday of December 31, 2013;
7. Removal of the clause which had allowed employees to request pay for Vacation hours;
8. Effective July 1, 2014, an agreement to a one-time re-opener regarding revision of Article 33 Section G only; and
9. Effective June 30, 2015, an agreement to a re-opener on two (2) issues for each party.

Fiscal Impact

During recent years the District has reduced in size and seen its budget process further refined. Having completed an in depth analysis of the budget, realizing savings through attrition, and taking into consideration staff have not received a Cost of Living Adjustment since July 2008; with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget, the District is able to provide an increase in benefits and salary. Throughout the process, the negotiating teams worked together to create an MOU that worked for everyone, while staying within the parameters set by your Board. The below outlines the fiscal impact of these changes to ETA:

1. Providing an increase in the District paid employee-only portion of the medical and dental plans effective September 1, 2013 will have an impact for the current Fiscal Year of \$42,460, and then \$50,950 in subsequent Fiscal Years.
2. Providing a 2% COLA increase effective September 1, 2013 will have an impact for the current Fiscal Year of \$39,050, and then \$46,860 in subsequent Fiscal Years.
3. Providing a 1% COLA increase effective January 1, 2015 will have an impact for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year of \$11,720, and then \$23,440 in subsequent Fiscal Years.
4. Providing an increase in Cafeteria dollars effective January 1, 2014 will have an impact for the current Fiscal Year of \$4,290, and then \$8,570 in subsequent Fiscal Years.
5. Providing an increase in Cafeteria dollars effective January 1, 2015 will have an impact for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year of \$1,980, and then \$3,960 in subsequent Fiscal Years.
6. Lastly, providing a one-time holiday is consistent with the benefits that were negotiated with the other represented employee groups. While the holiday does not increase the APCD's appropriation for salaries and benefits, the APCD will lose 192 productive hours. However, closing the office for one additional day would benefit the APCD and County citizens through energy savings and reduced commute generated air pollution emissions. Based on an average productive hour cost of \$56.46 the APCD would be providing a benefit valued at \$10,840 with no direct fiscal impact.

Attachments (2):

Salary Resolution
ETA MOU