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# 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 2021-2022 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 2, 2021 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) 2021/22 Budget was publically noticed in The Bakersfield Californian on June 9, 2021; The Tehachapi News on June 16, 2021, The Daily Independent on June 11, 2021, and in the Mojave Desert News on June 10, 2021.
2. Proposed FY 2021/22 Budget was made available on our website ([www.kernair.org](http://www.kernair.org)) and at our Bakersfield office since June 8, 2021;
3. A written notice was sent to each person having paid a permit fee in FY 2020/21; and
4. Also, public notice was sent to newspapers circulated in Eastern Kern, served to notify persons who paid a DMV registration fee surcharge during FY 2020/21.

### Proposed Budget

Included in your packet is a copy of District's Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget in three parts:

1. Organizational chart (Page 3);
2. Department functional statement (Page 4);
3. Breakdown of Budget;
  - a. Budget unit financing summary comparing last year's budget to this year (Page 6);
  - b. Budget unit financing analysis comparing last year's budget to this year (Pages 7 – 8);
  - c. List of definitions for terms used in budget unit 9149 (Pages 9 – 10); and
  - d. Expense keys 7500 and 7545 (professional and specialized services) (Pages 11 – 12);

Budget Narrative Summary

District Staff has prepared the Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022. 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 2021/22 Budget has recommended expenditures of \$5,934,275. There is a proposed expenditure increase of \$1,706,975 (28.8%) for all budget expenses in this Proposed FY 2021/22 Budget from the previous year Budget. Forecast expenditures for Non-District operations (Account 7545, Professional & Specialized Services for Contracts {PSS Contracts}) are \$3,155,460 (53.2% of the proposed budget). This is an \$984,539 increase for this pass-through account. This account is used to fund special projects for other entities and comes from three different grant funding sources. These funding sources are: motor vehicle registration fee surcharge collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Carl Moyer Program funds distributed to the District by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Cap-and-Trade Funds distributed to the District from CARB.

The Proposed Budget for actual District operations, salaries and benefits is \$1,804,887 (30.4 % of budget). The District operations budget represents a proposed \$208,987 increase in District operational cost. Additional Staff (Staff increased from 10 to 11) and anticipated salary increases are the main sources of the cost increase.

Reserves

The FY 2020/21 Budget includes an addition of \$329,337 to the General Reserve. District Staff proposed a decrease of \$216,808. Increased number of solar power generating facilities and an unutilized \$20,000 contingency account for the bulk of the budget surplus. Based on the above preliminary estimates, FY 2021/22 budget includes a deduction of \$398,391 from the General Reserve. Therefore, 2020/21 and 2021/2022 operations are expected to decrease the general fund by \$69,054. Current General Reserve stands at approximately \$2.6-million. The proposed budget will not significantly reduce the General Reserve.

**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 2021-2022 Budget for Board consideration at the September 2021 Governing Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Attachment