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TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Douglas W. Allard, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Accept \$346,636 in supplemental grant revenue from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- B. Approve attached Budget Revision Request appropriating \$260,000 to Budget Unit 871 for expenditures associated with the US EPA supplemental grant. (Requires 4/5th vote of Board.)
- C. Authorize a waiver of competition for the purchase of two particulate matter monitors required by the terms of the supplemental grant.

DISCUSSION:

Every year, we receive grant funding from US EPA under Section 105 of the Clean Air Act. In Fiscal Year 2001/2002, we did not expend all of the approved grant funds. As a result, EPA agreed to provide \$346,636 in supplemental grant funding for the EPA fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. We anticipate spending \$260,000 of this supplemental grant in APCD's current fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. These funds are being used for one-time projects to improve data reporting to EPA, develop a toxics database, purchase two continuous particulate matter monitors, educate consumers on the importance of not topping off their gas tanks, and automate the permit issuance process. The resulting expenditures will be primarily in the form of contracts for professional services and fixed assets as noted in the Budget Revision Request. We ask your Board's approval to accept the supplemental grant funding and to approve the Budget Revision Request.

Particulate matter samplers. We wish to purchase the particulate matter samplers authorized under the supplemental grant from Met One. Since the purchase price of \$39,251 exceeds the \$25,000, the County Purchasing Agent, with whom we contract for our purchasing services, requires your Board to waive the competitive bidding process. The reasons that we propose to waive the competitive process are:

- (1) The technology of the Met One monitors has the least amount of interference to the moisture and sea salts that are present in our area.
- (2) The Met One monitors meet EPA designations and show the best correlation to the Federal Reference Method.
- (3) California Air Resources Board (CARB) and South Coast Air District studies and comparison test show the Met One monitors to be superior to other monitors meeting the same specifications.
- (4) California Air Resources has developed standard operating procedures and can provide technical support for these units.

The County Purchasing Agent supports this waiver.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no net cost to the APCD from these actions. The increase in FY03/04 appropriations authorized by the Budget Change Request will be offset by EPA supplemental grant revenue. The remaining grant revenue will be budgeted in FY 04/05.