



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Proposed Agreement with Joel Craig, Environmental Consultant for Data Processing, Training, et al. at the Ridgecrest Air Monitoring Station

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) proposed to upgrade the existing Ridgecrest Monitoring Station in 2014. The project is proceeding. Upon completion of the project, data from the air monitors is required to be processed, analyzed, and transmitted to oversight agencies (California Air Resources Board {ARB} and United States Environmental Protection Agency {EPA}).

District staff does not, currently, possess the expertise to correctly process, analyze, and transmit data to ARB and EPA. The District is proposing to retain Joel Craig, Environmental Consultant to train and assist District Staff processing, analyzing, assuring data is transmitted to ARB and EPA, and other items outlined in the agreement.

Mr. Craig comes highly recommended. He retired from San Luis Obispo County APCD, with 35-year of experience, where he established many procedures the air district currently uses. Mr. Craig is currently consulting for several Native American Tribes and other air pollution control districts in California. The total cost of the Agreement is not to exceed \$15,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement No. 09-001-2017 with Joel Craig, Environmental Consultant.

Sincerely,

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Attachment