



# South Coast Air Quality Management District



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## HYBRID TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos  
Supervisor Donald Wagner

**December 20, 2024 ♦ 9:00 a.m.**

**(Note meeting time change)**

### TELECONFERENCE LOCATION

Yorba Linda Public Library Study Room 2 4852 Lakeview Avenue Yorba Linda, CA 92886	Riverside City Hall 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 3900 Main Street Riverside, CA 92522	County Administration North 400 Civic Center Drive 6 <sup>th</sup> floor, Room 604 Santa Ana, CA 92701
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A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Technology Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024 through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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**AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ACTION ITEMS (1-4):**

- 1. Recognize Revenue for Implementation of Programs for Replacement of Class 6 and 7 Vehicles and School Buses with Zero-Emission Vehicles and Reimburse General Fund (*Motion Requested*)** Krystle Martinez  
Program Supervisor

South Coast AQMD expects to receive two awards totaling \$58,741,154 from U.S. EPA 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program. Under this opportunity, South Coast AQMD was awarded two grants – for “Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion with Battery Electric Class 6 or 7 Vehicles” (ELECTRIC) program and for “Clean Air Rides for Kids” (CARE4Kids) program. Up to \$33,898,522 will be used for the ELECTRIC program to replace diesel or gasoline-powered Class 6 and 7 freight delivery vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, and up to \$24,842,632 will be used for the CARE4Kids program to replace internal combustion Class 6 and 7 school buses with zero-emission buses. These actions are to: 1) recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$33,898,522 from U.S. EPA for the ELECTRIC Program into Fund (17); 2) recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$24,842,632 from U.S. EPA for the CARE4Kids Program into Fund (17); and 3) reimburse General Fund up to \$6,061,504 from Fund (17) for the administrative costs to run the programs.
  
- 2. Execute Contracts and Transfer Funds under CPRG INVEST CLEAN Program and Issue RFP for Third-Party Facilitator(s) For INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC (*Motion Requested*)** Mei Wang  
Assistant Deputy  
Executive Officer

In September 2024, the Board recognized an award of \$499,997,415 from the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program to implement the Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness (INVEST CLEAN) program, which will fund the deployment of zero-emission battery electric Class 8 trucks, last mile freight vehicles, cargo handling equipment, locomotives, and truck charging. INVEST CLEAN also includes workforce training, community

benefits programs and program performance validation. These actions are to: 1) execute contracts with the Los Angeles County Electrical Educational and Training Trust Fund, Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC, and SCAG in the amounts not to exceed \$5,000,000, \$1,800,000, and \$51,500,000, respectively, to conduct a workforce development program, validate program's emission reduction performance, and implement the Last Mile Freight Program; 2) issue RFP #2025-11 to solicit Third-Party Facilitator(s) for Community Benefit Programs and authorize the Executive Officer to execute and/or amend contracts; 3) transfer up to \$20,000 as temporary loan from Legislative, Public Affairs and Media FY 2024-25 Professional and Special Services Fund (01) into EPA CPRG Special Revenue Fund (90) to cover the Third-Party Facilitator's initial costs for the INVEST CLEAN work; 4) transfer up to \$100,000 as a temporary loan from Clean Fuels Fund (31) to Fund (90) for Alliance for Sustainable Energy's initial program setup costs; and 5) Appropriate \$ 150,000 from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance into Information Management's FY 2024-25 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects for INVEST CLEAN online project application system modification.

**3. Transfer and Appropriate Funds, Recognize Revenue, and Execute Contract for EV Charger Installation Services at South Coast AQMD Headquarters (*Motion Requested*)**

In August 2024, the Board approved the release of an RFP to replace the EV charging infrastructure at South Coast AQMD headquarters. In October 2024, CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) awarded South Coast AQMD \$70,000 under the Communities in Charge grant to replace up to 28 EV chargers at its headquarters. These actions are to: 1) transfer and appropriate \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) into Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget; 2) recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$70,000 awarded from CALSTART into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31); and 3) execute a contract with GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc. for EV hardware and software installation and maintenance at South Coast AQMD headquarters for up to \$723,248 from Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget.

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**4. Recognize Funds, Execute or Amend Contracts for Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty Truck Replacement Projects and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs (*Motion Requested*)**

In April 2024, South Coast AQMD was selected for an award for \$4,500,000 under the FY 2023 U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to replace up to 22 heavy-duty Class 8 diesel trucks with new zero-emission (ZE) trucks. The formal award was finalized in July 2024. The project will target Class 8 diesel truck fleets that operate around

Tom Lee  
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Manager

the San Pedro Bay Ports. Also, in September 2020, the Board recognized revenue in the amount of \$5,906,601 from the U.S. EPA FY 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant (TAG) Program into the Advanced Technology, Outreach, and Education Fund (17) to deploy fuel cell transit buses at SunLine Transit Agency. Board authorization is needed for reimbursement of administrative costs for fuel cell transit buses. These actions are to: 1) recognize \$4,500,000 from EPA DERA into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) for the replacement of Class 8 diesel trucks with ZE trucks; 2) execute or amend contracts for ZE truck replacement projects using future project lists from the Carl Moyer Program solicitations; 3) reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$100,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) for administrative costs to implement the DERA projects; and 4) reimburse the General Fund (01) using FY 2019 TAG funds for deployment of fuel cell transit buses at SunLine Transit Agency from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) up to \$156,601 for administrative costs.

## 5. **Other Business**

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## 7. **Next Meeting Date**

**Friday, January 24, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.**

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BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO.

**PROPOSAL:** Recognize Revenue for Implementation of Programs for Replacement of Class 6 and 7 Vehicles and School Buses with Zero-Emission Vehicles and Reimburse General Fund

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**COMMITTEE:** Technology, December 20, 2024, Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$33,898,522 from U.S. EPA for the Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion with Battery Electric Class 6 or 7 Vehicles (ELECTRIC) program into Fund (17);
2. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$24,842,632 from U.S. EPA for the Clean Air Rides for Kids (CARE4Kids) program into Fund (17); and
3. Reimburse General Fund up to \$6,061,504 from Fund (17) for administrative costs to run the programs.

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

## **Background**

In July 2024, South Coast AQMD submitted two proposals entitled ELECTRIC and CARE4Kids to the U.S. EPA's Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) Grants Program:

- (1) **ELECTRIC:** Incentives will be provided for replacing older Class 6 and 7 internal combustion freight delivery vehicles with battery electric technology. Funding for charging infrastructure is allowed, as well as the incentive for the vehicle, but it is subject to a cap for each vehicle type.
- (2) **CARE4Kids:** Incentives will be provided for replacing older Class 6 and 7 internal combustion school buses owned by public school districts with battery electric technology. Funding for charging infrastructure to support the new buses is also available up to \$20,000 per school bus awarded.

In December 2024, U.S. EPA awarded South Coast AQMD \$33,898,522 for ELECTRIC and \$24,842,632 for CARE4Kids. ELECTRIC and CARE4Kids will invest in developing workforce training programs with local entities and organizations which includes, but is not limited to, community colleges, equipment dealerships, and manufacturers, for the operation, maintenance and servicing of zero-emission equipment such as zero-emission school buses, heavy and medium duty vehicles. Additionally, both programs include a framework for community engagement, which aims to uplift equity and community priorities and projects, while engaging in education and outreach on climate, air pollution, and zero-emission technologies.

## **Proposal**

This action is to recognize revenues, upon receipt, up to \$33,898,522 from the U.S. EPA into Fund (17) to be used for the ELECTRIC program and up to \$24,842,632 from the U.S. EPA into Fund (17) to be used for the CARE4Kids program. Additionally, this action is to reimburse the General Fund up to \$6,061,504 for South Coast AQMD administrative expenses to run the programs.

Staff will seek Board approval to release program announcements for ELECTRIC and CARE4Kids to solicit eligible projects early next year.

## **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

The South Coast Air Basin is classified as in extreme nonattainment for ozone and serious nonattainment for PM2.5 based on NAAQS. ELECTRIC and CARE4Kids support and accelerate the replacement of older, polluting internal combustion engine Class 6 and 7 vehicles to zero-emission technologies reducing ozone and PM2.5 air pollution. The programs are projected to annually reduce 19 tons of NOx and 0.38 tons of PM2.5. Furthermore, the programs are expected to decrease carbon dioxide equivalent (MT CO2e) emissions by 599,841 metric tons annually.



ELECTRIC and CARE4Kids will implement a workforce training program that not only supports the transition to zero-emission technologies; but will create jobs throughout the region. The community benefits framework in ELECTRIC will amplify workforce training and job creation for our residents through outreach and educational efforts. ELECTRIC’s community benefits framework will create a program that directly serves residents through workshops and meetings to identify community priorities, outreach and education, and other types of engagement activities. Additionally, ELECTRIC will work with a third-party facilitator and a Steering Committee to implement community projects based on identified priorities. CARE4Kids will utilize existing South Coast AQMD resources for communication engagement and outreach.

**Resource Impacts**

The U.S. EPA CHDV Grant awards of \$33,898,522 and \$24,842,632 will be used towards implementing the vehicle and infrastructure incentives along with other actions as shown in Table 1 Program Budget for ELECTRIC and Table 2 Program Budget for CARE4Kids. Up to \$6,061,504 will be reimbursed to the General Fund from Fund (17) for administrative costs to implement the programs.

**Table 1. Program Budget for ELECTRIC**

	Cost	% of Total Cost
Incentives for program	\$29,299,650	86.4%
Workforce training	\$500,000	1.5%
Community engagement and outreach	\$200,000	0.6%
Project administration	\$3,898,872	11.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,898,522</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 2. Program Budget for CARE4Kids**

	Cost	% of Total Cost
Incentives for program	\$22,180,000	89.3%
Workforce training	\$500,000	2%
Project administration	\$2,162,632	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,842,632</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Agenda Item #1

Recognize Revenue for Implementation  
of Programs for Replacement of  
Class 6 and 7 Vehicles and School Buses  
with Zero-Emission Vehicles  
and Reimburse General Fund

Krystle Martinez

# Background

- In April 2024, U.S. EPA released Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants
- In July 2024, South Coast AQMD submitted two zero-emission vehicle replacement proposals:
  - ELECTRIC: Replaces older internal combustion engine Class 6/7 vehicles; and
  - CARE4Kids: Replaces older internal combustion engine school buses
- In December 2024, both proposals were awarded
- Supporting infrastructure can be supported with grant funds



# ELECTRIC

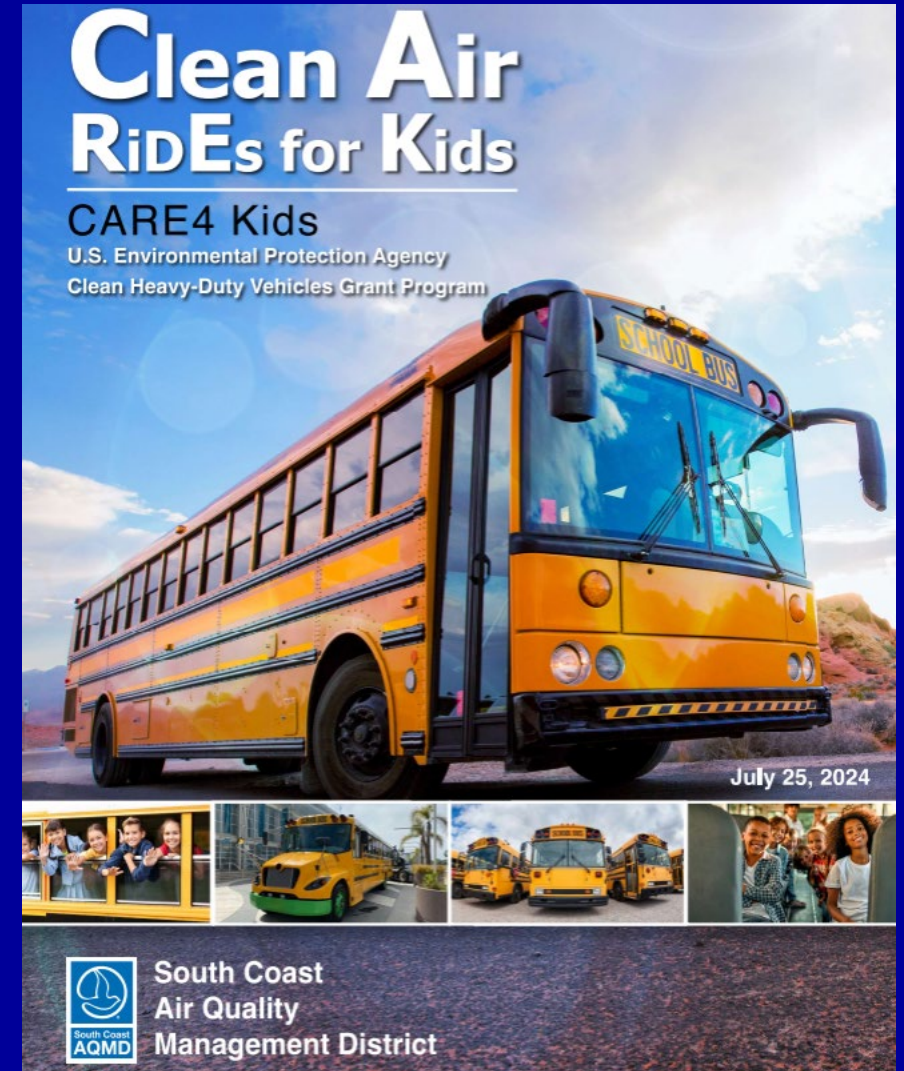
## Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion with Battery Electric Class 6 or 7 Vehicles

- Awarded \$33,898,522
- Replace older, polluting class 6 and 7 freight delivery vehicles with zero-emission battery electric technology
- Eligible Projects:
  - Class 6 and 7 Box Trucks, TRU Trucks
  - Class 6 Step Vans
  - Supporting Infrastructure with associated vehicle replacement
    - Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers



# CARE4Kids Clean Air Rides for Kids

- Awarded \$24,842,632
- Replace older, polluting class 6 and 7 school buses with zero-emission buses
- Eligible Projects:
  - Class 6 and 7 School buses owned by Public School Districts
  - Supporting Infrastructure
  - List of buses to be replaced had to be provided
    - South Coast AQMD reached out to all School Districts in our jurisdiction to develop school bus replacement list



# Program Benefits

- Provide air quality benefits focusing on overburdened communities and children
- Expect combined annual emission reductions of 19 tons of NOx and 0.38 tons of PM2.5
- Installation of infrastructure supports zero-emission equipment deployments
- Workforce Training Program
- Community engagements



# Summary of Recommended Actions

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- Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$33,898,522 from U.S. EPA for the ELECTRIC Program into Fund (17)
- Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$24,842,632 from U.S. EPA for the CARE4Kids Program into Fund (17)
- Reimburse General Fund of \$6,061,504 from Fund (17)

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO.

