



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Community Air Protection - Carl Moyer Program Grant Agreement with Jeremy Atkinson to Replace a Diesel-Fueled Backhoe

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). The CMP provides funding for the voluntary retirement and replacement of eligible high-emitting diesel-fueled equipment.

Jeremy Atkinson (Grantee) proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the District's CAP-CMP Program. Agreement 09-002-2026 will provide up to \$83,628.00 in CAP funds to replace a 1984, diesel-fueled, Tier 0, Case backhoe with a new low-emitting, certified Tier IV backhoe. The equipment is used 100% of the time within Eastern Kern for agricultural activities.

The Grantee is responsible for any project costs exceeding the District maximum funding amount. The old backhoe will be permanently removed from service and salvaged once the new equipment has been purchased and placed in service. Staff recommends the project be approved for funding.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a 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 If any significant changes are identified by the Grantee, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the March 2027, Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 09-002-2026 with Jeremy Atkinson for the purchase of a new low-emitting backhoe.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, Jr.
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