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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Anthony Fournier, Air Quality Engineer (961-8874)

SUBJECT: Lower Emission School Bus Program Grant Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute a Grant Agreement with Cuyama Joint Unified School District for the not-to-exceed amount of \$119,466 towards the purchase of a new school bus under the Lower Emission School Bus Replacement Program.

SUMMARY:

The resolution will execute a \$119,466 Grant Agreement with Cuyama Joint Unified School District for the purchase of a 2005 low-emission school bus to replace an existing 1982 school bus. After funding this project, \$130,534 of the original \$250,000 funding allocation will remain for school bus replacement projects.

DISCUSSION:

On January 18, 2001 your board approved APCD participation and administration of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Lower Emission School Bus Program for Santa Barbara County. This is a two-part program designed to replace and retrofit diesel powered school buses to reduce children's exposure to diesel emissions. The original program replaced 430 existing diesel powered school buses statewide with new lower-emission buses, and is in the process of retrofitting 2,000 school buses statewide with filters to reduce particulate matter emissions.

On December 16, 2004 your Board approved a \$2 increase in Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registration fees from \$4 to \$6, as authorized by Assembly Bill 923, to be used toward clean air incentive programs. AB923 identified the funding of replacement school buses, pursuant to the guidelines developed for the ARB Lower Emission School Bus Program, as one of the programs that a district may implement with these funds.

On August 18, 2005 your Board earmarked \$250,000 in DMV registration fees so that we could proceed with the replacement of older, high-polluting diesel school buses with new, low-emission buses. The school bus replacement project proposed by Cuyama Joint Unified School District meets all of the requirements of the Lower Emission School Bus Program; therefore it is recommended that you authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute a Grant Agreement for a not-to-exceed amount of \$119,466 for the purchase of a new school bus. This school bus replacement project will reduce over 4 tons of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and over 300 pounds of Particulate Matter (PM) over a 10 year project life.

Funding for the proposed school bus replacement project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$119,466 will be taken from the Department of Motor Vehicles surcharge registration fee funds, and is included the District budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06. The remaining balance in the program allocation will be \$130,534 if this grant is approved by the Board.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please return one fully executed copy of the Grant Agreement for this item to the contact named above.

Attachment 1: Cuyama Joint Unified School District Grant Agreement