



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Agreement 03-002-2023 with Southern Kern Unified School District for School Bus Replacement with AB 1550 Community Air Protection Funds

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) has been awarded Community Air Protection funds to be used for reductions of criteria and toxic emissions in disadvantaged or low-income communities, as defined in AB 1550 (CAP funds). CAP funded projects must be administered through the Carl Moyer Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (CMP), which includes replacing older high-emitting school buses. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) proposed an eligible project that replaces two older high-emitting diesel-fueled school buses with one low-emitting special needs school bus.

SKUSD submitted a Board resolution to the District agreeing to replace a 1992, Ford special needs school bus and a 2007, Blue Bird school bus with a new lower emissions special needs school bus. Agreement 03-002-2023 will provide up to \$150,000.00 in CAP funds for the purchase of a new eligible school bus with an estimated total cost of \$171,108.46. Both old school buses will be permanently removed from service and salvaged once the new bus is placed in service.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a sample copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and, are expected to be returned prior to the Board Meeting. If the applicant identifies any significant changes, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the May 2023 Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 03-002-2023 with Southern Kern Unified School District for the purchase of a new school bus.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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