

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

SUBJECT: Sub-Recipient Agreement from California Air Pollution Control Officers Association for the District to receive PM<sub>2.5</sub> 103 Grant Funds

## Honorable Board:

California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) has acted as the disbursing agent for PM<sub>2.5</sub> grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1999. These funds have been used to cover the majority of the costs of our PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring, conducted in Mojave and Ridgecrest.

Normally, the District receives a letter from EPA Region IX in March, and, soon after, receives a letter from CAPCOA detailing the grant amount and required documentation to be submitted to CAPCOA. However, the current 103 Grant funding was postponed because Congress and the President have not agreed on a final budget. However, as of May 1, 2017, Congress approved a 2017 budget, and the President is expected to sign the proposed budget. Proposed EPA Grant funding for 2017 is identical to the EPA Grant funding for 2016. The District was awarded \$12,100 for calendar year 2016, and the funding is expected to be identical for 2017. The CAPCOA 2017 form is unavailable; therefore, a copy of last year's Grant Sub-Agreement and No-Lobbying Declaration are attached.

As part of the 1998 MOU between the District and CAPCOA, the District is required to sign an agreement as a grant sub-recipient, and to certify that none of the federal funds have or will be used for lobbying. The District also must provide an annual report to CAPCOA on the use of these grant funds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign a Sub-recipient Agreement with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, and authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to do all other acts necessary to receive funds from the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring Program.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E. Air Pollution Control Officer

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