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COMMITTEE: Technology, December 20, 2024; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute the following contracts with funds from the U.S EPA CPRG Special Revenue Fund (90) for a total of up to \$58,300,000:
  - a. Los Angeles County Electrical Educational and Training Trust Fund (LA ETI) of the National Electrical Contactor Association (NECA) – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11 to develop and implement a workforce development program in coordination with South Coast AQMD in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000;
  - b. Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC to perform program emission reduction validation in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000;
  - c. SCAG to implement the Last Mile Freight Program in an amount not to exceed \$51,500,000, including \$1,500,000 administrative costs to support the program implementation.
2. Issue RFP #2025-11 to solicit Third-Party Facilitator(s) for Community Benefit Programs including establishing Steering Committees and authorize the Executive Officer to execute and/or amend contracts;
3. Transfer up to \$20,000 as a temporary loan from Legislative, Public Affairs and Media FY 2024-25 Professional and Special Services Fund (01) into Fund (90) to initially support the Third-Party Facilitator INVEST CLEAN work to be reimbursed later from Fund (90);
4. Transfer up to \$100,000 as a temporary loan from Clean Fuels Fund (31) to Fund 90 for Alliance for Sustainable Energy’s initial program setup costs until EPA’s reimbursement is received into Fund 90; and
5. Appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance into Information Management’s FY 2024-25 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects for INVEST CLEAN online project application system modification.

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

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**Background**

The Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117-169) created the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program, allocating \$4.6 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories. These grants are intended to support the development of climate action plans and the implementation of projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gases (GHG), criteria pollutants, and hazardous air pollution. The

CPRG program encourages multijurisdictional partnerships for both planning and implementation efforts.

In April 2024, South Coast AQMD submitted the regional CPRG proposal joined by two Metropolitan Statistical Areas which cover Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim and Riverside – San Bernardino - Ontario, entitled Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness (INVEST CLEAN), and was awarded \$499,997,415 in October 2024. INVEST CLEAN is a transformational initiative aimed at overcoming barriers to transitioning the Southern California goods movement and logistics corridor to zero-emission (ZE) technologies. INVEST CLEAN includes four incentive measures, which are:

- (1) **Charging Infrastructure Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided to install electrical charging equipment for heavy-duty trucks. Electrical infrastructure is the limiting factor for the successful deployment of battery electric heavy-duty vehicles. A scoring system will be developed to prioritize disadvantaged communities, small fleets, shovel-ready sites, and public charging or shared charging projects.
- (2) **Battery Electric Freight Vehicle Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided for the purchase of Class 8 battery electric trucks. This measure will also provide funding to support the deployment of Class 4 and 5 battery electric vehicles in SCAG’s Last Mile Freight Program.
- (3) **Battery Electric Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE) Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided for the deployment of battery electric yard tractors and top handlers. Funding for chargers is also included in the incentive and other types of CHE equipment may be considered.
- (4) **Battery Electric Locomotive Pilot Program:** Funding will be provided for the development and operation of battery electric switcher locomotives. The program also provides funding to railroad operators for the installation of chargers needed to operate these battery electric locomotives.

INVEST CLEAN’s investments in ZE infrastructure, vehicles, and equipment are projected to generate approximately 470 high-quality jobs in California while supporting and creating approximately 4,700 high-quality jobs nationwide driven by original equipment manufacturing and related suppliers. As the infrastructure is fully utilized over time, it is estimated to support the creation and sustainability of 43,500 additional high-quality jobs in manufacturing, electrical installations, and maintenance. The Project’s collaboration with NECA - IBEW, academia, and non-government organizations strengthens the potential for significant job creation and workforce development, which are critical for implementing, maintaining, and sustaining the ZE transformation of the freight sector.

INVEST CLEAN also incorporates a robust Community Benefit Program framework designed to promote equity and prioritize community-led initiatives and projects. An RFP will be issued to solicit the third-party facilitator and create steering committees to support community benefit projects. This program also focuses on education and outreach efforts regarding climate change, air pollution, and ZE technologies to facilitate active engagement and long-term benefits for the communities.

INVEST CLEAN also included a data validation process through working with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory which is operated by Alliance for Sustainable Energy.

### **Proposal**

This proposal is to execute a contract with the Los Angeles County Electrical Educational and Training Trust Fund (LA ETI) of NECA - IBEW to develop and implement a workforce development program in coordination with South Coast AQMD across the two Metropolitan Statistical Areas. NECA – IBEW will utilize the INVEST CLEAN funding to develop a union-based, high-quality workforce program in the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) and clean energy sectors in the INVEST CLEAN region. NECA – IBEW is committed to conducting comprehensive community engagement to connect disadvantaged and environmental justice communities with clean energy career opportunities and to foster a diverse workforce across the EV infrastructure and clean energy ecosystem. Collaborating with South Coast AQMD, educational institutions, and community-based organizations, NECA-IBEW will expand apprenticeship programs, offer supportive services, and conduct outreach and engagement activities to ensure equitable job opportunities and sustainable career pathways in clean energy for local communities, helping to reduce emissions and improve air quality in areas most affected by environmental injustice.

Additionally, a contract will be executed with Alliance for Sustainable Energy to conduct program validation, and reports review. National Renewable Energy Laboratory will provide data collection and analysis to assess and provide third-party oversight to validate the emission reduction performance of the vehicles and equipment deployed under the four measures of INVEST CLEAN. National Renewable Energy Laboratory will also coordinate with South Coast AQMD to develop standardized processes to collect data to evaluate the program's efficiency. National Renewable Energy Laboratory's scientific and consistent assessment of incentive projects will be used to improve and enhance the guidelines to expedite the Project. National Renewable Energy Laboratory will also coordinate with South Coast AQMD to recommend and support modifications to the INVEST CLEAN Project as necessary to encourage participation, prioritize geographic diversity especially within disadvantaged communities, and mitigate any delays in achieving emission reductions. These program adjustments are also expected to lessen the possibility of incentive projects dropping out of the Project.

SCAG will implement the Last Miles Freight Program listed under Measure 2, Battery Electric Freight Vehicle Deployment Incentive Program. SCAG will administer a rebate program to fund Class 4/5 battery-electric vehicles to complement its current LMFP. SCAG will be issuing the rebates with a maximum of \$67,000 per vehicle. An implementation plan will be developed to detail how the rebate program will be administered. Development of the implementation plan will be done with South Coast AQMD and U.S. EPA involvement. Input from the local communities regarding project priorities will be incorporated in the implementation plan. Vehicle scrappage will be required to achieve the emission reduction goals.

Also, funds will be transferred from Fund (01) and Fund (31) as temporary loans to cover the initial program setup costs for the Third-Party Facilitator(s) and Alliance for Sustainable Energy /National Renewable Energy Laboratory until EPA's reimbursements are received.

Additionally, this proposal is to issue RFP #2025-11 to solicit Third-Party Facilitator(s) to develop a plan to implement the Community Benefits Programs for the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC (Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion battery electric Class 6 and 7 vehicles) in collaboration with South Coast AQMD including formation and staffing of the Steering Committee. The Third-Party Facilitator(s) will also be responsible for administering the community benefits outreach and engagement. The Third-Party Facilitator(s), in partnership with South Coast AQMD, will support the Community Benefits Steering Committee to:

- Provide guidance, oversight, and recommendations for the community engagement process for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC
- Select and prioritize community benefit projects
- Support the implementation of community benefit projects
- Conduct education and outreach on the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC workforce training programs, air quality health impact, ZE technologies, and related issues

The Third-Party Facilitator(s) will also be responsible for collecting data, maintaining records, and submitting reports and documentation on the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC Community Benefit programs, respectively.

Further, South Coast AQMD will modify the existing Carl Moyer online project application system to accept and track INVEST CLEAN project applications.

### **Sole Source Justification**

Section VIII.B.3. of the Procurement Policy and Procedure identifies four major provisions under which a sole source award may be justified for federally funded procurement. The request for sole source awards for the LA ETI, ASE and SCAG

contracts are made under Section VIII.B.3 .c, which states the awarding federal agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes non-competitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-federal entity.

### **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

INVEST CLEAN will deliver significant environmental benefits through the replacement of diesel heavy-duty equipment with battery electric technologies and the installation of electrical charging infrastructure. The successful implementation of INVEST CLEAN will result in annual emission reductions of 1,615 tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, 28 tons of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and 30 tons of diesel particulate matter (DPM). INVEST CLEAN is also expected to decrease carbon dioxide equivalent (MT CO<sub>2e</sub>) emissions by 3.6 million metric tons between 2025 and 2030, and by 11.8 million MT CO<sub>2e</sub> between 2025 and 2050. The equipment and infrastructure deployed under INVEST CLEAN will operate for years to come, which provides long-term emission reduction benefits.

INVEST CLEAN will implement a workforce training program to support the transition to ZE technologies and create high quality jobs throughout the region. The two combined MSA regions have an unemployment rate of approximately 5.5 percent, which is above the national average. The Community Benefits framework in INVEST CLEAN will amplify workforce training and job creation for our residents through outreach and educational efforts. INVEST CLEAN's Community Benefits framework will create a program that directly serves residents through workshops and meetings to identify community priorities, outreach and education, and other types of engagement activities. Additionally, INVEST CLEAN will work with Third-Party Facilitator(s) and Steering Committee(s) to implement community projects based on identified priorities.

### **Resource Impacts**

Contracts will be executed up to the amounts specified in Table 1 below, as specified in the executed grant agreement with the U.S. EPA in the amount of \$499,997,415 for INVEST CLEAN CPRG Project. Funds will be used towards workforce training, community engagement and outreach, data collection and SCAG's Last Mile Freight Program, totaling \$59.5 million. Also, up to \$100,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) and \$20,000 from Legislative, Public Affairs and Media FY 2024-25 Professional and Special Services Fund (01) will be used as temporary loans for data collection work and Third-Party Facilitator(s) until EPA reimbursements are received. Sufficient funds are available from the Clean Fuel Program Fund (31) and Fund (01). The Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) was established as a special revenue fund resulting from the state mandated Clean Fuels Program. The Clean Fuels Program, under Health and Safety Code Sections 40448.5 and 40512 and Vehicle Code Section 9250.1 I, establishes mechanisms to collect revenues from mobile sources to support projects to increase the utilization of clean fuels, including the development of the necessary enabling technologies. Funds collected from motor vehicles are restricted, by statute, to be used for projects and program activities related to mobile sources that support the objectives of the Clean Fuels Program. Sufficient funds are available in the General

Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance for the INVEST CLEAN online project application system modification.

**Table 1. Contract Budget**

	Amount	Funding Source
Workforce training	\$5,000,000	U.S. EPA
Community engagement and outreach	\$1,200,000	U.S. EPA
Data collection, analysis and future planning	\$1,800,000	U.S. EPA
SCAG LMFP Class 4/5 Incentives	\$51,500,000	U.S. EPA
Total	\$59,500,000	

**Attachment**

RFP #2025-11 - Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality, And National Competitiveness and Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion Community Benefits Program.



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
**INFRASTRUCTURE, VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT STRATEGY  
FOR CLIMATE, EQUITY, AIR QUALITY, AND NATIONAL  
COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPOWERING LOCAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE THROUGH REPLACING  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM**  
**P2025-11**

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) requests proposals for the following purpose according to terms and conditions attached. In the preparation of this Request for Proposals (RFP) the words "Proposer," "Contractor," "Consultant," "Bidder" and "Firm" are used interchangeably.

