

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 3, 2017

AGENDA NO. 6

**PROPOSAL:** Amend Contract for Replacement of Diesel School Buses with Electric Buses

**SYNOPSIS:** The Board previously awarded contracts to replace three diesel school buses with electric buses in the amount of \$825,000, consisting of \$156,000 using U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funds recognized in the Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement & Retrofit Program Fund (33) and \$669,000 from the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) has successfully completed replacement of two buses and expressed interest in cofunding one additional bus replacement. In June 2017, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) informed staff they would be unable to cost-share their replacement bus using FY 2017-18 budget funds, but they are still committed to electric school bus replacements. To meet the U.S. EPA deadline, staff is proposing to reallocate the funds originally awarded to LAUSD to CJUSD. This action is to amend a contract with CJUSD to replace a total of three diesel school buses with electric buses, adding \$275,000 to the previous \$550,000 award for a total of \$825,000 from the Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement & Retrofit Program Fund (33).

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, October 20, 2017; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Officer to amend a contract with Colton Joint Unified School District to add one additional bus to replace a total of three diesel school buses with electric buses, adding \$275,000 (up to \$52,000 of this funding will be from the U.S. EPA DERA grant) to the previous \$550,000 award for a total of \$825,000 from the Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement & Retrofit Program Fund (33)

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

**Background**

On February 6, 2015, the Board awarded contracts to replace three diesel school buses with electric buses in the amount of \$825,000, consisting of \$156,000 using U.S. EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funds recognized in the Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement & Retrofit Program Fund (33) and \$669,000 from the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD) has successfully completed replacement of two buses and expressed interest in cofunding one additional bus replacement. In June 2017, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) informed staff they would be unable to cost-share their replacement bus using FY 2017-18 budget funds, but they are still committed to electric school bus replacements. To meet the U.S. EPA deadline, staff is proposing to reallocate the funds originally awarded to LAUSD to CJUSD.

**Proposal**

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**Benefits to SCAQMD**

The successful implementation of this project will provide NO<sub>x</sub>, PM and GHG emission reductions through the replacement of diesel school buses with electric buses. Since the buses will operate for many years, the emissions reductions will provide long-term benefits.

**Resource Impacts**

The \$275,000 to be reallocated to CJUSD includes \$52,000 in DERA funds previously recognized from U.S. EPA into the Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement & Retrofit Program Fund (33) and funds available in Fund 33.