



South Coast Air Quality Management District



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**November 9, 2018 ♦ 9:00 a.m. ♦ Conference Room CC-8
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

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AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM (Item 1):

1. Interview Firms and Recommend Execution of Contract(s) for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.
(Motion Required)
[Copies of proposals were sent to Committee Members only. Copies are available to the Public at the Public Information Center]
At the September 7, 2018 meeting, the Board approved release of an RFP to solicit proposals for legislative representation in Washington, D.C. The committee will interview firms and make recommendations to the Board regarding a contract(s) for the agency's legislative representation in Washington, D.C.
[Attachment 1 – Draft Board Letter]

*Derrick Alatorre
Deputy Executive Officer
Legislative, Public Affairs &
Media*

WRITTEN REPORTS:

2. State Legislative Reports
(No Motion Required)
Provided are the written reports on State legislative activities in Sacramento.
[Attachment 2 - Written Reports]

*David Quintana
The Quintana Cruz Company*

*Will Gonzalez
California Advisors, LLC*

*Jason Gonsalves
Paul Gonsalves
Joe A. Gonsalves & Son*

OTHER MATTERS:

3. Other Business
Any member of this body, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Govt. Code Section 54954.2)
4. Public Comment Period
At the end of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Legislative Committee's authority that is not on the agenda. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes each.
5. **Next Meeting Date** – Friday, December 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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ATTACHMENT 1

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 12, 2018

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Execute Contracts for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.

SYNOPSIS: At the September 7, 2018 meeting, the Board approved release of an RFP to solicit proposals for legislative representation in Washington, D.C. This action is to execute contracts with XYZ in the amount of \$000,000; XYZ in the amount of \$000,000; and XYZ in the amount of \$000,000 for the agency's legislative representation in Washington, D.C. for Calendar Year 2019.

COMMITTEE: Legislative, November 9, 2018; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute contracts with XYZ for \$000,000, XYZ for \$000,000, and XYZ for \$000,000 for legislative consulting services in Washington, D.C. for one year beginning on January 11, 2019, with an option for up to two one-year renewals, upon satisfactory performance, at the Board's discretion.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

The current contracts for legislative representation in Washington, D.C. expire on January 15, 2019. Following Board approval on September 7, 2018, staff released RFP #P2019-03 to solicit proposals for legislative representation in Washington, D.C.

As one of the largest air quality regulatory agencies in the United States and a leader in air quality innovations, SCAQMD is an important contributor to national policymaking discussions relevant to air quality related issues. Representation in Washington, D.C. ensures that the agency's input and policy priorities are conveyed in a timely and effective manner during the federal legislative and policy-setting process.

It is critical that SCAQMD be involved in policy development relating to federal air quality legislation, federal Clean Air Act implementation, subvention funding, special grants, and that all these issues and any other related matters are closely monitored. Therefore, staff recommends continued direct representation and advocacy of SCAQMD's policy positions on environmental issues in Washington, D.C.

Outreach

In accordance with SCAQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFP and inviting bids was published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, the Riverside County Press Enterprise, and The Hill newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to qualified firms providing federal legislative representation services.

Additionally, in an effort to notify as many potential bidders as possible, approximately 100 RFP notification letters were mailed to lobbying and public affairs firms in the Washington, D.C. area. Notice of the RFP was also emailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations, and placed on the Internet at SCAQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>) where it can be viewed by making the selection "Grants & Bids."

Bid Evaluation

Six proposals were received in response to the RFP. The proposals were evaluated and scored by a three-member evaluation panel (see Panel Composition section). Of the six proposals evaluated, four were considered technically qualified and forwarded to the Legislative Committee for consideration. The remaining two proposals were deemed to not be technically qualified. The attached matrix presents the scores and total proposal costs for the firms interviewed by the Legislative Committee.

Panel Composition

The evaluation panel consisted of one SCAQMD Deputy Executive Officer, one SCAQMD Public Affairs Manager, and one staff representative from the city of Pico Rivera. Of the three panelists, two are Hispanic and one is Asian-American; two are male and one is female.

Committee Recommendations

After interviewing the four firms, and reviewing written materials submitted as part of the proposals, the Legislative Committee recommends to the Board the selection of the following firms: XYZ, XYZ, and XYZ.

