



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Adjustment of DMV Grant (AB2766) Funding Amounts

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) receives grant funds from automobile registration (AB2766 Funds – CH&SC §44220 – 44247). Annually, the District uses approximately \$350,000 for the District's DMV Grant Fund Program. The past year the District set aside and used \$100,000 for vehicle grants, \$150,000 for road improvements, and \$100,000 for infrastructure (electric vehicle charging stations, education, and other). Unfortunately, despite our efforts, the District saw worsening ozone during the past few years. Although, the bulk of the ozone increase was from transport, District Staff will do more to decrease ozone generated in the District. The District is proposing to utilize more DMV Grant Funds for vehicle grants, and eliminate open grant funding for road improvements.

Grant funding for vehicles reduces ozone and particulate matter (PM₁₀) emissions; whereas, grant funding for road paving will only reduce PM₁₀ emissions. Funds utilized for vehicle grants will go further in helping the District achieve our air quality goals. While, simultaneously, promoting District efforts through 60 people instead of 3 (each open grant road improvement project is approximately \$50,000). The District will not abandon road improvements; however, it will be done on a case-by-case basis; while soliciting input from the District Board of Directors. The District is proposing to use \$250,000 for vehicle vouchers and \$100,000 for infrastructure. The District will set aside \$100,000 for road paving to be used on a case-by-case basis.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve the redistribution of the District's DMV Grant funding structure and amounts.

Sincerely,

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