



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Air Monitoring Inflation Reduction Act Grant

Honorable Board:

Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), signed into law by the Federal government in August 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced available funding for air agencies. These funds are intended to assist air agencies in establishing new ambient air monitoring sites and maintaining, operating, or updating existing networks.

District staff has prepared the grant application, including developing a project plan and estimating project costs (attached). The District would use the funding to enhance the data quality assurance for existing ozone and particulate matter monitoring and preserve the existing operating monitoring network in Eastern Kern County. The District's tentative funding allocation is \$139,939 over five years (FY 2024-2025 through FY 2029-2030).

Staff requests your Board approve Resolution No. 2024-003-11, which authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to complete and submit all necessary documents to secure and receive available IRA grant funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-003-11, which authorizes the APCO to sign and submit the grant application; and do all other acts necessary to reserve and receive the IRA grant funds.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, Jr.
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