

September 7, 2023

Board of Directors Eastern Kern APCD 2700 "M" Street, Suite 302 Bakersfield, California 93301

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from California Air Pollution Control

Officers Association for the District to receive EPA 105 Grant Funds

Honorable Board:

California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) is acting as the disbursing agent for 2023 EPA 105 Grant Funds. These funds must be used to support the District work effort for federal programs. EPA has structured the distribution of the funds through an existing 105 Grant recipient, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which is then passing the funds through to CAPCOA.

Last year's MOU with CAPCOA is attached, and the new MOU will be similar. However, the new MOU will specify the Federal fiscal year the funds are to be utilized. The MOU must be approved by your Board to receive the estimated \$65,941 EPA 105 Grant award for the 2024 Federal Fiscal Year. The MOU specifies the reporting requirements; clarifies that the District is responsible to EPA; and sets forth requirements if the District does not comply with the approved work plan. The District staff does not expect to receive the final MOU until after September 7, 2023, which is after the Governing Board Meeting. CAPCOA has requested that our District not wait until our next meeting in November to approve this MOU.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign the MOU with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association when it is received, provided it is in substantially the same form as the draft provided herein, and authorize the APCO to do all other acts necessary to receive funds from the EPA 105 Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E. Air Pollution Control Officer

GES: df Enclosures