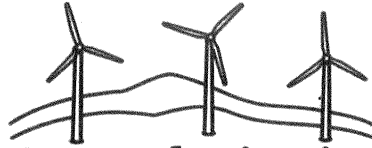


Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District



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July 14, 2011

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Sierra Sands Unified School District for School Bus Replacement

Honorable Board:

Legislation referred to as AB 923 (Stats. 2004, Ch. 707) provided a mechanism for the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) Governing Board to adopt an increase in the motor vehicle registration fee (DMV) surcharge by two dollars. The additional two dollar DMV surcharge could be used by air districts for four specific programs. One of the special programs allows the use of AB 923 funding to replace high-polluting older school buses with new school buses pursuant to the requirements of the Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) adopted by the state board.

When the Governing Board approved the two dollar DMV increase, District staff was directed to use the AB 923 funds to assist local school districts to replace 1977-1986 model year buses and 1987 or newer model year school buses powered by a two-stroke diesel engine. Current receipts for AB 923 are sufficient to fund 100% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$110,000 for two cleaner school bus replacements each year. The \$110,000 will almost entirely fund the purchase of a special needs school bus or approximately 75% of a full-size school bus.

Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD) has been identified as having one of the oldest two-stroke diesel buses in Eastern Kern and their Board has submitted a resolution to the District agreeing to replace that school bus. Agreement No. 07-021-2011 will provide \$110,000 in AB 923 funding for the replacement of a 1977, 78-passenger, two-stroke Crown school bus operated by SSUSD, and require the destruction of SSUSD's 1979 Crown school bus.

Four copies of each proposed agreement, a sample copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant 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 If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the September 2011 Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement No. 07-021-2011 with Sierra Sands Unified School District for the purchase of a special needs school bus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLJ', written over a horizontal line.

David L. Jones
Air Pollution Control Officer

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