### **PURPOSE**

South Coast AQMD requires a Third-Party Facilitator(s) to implement the Community Benefits and Outreach program for Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness (INVEST CLEAN) and the Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion (ELECTRIC).

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to contract with outside organization(s) knowledgeable in air quality and goods movement-related issues, disadvantaged communities, outreach and engagement, and implementation of a community benefits program in collaboration with South Coast AQMD. There are two projects included in this RFP: INVEST CLEAN through Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and ELECTRIC through Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle program. INVEST CLEAN serves the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim and Riverside – San Bernardino – Ontario Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). ELECTRIC applies to the South Coast AQMD region. Third-Party Facilitator(s) shall be paid on a monthly basis for services rendered at an agreed upon Flat Monthly Fee and actual costs incurred for out-of-pocket expenses. These new programs are funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117-169) .

The selected firm will be expected to provide a variety of services, to be outlined in the work statement, and consistent with South Coast AQMD Governing Board direction:

- INVEST CLEAN: Total funding for the initial year shall be up to a maximum amount of **\$200,000**. The contract may include an option for **four** annual renewals, contingent on satisfactory performance and upon approval of the Executive Officer.
- ELECTRIC: Total funding for initial year shall be up to maximum amount of \$100,000. The contract may include an option for **one** annual renewal contingent on satisfactory performance and approval of Executive Officer.

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### SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, the smoggiest region of the U.S. As a regulatory agency, South Coast AQMD is committed to protecting the health of residents of the four-county area from the harmful effects of air pollution, while remaining sensitive to businesses and the economic vitality of the region.

IRA (Public Law 117-169) created the U.S. EPA CPRG program to provide \$4.6 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop climate action plans and to implement projects to reduce GHG, criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollution. IRA also created the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles program to provide \$1 billion to replace existing Class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission models. In April 2024, South Coast AQMD submitted the regional CPRG proposal entitled INVEST CLEAN and was awarded \$499,997,415 in October 2024.

The INVEST CLEAN is an initiative to transform the Southern California goods movement corridor to zero emission (ZE) technology by implementing four measures to replace Class 8 trucks, cargo handling equipment, deploy locomotives, and install charging infrastructure. The INVEST CLEAN geographic region spans the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim and Riverside – San Bernardino – Ontario MSAs. The Project includes four measures, which are:

**(1) Heavy Duty Charging Infrastructure Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided to install electrical charging equipment for heavy-duty trucks. Anticipated program design will provide higher incentives for items not limited to public charging locations, use of renewable energy, installations conducted by apprenticeship programs, use of labor agreements, and public accessibility.



(2) **Battery Electric Freight Vehicle Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided for the purchase of Class 8 battery electric trucks. This measure will also provide funding to support the deployment of Class 4 and 5 battery electric vehicles in SCAG's Last Mile Freight Program.

(3) **Battery Electric CHE Deployment Incentive Program:** Incentives will be provided for the deployment of battery electric yard tractors and top handlers. Funding for chargers is also included in the incentive and other types of CHE equipment may be considered.

(4) **Battery Electric Locomotive Pilot Program:** Funding will be provided for the development and operation of battery electric switcher locomotives. The program also provides funding to railroad operators for the installation of chargers needed to operate these battery electric locomotives.

INVEST CLEAN's collaboration with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-National Electrical Contractors Association, academia, and non-government organizations enhances the potential for significant job creation and the workforce development necessary to implement, maintain, and sustain the ZE transformation of the freight sector.

ELECTRIC will replace Class 6 and 7 high-mileage heavy-duty vehicles equipped with internal combustion engines with battery electric technologies in the South Coast AQMD region within two years of the award. This Project includes box trucks, transportation refrigeration units (TRU) trucks, and step vans from three fleets. These battery electric vehicles will be supported by the 94 chargers to be deployed by the Project, existing chargers at the fleets, and public truck charging stations funded by various incentive programs administered by the South Coast AQMD and the recently awarded INVEST CLEAN.

INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC both include community engagement as cornerstones for program development and implementation. In effect, community outreach and engagement for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC will be leveraged together to best support interested stakeholders and maximize program efficiencies. Given the scale of INVEST CLEAN, this project has a five-year community engagement component whereas ELECTRIC is for two years.

INVEST features a framework for a Community Benefits program, which will support the equitable deployment of ZE technology and community priorities and projects, while engaging in education and outreach on climate, air pollution, and ZE technologies. Third-Party Facilitator(s) are required to develop a plan in collaboration with South Coast AQMD to implement the Community Benefits Program including formation and staffing of the Steering Committee. Throughout the life of INVEST CLEAN and, for two years, ELECTRIC, the Third-Party Facilitator(s) in partnership with South Coast AQMD will support the Community Benefits Steering Committee and implement the plan to:

- Provide guidance, oversight, and recommendations for the community engagement process for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC;

- Work with Community Benefits Steering Committee (Steering Committee) to select and prioritize community benefit projects;
- Support implementation of the community benefit projects; and
- Conduct education and outreach on the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC Workforce Training program, climate and air pollution, and zero-emission technologies.

Other funding that will help co-fund the community benefit projects for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC may be added and discussed at the Steering Committee.

The Third-Party Facilitator(s) will also be responsible for collecting information on outreach and engagement efforts and outcomes, maintaining records, and submitting reports and documentation on the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC Community Benefits program.

**SECTION II: CONTACT PERSON**

Questions regarding the content or intent of this RFP or on procedural matters should be addressed to:

Contact’s Name: Lisa Tanaka-O’Malley, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative,  
Public Affairs & Media  
Phone: (909) 396-3327  
email: [lomalley@aqmd.gov](mailto:lomalley@aqmd.gov)

South Coast AQMD  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178

**SECTION III: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT
January 10, 2025	RFP Release
February 11, 2025	Proposals Due to South Coast AQMD - <b>No Later Than 1:00 p.m. PST</b>
February 11 – 28, 2025	Proposal Evaluations and Approval
April 18, 2025	Anticipated Contract Execution

**SECTION IV: PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

It is the policy of South Coast AQMD to ensure that all businesses including minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, disabled veteran business enterprises and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in South Coast AQMD contracts. Attachment A to this RFP contains definitions and further information.

**SECTION V: STATEMENT OF WORK/SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES****A. Statement of Work**

Under the direction of the South Coast AQMD Executive Officer or Deputy Executive Officer of Legislative & Public Affairs, and Media, as appropriate, in coordination with staff, the Consultant will develop a plan for INVEST CLEAN's (2025 – 2029) and ELECTRIC (2025 – 2026) Community Benefits Program including formation and staffing of the Steering Committee.

The selected Consultant(s) will perform services to develop and implement the INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC Community Benefits program with South Coast AQMD oversight and approval, including but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Preparation of a plan to implement the Community Benefits program with specific provisions to address role of Steering Committee, oversight, and recommendations for the community engagement process, community benefit project selection, implementation of community benefit projects, support education and outreach on climate and air pollution, and ZE technologies related to goods movement and logistics.
2. Recommendation on formation of Steering Committee based on geographic diversity across the two MSAs with a focus on low-income disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) and communities affected by goods movement and logistics per the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant priorities and the INVEST CLEAN proposal. Recommendation should include details on administration of Steering Committee such as, but not limited to, frequency of meetings, types of meetings (virtual, hybrid, and/or in person and related details). ELECTRIC projects will only be implemented within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.
3. Develop an equity approach for INVEST CLEAN measures by gathering Steering Committee and community comment on voluntary or optional criteria for Request for Proposals for infrastructure to promote community benefits such as:
  - Use CalEnviroScreen consistent with Carl Moyer guidelines to verify LIDAC.
  - Develop open/green space and urban forestry projects.
4. Develop process and work with Steering Committee to prioritize INVEST CLEAN Community Benefits projects contingent upon South Coast AQMD securing funds and garnering requisite approval for project funds up to \$20 million over five-years through a combination of local, state, federal, and/or private sources. Prioritization will be for freight-impacted areas and residential communities that are 4 miles from a goods movement related facility including warehouses, rail yards/rail lines, seaports, airports, freeway

corridors, and Lithium extraction facilities. Community benefit projects such as:

- Decarbonization of residential homes, such as electrification of appliances with rebates for water heaters, and installation of heat pumps, stoves, and solar.
  - Supporting open/green space and urban forestry projects.
  - Support (e-)bike/Micro mobility and EV Rideshare programs, projects, and public light-duty infrastructure including support for public transit.
  - Community education and outreach programs on asthma prevention, indoor/outdoor air pollution reduction, and impacts of air pollution on health.
  - Highest-performing filtration HEPA/HVAC systems for homes, schools, community & recreation centers, and senior centers.
5. Work with the Steering Committee to conduct outreach on INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC projects and the potential benefits. This outreach should include educational materials on air and climate pollution reduction impacts for the public and nearby residents. The outreach could include the Steering Community and/or community members following project development and implementation to increase community capacity and understanding on zero-emission infrastructure projects.
  6. Support INVEST CLEAN outreach and engagement for the job and workforce training program as implemented by the Los Angeles County Electrical Educational and Training Trust Fund (LA ETI) of the National Electrical Contractors Association and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11. For ELECTRIC, conduct outreach on workforce training program.

## B. Schedule of Deliverables

1. Develop Community Benefits Program Implementation Plan **(Q1 2025 with on-ongoing updates throughout INVEST CLEAN and 2025 – 2026 for ELECTRIC)**
  - i. Comprehensive draft plan addressing program goals, community engagement, project selection, education/outreach, and ZE technologies guidance.
2. Community Benefits Steering Committee Formation **(Q1 2025)**
  - i. Outline committee composition, focusing on geographic and demographic diversity, including LIDAC and communities affected by goods movement.
  - ii. Define roles, responsibilities, and initial meetings scheduled.
  - iii. Conduct outreach for membership and form Steering Committee.
3. Equity-Centered RFP Development: Community Feedback on Implementation Plans **(Q1 2025 for INVEST CLEAN and Q1 and Q2**

**2025 for ELECTRIC)**

- i. Gather/collect Steering Committee and community comments on implementation plans for INVEST CLEAN measures for Infrastructure, Heavy-Duty Trucks and Last-Mile Freight, Cargo Handling Equipment, and Locomotives.
  - ii. Gather/collect Steering Committee and community comments on implementation plans for ELECTRIC on deployment of zero-emission Class 6 and 7 vehicles in coordination with INVEST CLEAN measures.
4. Outreach Plan for Community Engagement to be Developed with Community Steering Committee **(Q1 2025 with on-ongoing updates throughout INVEST CLEAN and 2025-2026 for ELECTRIC as needed)**
- i. Develop plan educational and outreach framework including metric focused on air and climate pollution, ZE technology awareness, and goods movement impacts.
  - ii. Develop outreach and educational materials to support INVEST CLEAN projects and programs.
  - iii. Organize public workshops, media campaigns, and partnerships to enhance understanding of ZE infrastructure benefits.
  - iv. Provide outreach and engagement support for job and workforce training program implemented by LA ETI.
  - v. Conduct community outreach and engagement per plan with a minimum of 20 events.
5. Social Media Activities **(Q1 2025 and throughout INVEST CLEAN and for 2025 – 2026 for ELECTRIC)**
- i. Develop social media plan as component of Community Engagement plan, including posts to publicize meetings and events, projects, and other.
  - ii. Update social media plan in coordination with Community Engagement plan to reflect evolving project and stages of implementation.
6. Community Benefits Project Selection Framework and Project Implementation **(Q3 2025, Q4 2025, on-ongoing process throughout INVEST CLEAN as funds are available)**
- i. Develop plan on criteria and methodology with input from Community Steering Committee for prioritizing projects in freight-impacted and residential areas near goods movement facilities.
  - ii. Implement Community Benefits Project Selection process.
  - iii. Coordinate and execute prioritized Community Benefit projects.
7. Conduct Community Steering Committee Meetings **(Begin Q1 2025 and on-going throughout INVEST CLEAN with a minimum of 13 meetings over project and 2025 – 2026 for ELECTRIC)**
- i. Organize logistics including, but not limited to, venue (in person and/or virtual), interpretation as needed, refreshments, and related services and equipment.
  - ii. Create flyer including appropriate language translation and conduct

outreach for each Steering Committee meeting.

Develop agendas, take minutes, and note action items for each Steering Committee meeting. Agendas must be posted on INVEST CLEAN website a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

8. Reporting and Administration (**Q1 2025 and throughout INVEST CLEAN and 2025 – 2026 for ELECTRIC**)
  - i. Submit reports in compliance with South Coast AQMD and U.S. EPA terms and conditions.
  - ii. Invoice in accordance with South Coast AQMD and U.S. EPA requirements and terms and conditions.
  
9. Program Evaluation Report (**Begin Q1 2028 for INVEST CLEAN and 2026 for ELECTRIC**)
  - i. Written report summarizing:
    - a. Steering Committee effectiveness, feedback, and recommendations for improvements.
    - b. Effectiveness of education/outreach impacts.
    - c. Community Benefit project outcomes.
    - d. Best practices, lessons learned, and recommendations for future efforts.

