



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Hearing to Present and Receive Comments on Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget

Honorable Board:

Section 40131 of the California Health and Safety Code requires each air pollution control district to hold an initial public hearing at which its proposed budget for the next fiscal year is presented for discussion. The second hearing at which the final budget is considered for adoption is scheduled to be held at the September 14, 2017 Governing Board Meeting.

Requirements

At least thirty days before the first hearing, the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) must make a summary of its proposed budget available for public examination, and the District must notify each person, upon whom a fee was imposed the preceding year, of the availability of the proposed budget summary and the hearing date.

The District Staff fulfilled these mandates with the following actions:

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/18 Budget was publicly noticed in the Mojave Desert News on June 16, 2017; The Bakersfield Californian on June 12, 2017; and The Tehachapi News and The Ridgecrest Daily Independent on June 14, 2017;
2. Proposed FY 2017/18 Budget was made available on our website (www.kernair.org) and at our Bakersfield office since June 23, 2017;
3. A written notice was sent to each person having paid a permit fee in FY 2016/17; and
4. Also, public notice sent to newspapers circulated in Eastern Kern, served to notify persons who paid a DMV registration fee surcharge during FY 2016/17.

Proposed Budget

Included in your packet is a copy of District's Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget in three parts:

1. Organizational chart (Page 2);
2. Department functional statement (Page 3);
3. Breakdown of Budget;
 - a. Budget unit financing summary comparing last year's budget to this year (Page 5);
 - b. Budget unit financing analysis comparing last year's budget to this year (Pages 6 – 7);
 - c. List of definitions for terms used in budget unit 9149 (Pages 8 – 9); and
 - d. Expense keys 7500 and 7545 (professional and specialized services) (Pages 10 – 11);

Budget Narrative Summary

District Staff has prepared the Proposed Budget for FY 2017-2018. Please note, there is no direct cost to the County of Kern or the three incorporated cities in the District from this proposed budget.

The Proposed FY 2017/18 Budget has recommended expenditures of \$3,204,860. There is a proposed expenditure decrease of \$34,840 (1.1%) for all budget expenses in this Proposed FY 2017/18 Budget from the previous year Budget. Forecast expenditures for Non-District operations (Account 7545, Professional & Specialized Services for Contracts {PSS Contracts}) are \$1,055,200 (32.9% of the proposed budget). This is a \$91,100 decrease for this pass-through account. This account is used to fund special projects for other entities and comes from two different grant funding sources. These funding sources are: motor vehicle registration fee surcharge collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Carl Moyer Program funds distributed to the District by the California Air Resources Board (ARB).

The Proposed Budget for actual District operations, salaries and benefits is \$1,435,300 (44.8 % of budget). The District operations budget represents a proposed \$122,500 increase in District operational cost. Cost of living, retirement, and health benefit costs increases are the main sources of the cost increase.

Reserves

The FY 2016/17 Budget includes an allocation of \$154,657 to the General Reserve. Increased Application and Permit to Operate fees collected in FY 2016/17, an unutilized \$20,000 contingency, and a reduction in salaries account for the bulk of the budget surplus. Based on the above preliminary estimates, FY 2017/18 budget is expected to include a deduction of \$92,430 from the General Reserve. Therefore, 2016/17 and 2017/2018 operations are expected to increase the general fund by \$62,227.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board open hearing; receive public comment; close hearing and direct staff to consider all comments received in preparation of its final Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for Board consideration at the September 2017 Governing Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Attachment