



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Agreement 03-004-2025 with Southern Kern Unified School District to Replace School Bus Number 39-10 with AB 923 Funds

Honorable Board:

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) provides AB 923 funds (Stats. 2004, Ch. 707) to school districts for replacing older high-emitting school buses pursuant to the Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP). 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 \$370,000 for the bus replacement project estimated to total \$508,933.00. Agreement 03-004-2025 will award SKUSD 138,933.00 in AB 923 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 If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the item will be withdrawn, and the Agreement will be held to the May 2025 Board Meeting.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 03-004-2025 with Southern Kern Unified School District for the purchase of a new electric school bus.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, Jr.
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