## **SECTION VI: REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. Persons or firms proposing to bid on this proposal must be qualified and experienced in working with low-income disadvantaged communities, environmental justice and community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, labor, industry, and academia with demonstrated expertise in air quality and goods movement related issues. Persons or firms must submit qualifications demonstrating this ability in cases involving as many as possible of the following areas:
  1. Resumes or similar statement of qualifications of person or persons who may be designated as lead Consultant for South Coast AQMD projects.
  2. List of community-based organizations that persons or firm has worked with on goods movement-related issues.
  3. Summary of Proposer's general qualifications to meet required qualifications and fulfill statement of work, including additional personnel and resources beyond those of the designated lead Consultant.
  
- B. Proposer must submit the following:
  1. Resumes or similar statement of qualifications of person or persons who may be designated as lead Consultant for South Coast AQMD projects.
  2. List of community-based organizations that persons or firm has worked with on goods movement-related issues.
  3. Summary of Proposer's general qualifications to meet required qualifications and fulfill statement of work, including additional personnel and resources beyond those of the designated lead Consultant.

## **SECTION VII: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Submitted proposals must follow the format outlined below and all requested information must be supplied. Failure to submit proposals in the required format will result in

elimination from proposal evaluation. South Coast AQMD may modify the RFP or issue supplementary information or guidelines during the proposal preparation period prior to the due date. Please check our website for updates (<http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids>). The cost for developing the proposal is the responsibility of the Contractor and shall not be chargeable to South Coast AQMD.

Each proposal must be submitted in three separate volumes:

- Volume I - Technical Proposal
- Volume II - Cost Proposal
- Volume III - Certifications and Representations included in Attachment B to this RFP, must be completed and executed by an authorized official of the Contractor.

A separate cover letter, including the name, address, and telephone number of the contractor, and signed by the person or persons authorized to represent the Firm should accompany the proposal submission. Firm contact information as follows should also be included in the cover letter:

- Address and telephone number of office in, or nearest to, Diamond Bar, California.
- Name and title of Firm's representative designated as contact.

A separate Table of Contents should be provided for Volumes I and II.

### **VOLUME I – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COST INFORMATION IN THE TECHNICAL VOLUME**

Summary (Section A) - State overall approach to meeting the objectives and satisfying the scope of work to be performed, the sequence of activities, and a description of methodology or techniques to be used.

Program Schedule (Section B) - Provide projected milestones or benchmarks for completing the project (to include reports) within the total time allowed.

Project Organization (Section C) - Describe the proposed management structure, program monitoring procedures, and organization of the proposed team. Provide a statement detailing your approach to the project, specifically address the Firm's ability and willingness to commit and maintain staffing to successfully complete the project on the proposed schedule.

Qualifications (Section D) - Describe the technical capabilities of the Firm. Provide references of other similar studies or projects performed during the last five years demonstrating ability to successfully complete the work. Include contact name, title, and telephone number for any references listed. Provide a statement of your Firm's background and related experience in performing similar services for other governmental organizations.

Assigned Personnel (Section E) - Provide the following information about the staff to be assigned to this project:

1. List all key personnel assigned to the project by level, name, and location. Provide a resume or similar statement describing the background, qualifications and experience of the lead person and all persons assigned to the project. Substitution of project manager or lead personnel will not be permitted without prior written approval of South Coast AQMD.
2. Provide a spreadsheet of the labor hours proposed for each labor category at the task level.
3. Provide a statement indicating whether or not 90% of the work will be performed within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD.
4. Provide a statement of education and training programs provided to, or required of, the staff identified for participation in the project, particularly with reference to management consulting, governmental practices and procedures, and technical matters.
5. Provide a summary of your Firm's general qualifications to meet required qualifications and fulfill statement of work, including additional Firm personnel and resources beyond those who may be assigned to the project.

Subcontractors (Section F) - This project may require expertise in multiple technical areas. List any subcontractors that will be used, identifying functions to be performed by them, their related qualifications and experience and the total number of hours or percentage of time they will spend on the project.

Conflict of Interest (Section G) - Address possible conflicts of interest with other clients affected by actions performed by the Firm on behalf of South Coast AQMD. South Coast AQMD recognizes that prospective Contractors may be performing similar projects for other clients. Include a complete list of such clients for the past three (3) years with the type of work performed and the total number of years performing such tasks for each client. Although the Proposer will not be automatically disqualified by reason of work performed for such clients, South Coast AQMD reserves the right to consider the nature and extent of such work in evaluating the proposal.

Additional Data (Section H) - Provide other essential data that may assist in the evaluation of this proposal.

## **VOLUME II - COST PROPOSAL**

Name and Address - The Cost Proposal must list the name and complete address of the Proposer in the upper left-hand corner.

Cost Proposal – South Coast AQMD anticipates awarding a fixed price contract. Cost information must be provided as listed below:



1. Detail must be provided by the following categories:
  - A. Labor – The Cost Proposal must list the fully-burdened hourly rates and the total number of hours estimated for each level of professional and administrative staff to be used to perform the tasks required by this RFP. Costs should be estimated for each of the components of the work plan.
  - B. Subcontractor Costs - List subcontractor costs and identify subcontractors by name. Itemize subcontractor charges per hour or per day.
  - C. Travel Costs - Indicate amount of travel cost and basis of estimate to include trip destination, purpose of trip, length of trip, airline fare or mileage expense, per diem costs, lodging, and car rental.
  - D. Other Direct Costs -This category may include such items as postage and mailing expense, printing, and reproduction costs, etc. Provide a basis of estimate for these costs.
  
2. It is the policy of the South Coast AQMD to receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services. South Coast AQMD will give preference, where appropriate, to vendors who certify that they will provide “most favored customer” status to the South Coast AQMD. To receive preference points, Proposer shall certify that South Coast AQMD is receiving “most favored customer” pricing in the Business Status Certifications page of Volume III, Attachment B – Certifications and Representations.

### **VOLUME III - CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

(see Attachment B to this RFP)

### **SECTION VIII: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

All proposals must be submitted according to specifications set forth in the section above, and this section. Failure to adhere to these specifications may be cause for rejection of the proposal.

Signature - All proposals must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer.

Due Date - **All proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m.PST, February 11, 2025, and should be directed to:**

Procurement Unit  
 South Coast Air Quality Management District  
 21865 Copley Drive  
 Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178  
 Phone: (909) 396-3520,

Submittal - Submit eight (8) complete copies of the proposal in a sealed envelope, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Proposer and the words “Request for Proposals P2025-11.”

**Late bids/proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

Grounds for Rejection - A proposal may be immediately rejected if:

- It is not prepared in the format described, or
- It is signed by an individual not authorized to represent the Firm.

Modification or Withdrawal - Once submitted, proposals cannot be altered without the prior written consent of South Coast AQMD. All proposals shall constitute firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days following the last day to accept proposals.

**SECTION IX: PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACTOR SELECTION CRITERIA**

- A. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of three to five South Coast AQMD staff members familiar with the subject matter of the project. The panel shall be appointed by the Executive Officer or his designee. In addition, the evaluation panel may include such outside public sector or academic community expertise as deemed desirable by the Executive Officer. The panel will make a recommendation to the Executive Officer and/or the Governing Board of South Coast AQMD for final selection of a contractor and negotiation of a contract.
- B. Each member of the evaluation panel shall be accorded equal weight in his or her rating of proposals. The evaluation panel members shall evaluate the proposals according to the specified criteria and numerical weightings set forth below.

(a) Unique Knowledge or Abilities Points

Understanding the Problem	20
Technical/Management Approach	20
Contractor Qualifications	15
Previous Experience on Similar Projects	5
Demonstrated community-based organizations engagement	10
Specific knowledge/experience in impacts of goods movement and logistics on low-income disadvantaged communities	10
Cost	20

TOTAL 100

(b) Additional Points

Small Business or Small Business Joint Venture	10
DVBE or DVBE Joint Venture	10
Use of DVBE or Small Business Subcontractors	7
Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Business	5
Local Business (Non-Federally Funded Projects Only)	5
Off-Peak Hours Delivery Business	2
Most Favored Customer	2

**The cumulative points awarded for small business, DVBE, use of small business or DVBE subcontractors, Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicle business, local business, and off-peak hours delivery business shall not exceed 15 points. Most Favored Customer status incentive points shall be added, as applicable for a total of 17 points.**

**Self-Certification for Additional Points**

**The award of these additional points shall be contingent upon Proposer completing the Self-Certification section of Attachment B – Certifications and Representations and/or inclusion of a statement in the proposal self-certifying that Proposer qualifies for additional points as detailed above.**

1. To receive additional points in the evaluation process for the categories of Small Business or Small Business Joint Venture, DVBE or DVBE Joint Venture or Local Business (for non-federally funded projects), the Proposer must submit a self-certification at the time of proposal submission certifying that the Proposer meets the requirements set forth in Attachments A and B. To receive points for the use of DVBE and/or Small Business subcontractors, at least 25 percent of the total contract value must be subcontracted to DVBEs and/or Small Businesses. To receive points as a Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Business, the Proposer must demonstrate to the Executive Officer, or designee, that supplies and materials delivered to South Coast AQMD are delivered in vehicles that operate on clean-fuels. To receive points as a Local Business, the Proposer must affirm that it has an ongoing business within the South Coast AQMD at the time of bid/proposal submittal and that 90% of the work related to the contract will be performed within the South Coast AQMD. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points. Federally funded projects are not eligible for local business incentive points. To receive points as an Off-Peak Hours Delivery Business, the proposer must submit, at proposal submission, certification of its commitment to delivering supplies and materials to South Coast AQMD between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To receive points for Most Favored Customer status, the Proposer must submit, at proposal submission, certification

of its commitment to provide most favored customer status to the South Coast AQMD. The cumulative points awarded for Small Business, DVBE, use of Small Business or DVBE Subcontractors, Local Business, Zero or Near- Zero Emission Vehicle Business, Off-Peak Hour Delivery Business and Most Favored Customer shall not exceed 17 points.

2. For procurement of Research and Development (R & D) projects or projects requiring technical or scientific expertise or special projects requiring unique knowledge and abilities, technical factors including past experience shall be weighted at 70 points and cost shall be weighted at 30 points. A proposal must receive at least 56 out of 70 points on R & D projects and projects requiring technical or scientific expertise or special projects requiring unique knowledge and abilities, in order to be deemed qualified for award.
  3. The lowest cost proposal will be awarded the maximum cost points available and all other cost proposals will receive points on a prorated basis. For example, if the lowest cost proposal is \$1,000 and the maximum points available are 30 points, this proposal would receive the full 30 points. If the next lowest cost proposal is \$1,100 it would receive 27 points reflecting the fact that it is 10% higher than the lowest cost (90% of 30 points = 27 points).
- C. During the selection process the evaluation panel may wish to interview some proposers for clarification purposes only. No new material will be permitted at this time. Additional information provided during the bid review process is limited to clarification by the Proposer of information presented in his/her proposal, upon request by South Coast AQMD.
- D. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may award the contract to a Proposer, other than the Proposer receiving the highest rating, in the event the Governing Board determines that another Proposer from among those technically qualified would provide the best value to South Coast AQMD considering cost and technical factors. The determination shall be based solely on the Evaluation Criteria contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP), on the evidence provided in the proposal and on any other evidence provided during the bid review process.
- E. Selection will be made based on the above-described criteria and rating factors. The selection will be made by and is subject to Executive Officer or Governing Board approval. Proposers may be notified of the results by letter.
- F. The Governing Board has approved a Bid Protest Procedure, which provides a process for a Bidder or prospective Bidder to submit a written protest to the South Coast AQMD Procurement Manager in recognition of two types of protests: Protest Regarding Solicitation and Protest Regarding Award of a Contract. Copies of the Bid Protest Policy can be secured through a request to the South Coast AQMD Procurement Department.
- G. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may award contracts to more than one Proposer if, in (his or their) sole judgment, the purposes of the contract or award would best be served by selecting multiple proposers.

- H. If additional funds become available, the Executive Officer or Governing Board may increase the amount awarded. The Executive Officer or Governing Board may also select additional proposers for a grant or contract if additional funds become available.
- I. Disposition of Proposals – Pursuant to South Coast AQMD’s Procurement Policy and Procedure, South Coast AQMD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. All proposals become the property of South Coast AQMD and are subject to the California Public Records Act. One copy of the proposal shall be retained for South Coast AQMD files. Additional copies and materials will be returned only if requested and at the proposer's expense.
- J. **If proposal submittal is for a Public Works project as defined by State of California Labor Code Section 1720, Proposer is required to include Contractor Registration No. in Attachment B. Proposal submittal will be deemed as non-responsive and Bidder may be disqualified if Contractor Registration No. is not included in Attachment B. Proposer is alerted to changes to California Prevailing Wage compliance requirements as defined in Senate Bill 854 (Stat. 2014, Chapter 28), and California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1771, 1725, 1777, 1813 and 1815.**

#### **SECTION X: FUNDING**

The total funding for the work contemplated by this RFP will be a maximum **\$300,000** for the base year with an option to renew the contract for four additional one-year terms. The funding for the base year is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2024-25 budget. Funding for the four optional one-year extensions is contingent upon performance and Board approval of the budget for the respective fiscal years. Funds to be provided from INVEST CLEAN grant award, Fund (90).

