

September 8, 2011

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
Bakersfield, CA 93301

SUBJECT: Agreement with Tehachapi Unified School District for School Bus Replacement

Honorable Board:

Legislation referred to as AB 923 (Stats. 2004, Ch. 707) provided a mechanism for the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) Governing Board to adopt an increase in the motor vehicle registration fee (DMV) surcharge by two dollars. The two-dollar DMV surcharge could be used to replace older high-emission school buses with new clean school buses pursuant to the requirements of the Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) adopted by the State Board.

The Governing Board directed District staff to use AB 923 funds to assist local school districts to replace 1977-1986 model year buses and 1987 or newer model year school buses powered by a two-stroke diesel engine. Current receipts for AB 923 are sufficient to fund 100% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$110,000 per bus for at least two school bus replacements each year. Funding of \$110,000 will almost entirely fund the purchase of a special needs school bus or approximately 75% of a full-size school bus.

Tehachapi Unified School District (TUSD) has been identified as having one of the oldest eligible two-stroke diesel school buses in Eastern Kern and their Board has submitted a resolution to the District agreeing to replace that school bus. Agreement 09-026-2011 will provide \$110,000 in AB 923 funding for the replacement of a 1989, 90-passenger, two-stroke Crown Coach school bus operated by TUSD, with a new 2010 model year or later school bus with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds. The Agreement also requires the destruction of TUSD's 1989 Crown Coach school bus.

Four copies of each proposed agreement, a sample copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting or shortly thereafter. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the November 2011 Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 09-026-2011 with Tehachapi Unified School District.

Sincerely,

David L. Jones
Air Pollution Control Officer

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Attachments