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# Eastern Kern

## Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors  
Eastern Kern APCD  
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**SUBJECT:** Agreement 03-002-2025 with Southern Kern Unified School District to Replace School Bus Number 38-10 with 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 school buses. Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) has proposed an eligible project to replace a 2009 high-emitting diesel-fueled Blue Bird school bus with a new zero-emission electric school bus.

SKUSD has been allocated a 2023 HVIP grant of \$310,000 for the bus replacement project estimated to total \$384,904.00. Agreement 03-002-2025 will award SKUSD \$74,904.00 in CAP funds to provide for the remaining balance of the total project costs associated with replacing the old bus. The Grantee is responsible for all costs exceeding the grant amount. The old bus will be 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 grantee to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the item will be withdrawn, and the Agreement will be held to the May 2025 Board Meeting.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 03-002-2025 with Southern Kern Unified School District for the purchase of a new electric school bus.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, Jr.  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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