#### **SECTION XI: SAMPLE CONTRACT**

A sample contract to carry out the work described in this RFP is available on South Coast AQMD’s website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids> or upon request from the RFP Contact Person (Section II)

## ATTACHMENT A

### PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

A. It is the policy of South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to ensure that all businesses including minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, disabled veteran business enterprises and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in South Coast AQMD contracts.

B. Definitions:

The definition of minority, women or disadvantaged business enterprises set forth below is included for purposes of determining compliance with the affirmative steps requirement described in Paragraph G below on procurements funded in whole or in part with federal grant funds which involve the use of subcontractors. The definition provided for disabled veteran business enterprise, local business, small business enterprise, Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicle business and off-peak hours delivery business are provided for purposes of determining eligibility for point or cost considerations in the evaluation process.

1. "Women business enterprise" (WBE) as used in this policy means a business enterprise that meets all of the following criteria:
  - a. a business that is at least 51 percent (51%) owned by one or more women, or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent (51%) of the stock is owned by one or more or women.
  - b. a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
  - c. a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign-based business.
2. "Disabled veteran" as used in this policy is a United States military, naval, or air service veteran with at least 10 percent (10%) service-connected disability who is a resident of California.
3. "Disabled veteran business enterprise" (DVBE) as used in this policy means a business enterprise that meets all the following criteria:
  - a. is a sole proprietorship or partnership of which at least 51 percent (51%) is owned by one or more disabled veterans or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent (51%) of its stock is owned by one or more disabled veterans; a subsidiary which is wholly owned by a parent corporation but only if at least 51 percent (51%) of the voting stock of the parent corporation

- is owned by one or more disabled veterans; or a joint venture in which at least 51 percent (51%) of the joint venture's management and control and earnings are held by one or more disabled veterans.
- b. the management and control of the daily business operations are by one or more disabled veterans. The disabled veterans who exercise management and control are not required to be the same disabled veterans as the owners of the business.
  - c. is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm, or other foreign-based business.
4. "Local business" as used in this policy means a company that has an ongoing business within geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD at the time of bid or proposal submittal and performs 90 percent (90%) of the work related to the contract within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD and satisfies the requirements of subparagraph H below. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points.
  5. "Small business" as used in this policy means a business that meets the following criteria:
    - a. 1) an independently owned and operated business; 2) not dominant in its field of operation; 3) together with affiliates is either:
      - A service, construction, or non-manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees, and average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or less over the previous three years, or
      - A manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees.
    - b. "Manufacturer" means a business that is both of the following:
      - 1) Primarily engaged in the chemical or mechanical transformation of raw materials or processed substances into new products.
      - 2) Classified between Codes 311000 and 339000, inclusive, of the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 2007 edition.
  6. "Joint ventures" as defined in this policy pertaining to certification means that one party to the joint venture is a DVBE or small business and owns at least 51 percent (51%) of the joint venture.
  7. "Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Business" as used in this policy means a company or contractor that uses Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicles in conducting deliveries to South Coast AQMD. Zero or Near-Zero emission vehicles

include vehicles powered by electric, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), ethanol, methanol and hydrogen and are certified to 90 percent (90%) or lower of the existing standard.

8. "Off-Peak Hours Delivery Business" as used in this policy means a company or contractor that commits to conducting deliveries to South Coast AQMD during off-peak traffic hours defined as between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
9. "Benefits Incentive Business" as used in this policy means a company or contractor that provides janitorial, security guard or landscaping services to South Coast AQMD and commits to providing employee health benefits (as defined below in Section VIII.D.2.d) for full time workers with affordable deductible and co-payment terms.
10. "Minority Business Enterprise" as used in this policy means a business that is at least 51 percent (10%) owned by one or more minority person(s), or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more or minority persons.
  - a. a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more minority persons.
  - b. a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, or partnership with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign-based business.
  - c. "Minority person" for purposes of this policy, means a Black American, Hispanic American, Native-American (including American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and Native Hawaiian), Asian-Indian (including a person whose origins are from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh), Asian-Pacific-American (including a person whose origins are from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, the United States Trust Territories of the Pacific, Northern Marianas, Laos, Cambodia, and Taiwan).
11. "Most Favored Customer" as used in this policy means that the South Coast AQMD will receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services.
12. "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise" as used in this policy means a business that is an entity owned and/or controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) as described by Title X of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7601 note) (10% statute), and Public Law 102-389 (42 U.S.C. 4370d)(8% statute), respectively:
  - a Small Business Enterprise (SBE);
  - a Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA);
  - a Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF); or



- a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Business Concern, or a concern under a successor program.
- C. Under Request for Quotations (RFQ), DVBEs, DVBE business joint ventures, small businesses, and small business joint ventures shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 5 percent (5%) of the lowest cost responsive bid. Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Businesses shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 5 percent of the lowest cost responsive bid. Off-Peak Hours Delivery Businesses shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2 percent (2%) of the lowest cost responsive bid. Local businesses (if the procurement is not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds) shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2 percent (2%) of the lowest cost responsive bid. Businesses offering Most Favored Customer status shall be granted a preference in an amount equal to 2 percent (2%) of the lowest cost responsive bid.
- D. Under Request for Proposals, DVBEs, DVBE joint ventures, small businesses, and small business joint ventures shall be awarded ten (10) points in the evaluation process. A non-DVBE or large business shall receive seven (7) points for subcontracting at least 25 percent (25%) of the total contract value to a DVBE and/or small business. Zero or Near-Zero Emission Vehicle Businesses shall be awarded five (5) points in the evaluation process. On procurements which are not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds local businesses shall receive five (5) points. Off-Peak Hours Delivery Businesses shall be awarded two (2) points in the evaluation process. Businesses offering Most Favored Customer status shall be awarded two (2) points in the evaluation process.
- E. South Coast AQMD will ensure that discrimination in the award and performance of contracts does not occur on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, creed, ancestry, medical condition, or retaliation for having filed a discrimination complaint in the performance of South Coast AQMD contractual obligations.
- F. South Coast AQMD requires Contractor to be in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations with respect to its employees throughout the term of any awarded contract, including state minimum wage laws and OSHA requirements.
- G. When contracts are funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and if subcontracts are to be let, the Contractor must comply with the following, evidencing a good faith effort to solicit disadvantaged businesses. Contractor shall submit a certification signed by an authorized official affirming its status as a MBE or WBE, as applicable, at the time of contract execution. South Coast AQMD reserves the right to request documentation demonstrating compliance with the following good faith efforts prior to contract execution.
1. Ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients,

this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
  3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
  4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
  5. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
  6. If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the above steps.
- H. To the extent that any conflict exists between this policy and any requirements imposed by federal and state law relating to participation in a contract by a certified MBE/WBE/DVBE as a condition of receipt of federal or state funds, the federal or state requirements shall prevail.
- I. When contracts are not funded in whole or in part by federal grant funds, a local business preference will be awarded. For such contracts that involve the purchase of commercial off-the-shelf products, local business preference will be given to suppliers or distributors of commercial off-the-shelf products who maintain an ongoing business within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD. However, if the subject matter of the RFP or RFQ calls for the fabrication or manufacture of custom products, only companies performing 90 percent (90%) of the manufacturing or fabrication effort within the geographical boundaries of South Coast AQMD shall be entitled to the local business preference. Proposals for legislative representation, such as in Sacramento, California or Washington D.C. are not eligible for local business incentive points.
- J. In compliance with federal fair share requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 33, South Coast AQMD shall establish a fair share goal annually for expenditures with federal funds covered by its procurement policy.

**ATTACHMENT B**

## Certifications and Representations

**South Coast  
Air Quality Management District**

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178  
(909) 396-2000 • [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)

**Business Information Request**

Dear South Coast AQMD Contractor/Supplier:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is committed to ensuring that our contractor/supplier records are current and accurate. If your firm is selected for award of a purchase order or contract, it is imperative that the information requested herein be supplied in a timely manner to facilitate payment of invoices. In order to process your payments, we need the enclosed information regarding your account. **Please review and complete the information identified on the following pages, remember to sign all documents for our files, and return them as soon as possible to the address below:**

**Attention: Accounts Payable, Accounting Department  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178**

If you do not return this information, we will not be able to establish you as a vendor. This will delay any payments and would still necessitate your submittal of the enclosed information to our Accounting department before payment could be initiated. Completion of this document and enclosed forms would ensure that your payments are processed timely and accurately.

**If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this information, please contact Accounting at (909) 396-3777. We appreciate your cooperation in completing this necessary information.**

Sincerely,

Sujata Jain  
Chief Financial Officer

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Enclosures: Business Information Request  
Disadvantaged Business Certification  
W-9  
Form 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate  
Federal Contract Debarment Certification  
Campaign Contributions Disclosure



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## BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST

Business Name	
Division of	
Subsidiary of	
Website Address	
Type of Business <i>Check One:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> DBA, Name _____, County Filed in _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation, ID No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> LLC/LLP, ID No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

## REMITTING ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address			
City/Town			
State/Province		Zip	
Phone	(    )    -    Ext	Fax	(    )    -
Contact		Title	
E-mail Address			
Payment Name if Different			

All invoices must reference the corresponding Purchase Order Number(s)/Contract Number(s) if applicable and mailed to:

**Attention: Accounts Payable, Accounting Department**  
**South Coast Air Quality Management District**  
**21865 Copley Drive**  
**Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178**

### BUSINESS STATUS CERTIFICATIONS

Federal guidance for utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises allows a vendor to be deemed a small business enterprise (SBE), minority business enterprise (MBE) or women business enterprise (WBE) if it meets the criteria below.

- is certified by the Small Business Administration or
- is certified by a state or federal agency or
- is an independent MBE(s) or WBE(s) business concern which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by minority group member(s) who are citizens of the United States.

Statements of certification:

As a prime contractor to South Coast AQMD, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of business) will engage in good faith efforts to achieve the fair share in accordance with 40 CFR Section 33.301, and will follow the six affirmative steps listed below **for contracts or purchase orders funded in whole or in part by federal grants and contracts.**

1. Place qualified SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs on solicitation lists.
2. Assure that SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs are solicited whenever possible.
3. When economically feasible, divide total requirements into small tasks or quantities to permit greater participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
4. Establish delivery schedules, if possible, to encourage participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
5. Use services of Small Business Administration, Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, and/or any agency authorized as a clearinghouse for SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs.
6. If subcontracts are to be let, take the above affirmative steps.

**Self-Certification Verification: Also for use in awarding additional points, as applicable, in accordance with South Coast AQMD Procurement Policy and Procedure:**

Check all that apply:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Enterprise/Small Business Joint Venture | <input type="checkbox"/> Women-owned Business Enterprise                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local business   | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprise/DVBE Joint Venture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minority-owned Business Enterprise                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Favored Customer Pricing Certification                   |

Percent of ownership: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Name of Qualifying Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**State of California Public Works Contractor Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ . MUST BE INCLUDED IF BID PROPOSAL IS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT.**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate. Upon penalty of perjury, I certify information submitted is factual.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*NAME*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*TITLE*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*TELEPHONE NUMBER*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*DATE*

## Definitions

**Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- is a sole proprietorship or partnership of which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more disabled veterans, or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more disabled veterans; a subsidiary which is wholly owned by a parent corporation but only if at least 51 percent of the voting stock of the parent corporation is owned by one or more disabled veterans; or a joint venture in which at least 51 percent of the joint venture's management and control and earnings are held by one or more disabled veterans.
- the management and control of the daily business operations are by one or more disabled veterans. The disabled veterans who exercise management and control are not required to be the same disabled veterans as the owners of the business.
- is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or joint venture with its primary headquarters office located in the United States and which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm, or other foreign-based business.

**Joint Venture** means that one party to the joint venture is a DVBE and owns at least 51 percent of the joint venture. In the case of a joint venture formed for a single project this means that DVBE will receive at least 51 percent of the project dollars.

**Local Business** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- has an ongoing business within the boundary of South Coast AQMD at the time of bid application.
- performs 90 percent of the work within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

**Minority-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority persons or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more minority persons.
- is a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled or owned by one or more minority person.
- is a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, joint venture, an association, or a cooperative with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign business.

“Minority” person means a Black American, Hispanic American, Native American (including American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and Native Hawaiian), Asian-Indian American (including a person whose origins are from India, Pakistan, or Bangladesh), Asian-Pacific American (including a person whose origins are from Japan, China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea, Samoa, Guam, the United States Trust Territories of the Pacific, Northern Marianas, Laos, Cambodia, or Taiwan).

