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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Ron Tan, 961-8812

SUBJECT: Proposed revision to Board Resolution criteria for Air Pollution Control Officer signature authority for Innovative Technology Group (ITG) program grants

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution revising the criteria of the Board-approved resolution dated November 21, 2002 which increases the maximum dollar amount from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the Air Pollution Control Officer signature authority for ITG program grants.

SUMMARY:

This proposed revision to the November 21, 2002 Resolution (No. 02-16) will increase the Air Pollution Control Officer's signature authority to an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 (an increase from \$100,000).

DISCUSSION:

On November 21, 2002 your Board approved resolution No. 02-16 to delegate to the Air Pollution Control Officer the authority to sign certain Innovative Technology Group (ITG) grants. This was done in an effort to facilitate fewer Board meetings and to improve the efficient processing of ITG grants. This authority was delegated with the following five conditions:

1. The Board must have authorized the overall grant program (e.g., agricultural booster pump grant program, marine vessel engine repower program);
2. The Board must have authorized an overall budget for the particular grant program and the total dollar amount of all grants approved by the Control Officer shall be within the budget authorized by the Board;
3. All grants must meet or exceed the established cost-effectiveness limits established by the Board;
4. Individual grants shall be on the standard grant agreement used by the District and shall continue to be reviewed and approved by Risk Management, the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel; and
5. Individual grant amounts cannot exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Since 1988 ITG projects have allowed the District to partner with local businesses in an effort to cost-effectively reduce emissions within Santa Barbara County. The expected increase in funding for ITG projects from the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) and the \$2 increase in Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Surcharge approved by your Board on December 16, 2004 have provided the potential for significant future emission reductions from ITG projects.

As a result of this new funding, we anticipate that school bus replacements and certain other ITG programs will be awarded grants exceeding the current \$100,000 limit. The \$100,000 limit on the Air Pollution Control Officer's signature authority and the bi-monthly District Board meetings make it difficult to obligate the funding in a timely manner – especially for school bus replacement projects as the school districts are subject to other timing constraints. Therefore we request that your Board adopt the attached resolution revising the criteria of resolution No. 02-16 to increase the maximum individual ITG grant amount eligible under the Control Officer's signature to \$150,000.

The Board will continue to be given reports at each hearing summarizing all grants approved by the Control Officer since the prior hearing. The report will include: number of grants, name(s) of grantees, project types, project locations, grant amounts, project cost-effectiveness, emission reductions and amount of program allocation remaining.

RESOLUTION OF THE
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Delegating Authority to)
The Air Pollution Control Officer for)
for Certain Innovative Technology Group Grants)
_____)

Resolution No. _____

RECITALS

- 1) WHEREAS, the Board wishes to continually improve the efficient operation of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, including the Innovative Technologies Group grant program; and
- 2) WHEREAS, the Board wishes to retain authority over the grant program initiation parameters and fiscal allocations; and
- 3) WHEREAS, the Board wishes to delegate authority to the Control Officer to enter into and approve certain grant agreements for Innovative Technology Group programs within specified parameters.
- 4) WHEREAS, the Board previously delegated authority to the Control Officer for certain grant agreements up to \$100,000 and wishes to increase this to \$150,000 to facilitate the Innovative Technology Group’s School Bus Replacement Program and other emission reduction programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Board hereby delegates authority to the Control Officer to execute individual grant agreements that meet specified parameters for authorized Innovative Technology Group Programs.
- 2) The parameters for each individual grant approved by the Control Officer shall be as follows:
 - a. The Board must have authorized the overall grant program (e.g., Lower Emission School Bus Program).
 - b. The Board must have authorized an overall budget for the particular grant program. The total dollar amount of all grants approved by the Control Officer shall be within the budget authorized by the Board.
 - c. All grants must meet or exceed the cost-effectiveness limits established by the Board.

- d. Individual grants shall utilize the standard District grant agreement and shall continue to be reviewed approved by Risk Management, the Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel.
 - e. Individual grants amounts shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).
- 3) This Board resolution hereby supersedes resolution No. 02-16 in its entirety.
- 4) The Control Officer shall provide reports to the Board at each scheduled hearing of all grants approved by the Control Officer since the prior hearing. The reports shall include the number of grants executed, names of grantees, project types, project locations, grant amounts, project cost-effectiveness, and amount of program allocation remaining.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ th day of _____ 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control
District, State of California

By _____
Deputy

Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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