

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 7, 2017

AGENDA NO. 25

REPORT: Special Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the Torrance Marriott. The Committee discussed the item described below. The regular Administrative Committee meeting was held on June 9, 2017, and the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the June 8, 2017 meeting were Committee Chair Dr. William Burke, Vice Chair Ben Benoit, and Committee Members Judith Mitchell and Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Review and Approve Proposals for the ExxonMobil Supplemental Environmental Project Fund:** Tracy Goss, Planning & Rules Manager, presented background information on the ExxonMobil settlement funds of \$2,771.250 that were paid to the SCAQMD by the Torrance Refinery as a result of the explosion of 2015 and the 2016 refinery restart. The Board established a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Fund in June 2016. Mr. Goss described the available funding, summarized the mitigation project proposals submitted, and described the evaluation process and the resulting RFP review panel recommendations.

The RFP process involved sequential rounds of community participation. In August 2016, a community meeting was held to solicit ideas, including roundtable discussions. The RFP was issued in September 2016, followed by a bidder's conference and office hours where staff were available to provide assistance to anyone interested in submitting a proposal. The proposal date was extended to November 2, 2016. As a result of the community meeting, the focus was placed on air quality monitoring, emergency preparedness, public education, outreach, community notification, as well as infrastructure improvements. A total of 15 proposals were received for cumulative funding requests of \$15 million. The submittals fell into the following categories: air monitoring; alert and public notification systems; modeling; emergency preparedness; and public education. Criteria considered in the evaluation included the expertise of the proposer, if there were potential public health improvements or measurable air quality benefits, effective use of funds, and support from the community and local government.

Staff recommendations were to fund Sonoma Technology for up to three years at an estimated funding level of \$2,171,250 total; and to fund integration of the monitoring with a City of Torrance community alert and information system for up to three years at an estimated funding level of \$600,000 total. Changes to funding amounts may occur due to negotiations to combine the respective projects.

Approximately 17 individuals spoke on this item for an approximate one-hour period; speakers are listed in the Attachment. The majority of the speakers supported the staff recommendations. Dr. G. Eng, a Torrance resident, requested that the concern for a potential HF catastrophic release be addressed and requested that SCAQMD consider his proposal for funding to address the HF issue.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

2. **Public Comment:** None to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attachment

List of Speakers Providing Public Comment on Agenda Item #1

ATTACHMENT

South Coast Air Quality Management District Special Administrative Committee Meeting June 8, 2017

Speakers Providing Public Comment on Agenda Item #1 *Review and Approve Proposals for the ExxonMobil Supplemental Environmental Projects Fund*

Andrew DeBlock, Office of Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi	Support
Mike Griffiths, Councilman/City of Torrance	Support
Milton Herring, Councilman/City of Torrance	Support
John Bailey, Torrance Resident	Support
Catherine Leys, Torrance Resident	Support
Eddy Huang, Tetra Tech	Support
Hanif Hajz, Torrance Resident	Support
Seth Kawfuran, Torrance Resident	Support
Dr. G. Eng, Torrance Resident	Support, but consider his proposal for HF release study
Catherine Luciano, Torrance Resident	Support
Deniz Akgasoghn, Torrance Resident	Support
Sophia (no last name available), Torrance Resident - did not have speaker card	Support
Nadia Levine, Torrance Resident	Support
Paul Roberts, Sonoma Technology	Support
Matthew Johnson, Office of Supervisor. Janice Hahn	Support
Liz Edmunds, Torrance Resident	Support
Katie Kaad, Torrance Resident	Support