**Small Business Enterprise** means a business that meets the following criteria:

- a. 1) an independently owned and operated business; 2) not dominant in its field of operation; 3) together with affiliates is either:
  - A service, construction, or non-manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees, and average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or less over the previous three years, or
  - A manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees.
- b. Manufacturer means a business that is both of the following:
  - 1) Primarily engaged in the chemical or mechanical transformation of raw materials or processed substances into new products.
  - 2) Classified between Codes 311000 to 339000, inclusive, of the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 2007 edition.

**Small Business Joint Venture** means that one party to the joint venture is a Small Business and owns at least 51 percent of the joint venture. In the case of a joint venture formed for a single project this means that the Small Business will receive at least 51 percent of the project dollars.

**Women-Owned Business Enterprise** means a business that meets all of the following criteria:

- is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or in the case of any business whose stock is publicly held, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more women.
- is a business whose management and daily business operations are controlled or owned by one or more women.
- is a business which is a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or a joint venture, with its primary headquarters office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign business.

**Most Favored Customer** as used in this policy means that the South Coast AQMD will receive at least as favorable pricing, warranties, conditions, benefits and terms as other customers or clients making similar purchases or receiving similar services.





By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

## What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note: ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

### Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

### Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

### Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Businesses](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

### What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>*</sup>

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

**\*Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

### Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.** Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@ftc.gov](mailto:spam@ftc.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Visit [www.irs.gov/identitytheft](http://www.irs.gov/identitytheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

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# 2021 Withholding Exemption Certificate

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The payee completes this form and submits it to the withholding agent. The withholding agent keeps this form with their records.

## Withholding Agent Information

Name

## Payee Information

Name

SSN or ITIN  FEIN  CA Corp no.  CA SOS file no.

Address (apt./ste., room, PO box, or PMB no.)

City (If you have a foreign address, see instructions.)

State ZIP code

## Exemption Reason

Check only one box.

By checking the appropriate box below, the payee certifies the reason for the exemption from the California income tax withholding requirements on payment(s) made to the entity or individual.

**Individuals — Certification of Residency:**

I am a resident of California and I reside at the address shown above. If I become a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions.

**Corporations:**

The corporation has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is qualified through the California Secretary of State (SOS) to do business in California. The corporation will file a California tax return. If this corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. See instructions for General Information D, Definitions.

**Partnerships or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs):**

The partnership or LLC has a permanent place of business in California at the address shown above or is registered with the California SOS, and is subject to the laws of California. The partnership or LLC will file a California tax return. If the partnership or LLC ceases to do any of the above, I will promptly inform the withholding agent. For withholding purposes, a limited liability partnership (LLP) is treated like any other partnership.

**Tax-Exempt Entities:**

The entity is exempt from tax under California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701 (insert letter) or Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (insert number). If this entity ceases to be exempt from tax, I will promptly notify the withholding agent. Individuals cannot be tax-exempt entities.

**Insurance Companies, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), or Qualified Pension/Profit-Sharing Plans:**

The entity is an insurance company, IRA, or a federally qualified pension or profit-sharing plan.

**California Trusts:**

At least one trustee and one noncontingent beneficiary of the above-named trust is a California resident. The trust will file a California fiduciary tax return. If the trustee or noncontingent beneficiary becomes a nonresident at any time, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.

**Estates — Certification of Residency of Deceased Person:**

I am the executor of the above-named person's estate or trust. The decedent was a California resident at the time of death. The estate will file a California fiduciary tax return.

**Nonmilitary Spouse of a Military Servicemember:**

I am a nonmilitary spouse of a military servicemember and I meet the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) requirements. See instructions for General Information E, MSRRA.

**CERTIFICATE OF PAYEE:** Payee must complete and sign below.

To learn about your privacy rights, how we may use your information, and the consequences for not providing the requested information, go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) and search for 1131. To request this notice by mail, call 800.852.5711.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare under penalties of perjury that if the facts upon which this form are based change, I will promptly notify the withholding agent.

Type or print payee's name and title

Telephone

Payee's signature

Date

# 2021 Instructions for Form 590

## Withholding Exemption Certificate

References in these instructions are to the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

### General Information

California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 18662 requires withholding of income or franchise tax on payments of California source income made to nonresidents of California. For more information, See General Information B, Income Subject to Withholding.

**Registered Domestic Partners (RDPs)** – For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP unless otherwise specified. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

### A Purpose

Use Form 590, Withholding Exemption Certificate, to certify an exemption from nonresident withholding.

Form 590 does not apply to payments of backup withholding. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **backup withholding**.

Form 590 does not apply to payments for wages to employees. Wage withholding is administered by the California Employment Development Department (EDD). For more information, go to [edd.ca.gov](http://edd.ca.gov) or call 888.745.3886.

**Do not** use Form 590 to certify an exemption from withholding if you are a **seller of California real estate**. Sellers of California real estate use Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Statement, to claim an exemption from the real estate withholding requirement.

**The following are excluded from withholding and completing this form:**

- The United States and any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- A state, a possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.

### B Income Subject to Withholding

Withholding is required on the following, but is not limited to:

- Payments to nonresidents for services rendered in California.
- Distributions of California source income made to domestic nonresident partners, members, and S corporation shareholders and allocations of California source income made to foreign partners and members.
- Payments to nonresidents for rents if the payments are made in the course of the withholding agent's business.
- Payments to nonresidents for royalties from activities sourced to California.

- Distributions of California source income to nonresident beneficiaries from an estate or trust.
- Endorsement payments received for services performed in California.
- Prizes and winnings received by nonresidents for contests in California.

However, withholding is optional if the total payments of California source income are \$1,500 or less during the calendar year.

For more information on withholding, get FTB Pub. 1017, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Guidelines. To get a withholding publication, see Additional Information.

### C Who Certifies this Form

Form 590 is certified (completed and signed) by the payee. California residents or entities exempt from the withholding requirement should complete Form 590 and submit it to the withholding agent before payment is made. The withholding agent is then relieved of the withholding requirements if the agent relies in good faith on a completed and signed Form 590 unless notified by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) that the form should not be relied upon.

An incomplete certificate is invalid and the withholding agent should not accept it. If the withholding agent receives an incomplete certificate, the withholding agent is required to withhold tax on payments made to the payee until a valid certificate is received. In lieu of a completed exemption certificate, the withholding agent may accept a letter from the payee as a substitute explaining why they are not subject to withholding. The letter must contain all the information required on the certificate in similar language, including the under penalty of perjury statement and the payee's taxpayer identification number (TIN).

The certification does not need to be renewed annually. The certification on Form 590 remains valid until the payee's status changes. The withholding agent must retain a copy of the certification or substitute for at least five years after the last payment to which the certification applies. The agent must provide it to the FTB upon request.

If an entertainer (or the entertainer's business entity) is paid for a performance, the entertainer's information must be provided. **Do not** submit the entertainer's agent or promoter information.

The grantor of a grantor trust shall be treated as the payee for withholding purposes. Therefore, if the payee is a grantor trust and one or more of the grantors is a nonresident, withholding is required. If all of the grantors on the trust are residents, no withholding is required. Resident grantors can check the box on Form 590 labeled "Individuals — Certification of Residency."

### D Definitions

For California nonwage withholding purposes:

- Nonresident includes all of the following:
  - Individuals who are not residents of California.
  - Corporations not qualified through the California Secretary of State (CA SOS) to do business in California or having no permanent place of business in California.
  - Partnerships or limited liability companies (LLCs) with no permanent place of business in California.
  - Any trust without a resident grantor, beneficiary, or trustee, or estates where the decedent was not a California resident.
- Foreign refers to non-U.S.

For more information about determining resident status, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status. Military servicemembers have special rules for residency. For more information see General Information E, Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA), and FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

#### Permanent Place of Business:

A corporation has a permanent place of business in California if it is organized and existing under the laws of California or it has qualified through the CA SOS to transact intrastate business. A corporation that has not qualified to transact intrastate business (e.g., a corporation engaged exclusively in interstate commerce) will be considered as having a permanent place of business in California only if it maintains a permanent office in California that is permanently staffed by its employees.

### E Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA)

Generally, for tax purposes you are considered to maintain your existing residence or domicile. If a military servicemember and nonmilitary spouse have the same state of domicile, the MSRRA provides:

- A spouse shall not be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in any state solely by reason of being absent to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.
- A spouse shall not be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other state solely by reason of being there to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders.

**Domicile** is defined as the one place:

- Where you maintain a true, fixed, and permanent home.
- To which you intend to return whenever you are absent.

A military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse is considered a nonresident for tax purposes if the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile outside of California and the spouse is in California solely to be with the servicemember who is serving in compliance with Permanent Change of Station orders.

California may require nonmilitary spouses of military servicemembers to provide proof that they meet the criteria for California personal income tax exemption as set forth in the MSRRA.

Income of a military servicemember's nonmilitary spouse for services performed in California is not California source income subject to state tax if the spouse is in California to be with the servicemember serving in compliance with military orders, and the servicemember and spouse have the same domicile in a state other than California.

For additional information or assistance in determining whether the applicant meets the MSRRA requirements, get FTB Pub. 1032.

## Specific Instructions

### Payee Instructions

Enter the withholding agent's name.

Enter the payee's information, including the TIN and check the appropriate TIN box.

You must provide a valid TIN as requested on this form. The following are acceptable TINs: social security number (SSN); individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN); federal employer identification number (FEIN); California corporation number (CA Corp no.); or CA SOS file number.

**Private Mail Box (PMB)** – Include the PMB in the address field. Write "PMB" first, then the box number. Example: 111 Main Street PMB 123.

**Foreign Address** – Follow the country's practice for entering the city, county, province, state, country, and postal code, as applicable, in the appropriate boxes. Do not abbreviate the country name.

**Exemption Reason** – Check the box that reflects the reason why the payee is exempt from the California income tax withholding requirement.

### Withholding Agent Instructions

Do not send this form to the FTB. The certification on Form 590 remains valid until the payee's status changes. The withholding agent must retain a copy of the certificate or substitute for at least five years after the last payment to which the certificate applies. The agent must provide it to the FTB upon request.

The payee must notify the withholding agent if any of the following situations occur:

- The individual payee becomes a nonresident.
- The corporation ceases to have a permanent place of business in California or ceases to be qualified to do business in California.
- The partnership ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The LLC ceases to have a permanent place of business in California.
- The tax-exempt entity loses its tax-exempt status.

If any of these situations occur, then withholding may be required. For more information, get Form 592, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Statement, Form 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement, Form 592-PTE, Pass-Through Entity Annual Withholding Return, Form 592-Q, Payment Voucher for Pass-Through Entity Withholding, and Form 592-V, Payment Voucher for Resident or Nonresident Withholding.

## Additional Information

**Website:** For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **nonwage**.

**MyFTB** offers secure online tax account information and services. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for **MyFTB**.

**Telephone:** 888.792.4900 or 916.845.4900, Withholding Services and Compliance phone service

**Fax:** 916.845.9512

**Mail:** WITHHOLDING SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE MS F182  
FRANCHISE TAXBOARD  
PO BOX 942867  
SACRAMENTO CA 94267-0651

For questions unrelated to withholding, or to download, view, and print California tax forms and publications, or to access the TTY/TDD numbers, see the Internet and Telephone Assistance section.

### Internet and Telephone Assistance

**Website:** [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov)

**Telephone:** 800.852.5711 from within the United States  
916.845.6500 from outside the United States

**TTY/TDD:** 800.822.6268 for persons with hearing or speech disability  
711 or 800.735.2929 California relay service

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711 ó 800.735.2929 servicio de relevo de California



**Certification Regarding  
Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters**

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and the principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them or commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statute or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Sec. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

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Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative Date

I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.



### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE

In accordance with California law, bidders and contracting parties are required to disclose, at the time the application is filed, information relating to any campaign contributions made to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board Members or members/alternates of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) or MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), including: the name of the party making the contribution (which includes any parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity, as defined below), the amount of the contribution, and the date the contribution was made. 2 C.C.R. §18438.8(b). Where a proposed or proposed amended rule impacts three or fewer facilities, those facilities will be treated in much the same manner as contracting parties and so must also complete this form, disclosing information relating to any campaign contributions made to any SCAQMD Board Members. See Quadri Advice Letter (2002) A-02.096.<sup>1</sup> In the event that a qualifying campaign contribution is made, the Board Member to whom it was made may be disqualified from participating in the actions involving that donor.

California law prohibits a party, or an agent, from making campaign contributions to SCAQMD Governing Board Members or members/alternates of the MSRC or TAC of more than \$250 while their contract or permit is pending before the SCAQMD; and further prohibits a campaign contribution from being made for twelve (12) months following the date of the final decision by the Governing Board or the MSRC or TAC on a donor’s contract or permit. Gov’t Code §84308(d). For purposes of reaching the \$250 limit, the campaign contributions of the bidder or contractor plus contributions by its parents, affiliates, and related companies of the contractor or bidder are added together. 2 C.C.R. §18438.5.

In addition, SCAQMD Board Members or members/alternates of the MSRC or TAC must abstain from voting on a contract or permit if they have received a campaign contribution from a party or participant<sup>2</sup> to the proceeding, or agent, totaling more than \$250 in the 12-month period prior to the consideration of the item by the Governing Board or the MSRC. Gov’t Code §84308(c).

