

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 9, 2015

AGENDA NO. 20

PROPOSAL: Establish BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Special Revenue Fund

SYNOPSIS: This item is to establish a Special Revenue Fund to receive the remaining unspent \$177,802 from the 2005 BP Settlement Agreement public benefits payments. These funds will continue to be expended through the approval of the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Committee.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the Executive Officer to establish a BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Special Revenue Fund and recognize \$177,802 in revenues from BP West Coast Products LLC and Atlantic Richfield Company, and
2. Authorize expenditures from this fund as approved by the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Committee.

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Background

Pursuant to Section 5 of the 2005 BP Settlement Agreement, BP agreed to commit \$3 million per year for 10 years to fund community benefit programs. BP has honored that commitment, and at the present time \$177,802 remains for BP to pay. In an effort to complete its payment commitment under the terms of the Agreement, BP has proposed to pay that balance to SCAQMD. SCAQMD will receive these funds in a special revenue fund until such time as the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Committee authorizes their expenditure for additional projects.

Proposal

Staff proposes that the Board authorize the Executive Officer to establish a BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Special Revenue Fund and recognize \$177,802 in revenues from BP West Coast Products LLC and Atlantic Richfield Company. The funds will continue to be expended as approved by the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Committee.

Resource Impact

These funds will be expended as approved by the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Committee and the special revenue fund will be closed upon completion of expenditures.