The list of current SCAQMD Governing Board Members can be found at the SCAQMD website ([www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)). The list of current MSRC and TAC members/alternates can be found at the MSRC website (<http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org>).

#### **SECTION I.**

**Contractor (Legal Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> DBA, Name _____, County Filed in _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation, ID No. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LLC/LLP, ID No. _____

**List any parent, subsidiaries, or otherwise affiliated business entities of Contractor:**  
*(See definition below).*

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<sup>1</sup> The information provided on this form does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice. To the extent that you may have questions regarding any case law, citations, or legal interpretations provided above please seek the guidance of your own independent counsel.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with California law, a person or entity with a financial interest in a proceeding or particular governmental decision, who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision, qualifies as a “participant” in that proceeding for purposes of California Code of Regulations Section 84308. A participant has both a financial interest in the proceeding and communicates with the agency or an officer of the agency for purposes of influencing the proceeding.

**SECTION II.**

Has Contractor or Participant and/or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliated company, or agent thereof, or persons who direct or control campaign contributions for these entities, made a campaign contribution(s) totaling \$250 or more in the aggregate to a current member of the South Coast Air Quality Management Governing Board or member/alternate of the MSRC or TAC in the 12 months preceding the date of execution of this disclosure?

Yes  No

**If YES, complete Section II below and then sign and date the form.**

**If NO, sign and date below. Include this form with your submittal.**

Name(s) of Contributor(s) or Person(s) who Directed or Controlled this Contribution:

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**I declare the foregoing disclosures to be true and correct.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITIONS**

Parent, Subsidiary, or Otherwise Related Business Entity (2 Cal. Code of Regs., §18703.1(d).)

- (1) Parent subsidiary. A parent subsidiary relationship exists when one corporation directly or indirectly owns shares possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.
- (2) Otherwise related business entity. Business entities, including corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and any other organizations and enterprises operated for profit, which do not have a parent subsidiary relationship are otherwise related if any one of the following three tests is met:
- (A) One business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity.
  - (B) There is shared management and control between the entities. In determining whether there is shared management and control, consideration should be given to the following factors:
    - (i) The same person or substantially the same person owns and manages the two entities;
    - (ii) There are common or commingled funds or assets;
    - (iii) The business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis;
    - (iv) There is otherwise a regular and close working relationship between the entities; or
  - (C) A controlling owner (50% or greater interest as a shareholder or as a general partner) in one entity also is a controlling owner in the other entity.

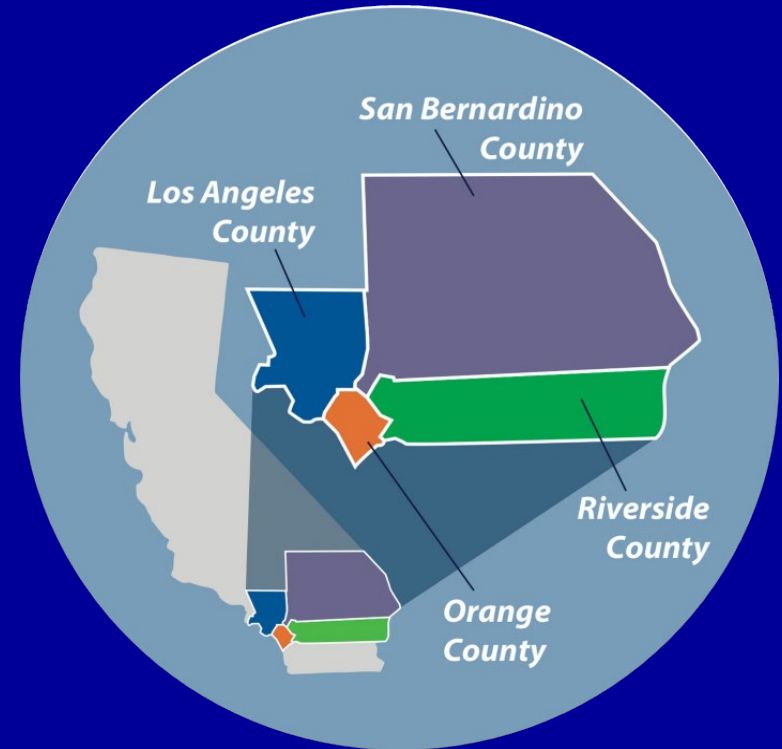
## Agenda Item #2

Execute Contracts and Transfer Funds  
under CPRG INVEST CLEAN Program  
and Issue RFP for Third-Party Facilitator(s)  
for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC

Mei Wang

# Background

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) created by Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Partnered with two Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim and Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario
- On October 7, 2024, South Coast AQMD was awarded ~\$500 Million for INVEST CLEAN (Infrastructure, Vehicles and Equipment Strategy or Climate, Equity Air Quality and National Competitiveness)



# Overview of Three Main Elements of INVEST CLEAN



Four Incentive Measures



Workforce Training



Community Benefits

# INVEST CLEAN - Four Incentive Measures



**Heavy-Duty  
Charging  
Infrastructure**  
**\$191 million**



**Class 8 Heavy-Duty  
Trucks and Last Mile  
Freight for Class 4  
and 5 Vehicles**  
**\$84 million**



**Battery Electric  
Locomotives**  
**\$199 million**



**Cargo  
Handling  
Equipment**  
**\$26 million**



# INVEST CLEAN Timeline to Date

(Infrastructure, Vehicles and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity Air Quality, and National Competitiveness)

**April 2024: INVEST CLEAN Proposal Submitted**



**July 2024: Awarded \$499,997,415**



**September 2024: South Coast AQMD Board Recognized the Funds**



**October 2024 Executed Grant Agreement with the EPA**



**January-March 2025: Contracting with Project Partners**

# INVEST CLEAN Next Steps

**1st Quarter 2025: Community Engagement Activities Start and Meet with Stakeholders**



**Early 2025 SCAG Last Mile Freight Program**



**March-April 2025: Release Locomotive Solicitation**



**April-May 2025: Release Cargo Handling Equipment Solicitation**



**June-July 2025: Release Infrastructure and Class 8 Truck Solicitations**

# INVEST CLEAN

## Emission Reduction Benefits

### Benefits Over 25 Years (2025-2050):



Excellent cost effectiveness at **\$42/metric ton** CO2e over the **25-year** period.

# INVEST CLEAN Workforce Training

- Establish workforce training programs through partnership with National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
- Leverage NECA/IBEW's large network and experience with apprenticeship programs, non-profits, and universities/colleges
- Provide training and education to develop a highly skilled workforce to install and maintain ZE equipment



# INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC Community Benefits

- Select Third Party Facilitator(s) through the RFP process to implement Community Benefit Plans for
  - INVEST CLEAN
  - ELECTRIC, Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion battery electric class 6/7 vehicles
- The third-party facilitator(s) to:
  - Assist with creating a Community Steering Committee
  - Develop the Community Benefit Plan that incorporates community priorities
  - Conduct community outreach and engagements
  - Support community benefit projects



# Alliance for Sustainable Energy

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory operates by Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC
- Create a standardize process for data collection and reviewing reports
- Provide third-party oversight to validate the program's emission reduction performance, and track long-term usage of equipment
- Improve data tools and help with national scaling of heavy-duty battery electric technologies



# SCAG's Last Mile Freight Program

- Last Mile Freight : Transportation of goods from a distribution center to final destinations
- Administer Class 4 and 5 vehicle rebates
- A total allocation of \$51.5 million, including administrative costs for approximately 746 vehicle replacement



# Proposal

- Establish workforce training and implement Community Benefit Plans
- Execute sole-source contracts with:
  - NECA-IBEW to provide workforce training
  - NREL to provide third-party oversight
  - SCAG to implement last-mile freight program



- Release RFP to solicit third-party facilitator(s) for INVEST CLEAN and ELECTRIC programs

- INVEST CLEAN website development
  - Temporary website:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/technology/implementation/invest-clean>





# Summary of Recommended Actions

- Execute three contracts:
  - NECA/IBEW for \$5 million to develop workforce training program
  - Alliance for Sustainable Energy for \$1.8 million to conduct program validation
  - Southern California Association of Governments for \$51.5 million to implement the Last Mile Freight Program

# Summary of Recommended Actions

- Issue a Request for Proposal #2025-11 to solicit Third-Party Facilitator(s) for Community Benefit Programs and authorize Executive Officer to execute and/or amend contracts
- Transfer up to \$20,000 as a temporary loan from Legislative, Public Affairs and Media FY 2024-25 Professional and Special Services Fund (01) into U.S. EPA CPRG Special Revenue Fund (90) to cover the third-party facilitator's initial costs for the INVEST CLEAN work

# Summary of Recommended Actions

- Transfer up to \$100,000 as a temporary loan from Clean Fuels Fund (31) into Fund 90 for Alliance for Sustainable Energy's initial program setup costs
- Appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance into Information Management's FY 2024-25 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects for INVEST CLEAN online project application system modification

**Technology Committee Agenda #3**

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO.

**PROPOSAL:** Transfer and Appropriate Funds, Recognize Revenue, and Execute Contract for EV Charger Installation Services at South Coast AQMD Headquarters

**SYNOPSIS:** In August 2024, the Board approved the release of an RFP to replace the EV charging infrastructure at South Coast AQMD headquarters. In October 2024, CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) awarded South Coast AQMD \$70,000 under the Communities in Charge grant to replace up to 28 EV chargers at its headquarters. These actions are to: 1) transfer and appropriate \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) into Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget; 2) recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$70,000 awarded from CALSTART into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31); and 3) execute a contract with GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc. for EV hardware and software installation and maintenance at South Coast AQMD headquarters for up to \$723,248 from Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget.

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, December 20, 2024; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Transfer \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Fund (31) into the General Fund and appropriate \$723,248 to the Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget, Capital Outlays Major Object, Capital Outlays Account;
2. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$70,000 from CALSTART, Inc. into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31); and
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc. (GreenWealth) for EV hardware and software installation and maintenance at South Coast AQMD headquarters in an amount not to exceed \$723,248 from Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget, Capital Outlays Major Object, Capital Outlays Account.

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

## **Background**

South Coast AQMD headquarters' electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), provides Level 2 charging for up to 94 vehicles. The publicly accessible charging infrastructure was installed between 2011 and 2017 using Department of Energy (DOE) and California Energy Commission (CEC) grants and the Clean Fuels Fund. All chargers are no longer covered by warranty, and many faulty and nonfunctional chargers are over ten years old and repairs are not feasible. To meet current and future EV charging needs for staff and the public, replacing 55 EVSE units with a total of 94 charging plugs is necessary. Replacing these EVSE units will also enable the charging network to be monitored remotely along with improving energy management capabilities.

In August 2024, the Board released RFP #P2024-13 to solicit proposals to replace the EV charging infrastructure at South Coast AQMD headquarters. Of the six proposals received, two proposals were qualified to be considered for this solicitation and are shown in Table 1.

In October 2024, South Coast AQMD was awarded \$70,000 from the Communities in Charge Program under CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) and in collaboration with CEC to replace EV chargers on existing infrastructure at South Coast AQMD headquarters. The Communities in Charge Program is California's market-accelerating, light-duty electric vehicle infrastructure incentive project funded by CEC, implemented by CALSTART and supported by Grid Alternatives and Tetra Tech, Inc. The Communities in Charge Program is designed to swiftly deploy Level 2 EV chargers.

## **Outreach**

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFP and inviting bids was published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County Press Enterprise newspapers.

Additionally, potential bidders were notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFP was mailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

## **Bid Evaluation**

The mandatory bidders' conference and site walk held at South Coast AQMD headquarters were attended by 21 participants representing 16 companies. Subsequently, in response to the RFP, a total of six proposals were submitted by companies that had participated in the mandatory bidders' conference. The proposals were reviewed by a three-member panel in accordance with established South Coast

AQMD guidelines outlined in the RFP. The three-member panel was composed of two South Coast AQMD Program Supervisors and one Manager.

Four of the six proposals did not meet the minimum requirements and were not scored. The remaining two proposals were further evaluated and scored by the review panel and are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Eligible EVSE Proposals and Scores**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>	<b>Additional Score*</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc.	91.7	15	106.7
Verdek, LLC	83.3	0	83.3

\*Additional points awarded to businesses that have provided self-certification verification as defined in the RFP.

**Proposal**

These actions are to: (1) transfer \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Fund (31) into the General Fund and appropriate \$723,248 to the Technology Advancement Office’s FY 2024-25 Budget, Capital Outlays Major Object, Capital Outlays Account; (2) recognize the Communities in Charge grant award of \$70,000 from CALSTART; and (3) execute a contract with GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc. (GreenWealth) for EV hardware and software installation and maintenance at South Coast AQMD headquarters. The contract with GreenWealth shall not exceed \$723,248 to provide EV hardware, data communications equipment, EV hardware services, and replacement of existing EV chargers.

Under the contract, GreenWealth will replace 55 Level 2 charging stations, consisting of 16 single port and 39 dual port chargers with port locking mechanism at the charger, on a like-for-like basis and recycle the old equipment. GreenWealth will also upgrade the data communications equipment at South Coast AQMD headquarters and provide South Coast AQMD staff with an online dashboard and network control capabilities. The pricing for EV charging stations and services includes a seven-year warranty with seven years of onsite service support, software cloud subscription, power management capabilities, installation support, and real-time dashboard access. GreenWealth will assist South Coast AQMD in establishing desirable power management schedules to reduce electricity costs and provide technical support.

**Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

This project will provide a new, upgraded, reliable charging network, support the adoption of electric vehicles, showcase EVSE technologies, and improve the EV charging network accessibility, convenience, and affordability for EV drivers working at or visiting South Coast AQMD's headquarters. Further, the upgraded EVSE software and network communications capabilities will allow for improved quality assurance, quicker troubleshooting and repairs, and real-time monitoring of the EV charging network.

**Resource Impacts**

The contract with GreenWealth shall not exceed \$723,248 to provide for EV hardware and software installation and maintenance. Sufficient funds are available from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31). The Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) was established as a special revenue fund resulting from the state-mandated Clean Fuels Program. The Clean Fuels Program, under Health and Safety Code Sections 40448.5 and 40512 and Vehicle Code Section 9250.1, establishes mechanisms to collect revenues from mobile sources to support projects to increase the utilization of clean fuels. Funds collected from motor vehicles are restricted, by statute, to be used for projects and program activities related to mobile sources that support the objectives of the Clean Fuels Program.

Upon transfer of \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Fund (31) to the General Fund, sufficient funds will be available in the Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget for the contract with GreenWealth. Up to \$70,000 awarded by CALSTART in collaboration with CEC from the Communities in Charge grant to South Coast AQMD to replace EV chargers at its headquarters will be used towards the contract with GreenWealth.

## Agenda Item #3

Transfer and Appropriate Funds,  
Recognize Revenue, and Execute Contract  
for EV Charger Installation Services  
at South Coast AQMD Headquarters

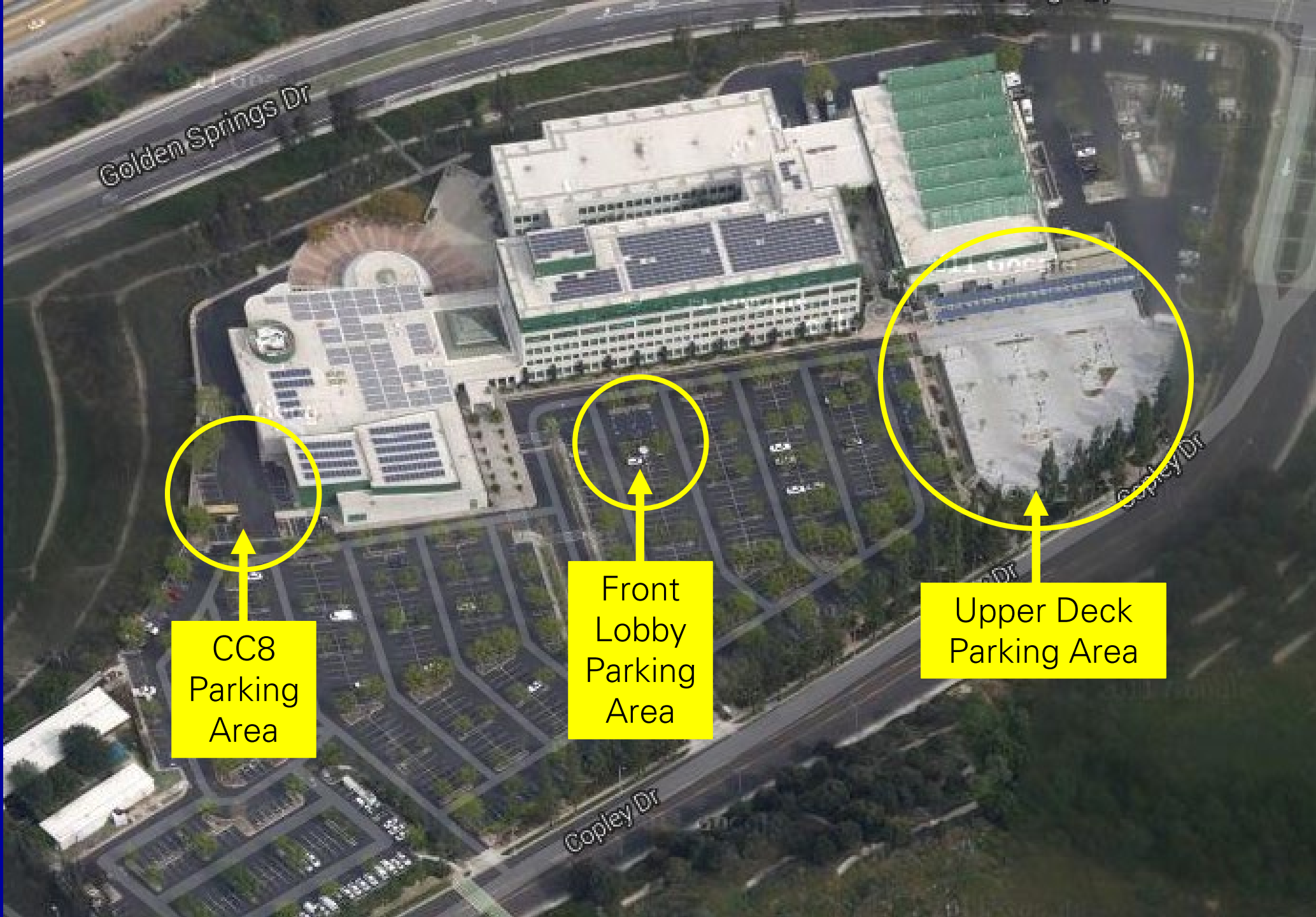
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# Background



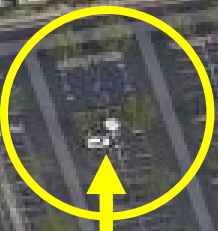
- In August 2024, RFP #P2024-13 was released to replace EV chargers at South Coast AQMD Headquarters
  - 6 proposals received for consideration
  - 2 qualifying proposals evaluated
- EV chargers at HQ are no longer covered by warranty, many faulty and nonfunctional chargers are over ten years old and non-repairable
- In October 2024, South Coast AQMD was awarded \$70,000 grant from the CALSTART Communities in Charge program to replace existing EV chargers at headquarters



Golden Springs Dr



CC8  
Parking  
Area



Front  
Lobby  
Parking  
Area



Upper Deck  
Parking Area

Copley Dr

# Proposed Selection: GreenWealth



- Six proposals received, two met the minimum qualifications
- GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc. was selected for \$723,248
  - 55 Level 2 Chargers by ChargePoint\*
  - Online dashboard with real-time remote network monitoring, control software management, and energy management scheduling capabilities
  - On-Site Service/repairs: 7-year agreement
  - Project Completion: 8-10 weeks



\* 16 Single and 39 Dual Port Chargers with locking mechanism at charger

# Proposed Project Cost

Proposed Funding Source	Funding Amount
<i>South Coast AQMD (requested)*</i>	<b>\$723,248</b>
<b><u>Total Project Cost</u></b>	<b><u>\$723,248</u></b>

\* From Clean Fuels Program Fund (31); CALSTART award of \$70,000 to be recognized upon receipt into Clean Fuels Program Fund (31)

# Summary of Recommended Actions

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- Transfer \$723,248 from the Clean Fuels Fund (31) into the General Fund and appropriate that into Technology Advancement Office's FY 2024-25 Budget
- Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$70,000 awarded from CALSTART into Clean Fuels Fund (31)
- Authorize the Executive Officer to execute a contract with GreenWealth Energy Solutions, Inc.

**Technology Committee Agenda #4**

AGENDA NO.

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO.

**PROPOSAL:** Recognize Funds, Execute or Amend Contracts for Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty Truck Replacement Projects and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs

**SYNOPSIS:** In April 2024, South Coast AQMD was selected for an award for \$4,500,000 under the FY 2023 U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to replace up to 22 heavy-duty Class 8 diesel trucks with new zero-emission (ZE) trucks. The formal award was finalized in July 2024. The project will target Class 8 diesel truck fleets that operate around the San Pedro Bay Ports. Also, in September 2020, the Board recognized revenue in the amount of \$5,906,601 from the U.S. EPA FY 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant (TAG) Program into the Advanced Technology, Outreach, and Education Fund (17) to deploy fuel cell transit buses at SunLine Transit Agency. Board authorization is needed for reimbursement of administrative costs for fuel cell transit buses. These actions are to: 1) recognize \$4,500,000 from EPA DERA into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) for the replacement of Class 8 diesel trucks with ZE trucks; 2) execute or amend contracts for ZE truck replacement projects using future project lists from the Carl Moyer Program solicitations; 3) reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$100,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) for administrative costs to implement the DERA projects; and 4) reimburse the General Fund (01) using FY 2019 TAG funds for deployment of fuel cell transit buses at SunLine Transit Agency from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) up to \$156,601 for administrative costs.

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, December 20, 2024; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Recognize up to \$4,500,000 from U.S. EPA FY 2023 DERA funds into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31);
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute or amend contracts for zero-emission truck replacement projects using future project lists from the Carl Moyer Program and VW Mitigation Trust solicitations from Clean Fuel Program Fund (31);

3. Reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$100,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) for the administrative costs of implementing the DERA projects; and
4. Reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$156,601 from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) for the administrative costs of implementing the SunLine project.

Wayne Nastri  
Executive Officer

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### **Background**

U.S. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity in August 2023 under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) to accelerate the upgrade or retirement of older heavy-duty Class 8 diesel trucks. A total of \$115,000,000 was available to retrofit or replace existing diesel engines. In December 2023, South Coast AQMD submitted a proposal and was selected for an award of \$4.5 million in April 2024. The award was finalized in July 2024 to replace up to 22 heavy duty Class 8 diesel trucks with equivalently sized new zero-emission trucks.

Also, in September 2020, the Board recognized \$5,906,601 from the U.S. EPA FY 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant Program into the Advanced Technology, Outreach, and Education Fund (17) to deploy fuel cell transit buses at SunLine Transit Agency. The administrative cost was previously authorized from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31), but should be authorized from the Advanced Technology, Outreach, and Education Fund (17).

### **Proposal**

This action is to recognize up to \$4,500,000 in FY 2023 U.S. EPA DERA funds into the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) to implement future incentive project lists from various South Coast AQMD incentive programs including Carl Moyer and VW Mitigation Trust Program. This action is to also authorize the Executive Officer to execute or amend contracts for truck replacement projects utilizing those DERA funds. This approach will provide a streamlined approach for applicants and ensure funding is distributed to all fleet types including smaller operators in environmental justice communities. South Coast AQMD will provide a \$200,000 incentive using DERA funds towards the purchase of a new zero-emission heavy-duty truck from a participating dealer. The old diesel truck will be scrapped at a South Coast AQMD qualified truck dismantler. This action is to also reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$100,000 from the Clean Fuels Fund (31) for the administrative costs of implementing the DERA-funded projects.

In addition, this action is to reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$156,601 for administrative costs for the U.S. EPA FY 2019 TAG SunLine Project from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) instead of the Clean Fuels Fund (31).

### **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

Successful implementation of these projects will permanently remove at least 22 higher-emitting heavy-duty on-road diesel trucks and replace them with zero-emission alternatives certified by CARB. The truck replacement projects are expected to provide annual emission reductions of 3 tons of NOx, 0.005 tons of PM and 1,340 tons of GHG emissions. NOx and PM emission reductions are needed to meet state and federal ambient air quality standards.

### **Resource Impacts**

The U.S. EPA FY 2023 DERA Grant award of \$4,500,000 will be used towards the purchase of zero-emission Class 8 trucks and administrative costs of implementing the program. The U.S. EPA FY 2019 TAG award will be used to reimburse General Fund (01) for the administrative costs needed to implement the Sunline project in the amount of \$156,601.



## Agenda Item #4

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Recognize Funds, Execute or Amend  
Contracts for Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty  
Truck Replacement Projects and Reimburse  
General Fund for Administrative Costs

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# US EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grant Award

## Background

- In July 2024, South Coast AQMD received \$4,500,000 award from FY 2023 DERA to replace diesel trucks with zero-emission trucks

## Proposal

- Recognize revenue for truck replacement projects and allocate \$100,000 for administrative costs



# Sunline Transit

## Background

- In 2020, South Coast AQMD was awarded \$5,906,601 from U.S. EPA Targeted Air Shed Grant (TAG) to deploy 6 fuel cell buses with Sunline Transit
- Administrative cost authorization needs revision



## Proposal

- Reimburse General Fund (01) up to \$156,601 for the administrative cost from Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) Instead of from Clean Fuels Fund (31)

# Summary of Recommended Actions

- Recognize FY 2023 DERA funds to Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) to supplement Carl Moyer/VW Mitigation Trust for zero-emission trucks
- Reimburse the General Fund (01) from Clean Fuels Program Fund (31) up to \$100,000 for DERA Administration
- Reimburse the General Fund (01) up to \$156,601 from for SunLine Project from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17) for administrative cost