Resource Impacts

Funding of \$665,130 is available in the Legislative & Public Affairs FY 2018-19 Budget. Funding for two optional one-year extensions is contingent upon Board approval of the Budget for the respective fiscal years.

Attachment

RFP #P2019-03 Scores and Costs Matrix

**RFP # P2016-03 SCORES AND COSTS MATRIX
FOR QUALIFYING FIRMS**

Firm Name	Technical Score	Additional Points	Cost Points	Total Points	Total Cost
Carmen Group, Inc.	58.7	2.0	28.2	89.0	\$225,000.00
Cassidy & Associates	64.7	0.0	30.0	95.0	\$216,000.00
The Glover Park Group, LLC	63	0.0	0.0	63	\$439,900.00
Kadesh & Associates	67.3	12.0	27.5	107.0	\$233,847.00

ATTACHMENT 2



THE
QUINTANA
CRUZ
COMPANY

October 25, 2018

TO: South Coast Air Quality Management District

FROM: The Quintana Cruz Company

RE: October 2018 Report

GENERAL UPDATE:

- The Legislature is out of session
- **January 3rd** the Legislature reconvenes

POLITICAL ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **November 6th** is election day
- Current polling for Governor:
 - Gavin Newsom (D): 49%
 - John Cox (R): 38%
- Current polling for US Senate:
 - Dianne Feinstein (D): 43%
 - Kevin de León (D): 27%
- Current polling for Proposition 6:
 - Yes: 41%
 - No: 48%
- Current polling for Proposition 10:
 - Yes: 60%
 - No: 25%

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS OF NOTE:

- N/A



CALIFORNIA ADVISORS, LLC

SCAQMD Report
California Advisors, LLC
November 9, 2018 Legislative Committee Hearing

General Update

At the conclusion of the 2017-18 legislative session on September 30th, focus has shifted to the November election. This year, in addition to the election of a new governor, 20 out of 40 state Senate seats and all 80 state Assembly seats are up for election. The democrats currently hold a supermajority plus one (55-25) in the Assembly and are one seat short of a supermajority (26-14) in the Senate.

While it is widely expected that Gavin Newsom will win the election for governor, polls have shown a steady narrowing of the gap between him and John Cox.

In the state Assembly there are eight districts considered to be battleground elections. Of these eight races, three are democrat versus democrat, five are democrat versus republican, with two of the five republicans being incumbents.

In the state Senate there is only one seat, Senate District 39, formerly held by Tony Mendoza, that is considered a battleground election.

2018 Legislative Priorities

Sales Tax Ballot Initiative Authorization

Work has begun on identifying an author and building a coalition of support to seek next year legislation that will authorize the placement on the ballot of a sales tax measure that will substantially fund the AQMP. Thus far California Advisors has facilitated three days of meetings with key Capitol staff as well as multiple interest groups and public organizations that could potentially be supportive of our efforts. Meetings have been positive, with great feedback and suggestions coming from multiple sources.

SB 210 (Leyva) Heavy-duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

This bill would authorize the state board to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non-gasoline heavy-duty on-road motor vehicles.

Status: 10/24/2018 - Senator Leyva hosted a working group to assess the viability of authoring this bill again in 2019-20.



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TO: South Coast Air Quality Management District

FROM: Anthony, Jason & Paul Gonsalves

SUBJECT: Legislative Update – October 2018

DATE: Friday, October 26, 2018

The month of October is very quiet in the State Capitol. August 31, 2018 was the last day of session and the Governor had until October 1, 2018 to act on all legislation. Over the past year, the Legislature introduced 2,637 bills; 1,777 in the Assembly and 860 in the Senate. 1,564 of those bills made it to the Governor's desk for his consideration. The remaining 1,073 bills died through the legislative process. Governor Brown signed and chaptered 1363 bills and vetoed 201.

AB 2548 (FRIEDMAN) COMMUTE BENEFIT POLICIES: METRO.

This bill authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to administer a commute benefit program that requires certain employers to provide a commuter benefit option to their employees.

As you know, the SCAQMD administers an extensive commute benefit program under Rule 2202, which requires employers with over 250 or more employees at a worksite to establish commuter programs to meet designated emission reduction targets. Our firm worked closely with Assemblymember Friedman's office to ensure the new ordinance would only apply to employers that are not currently subject to the regulations established under Rule 2202. In fact, the bill specifically prohibits Metro from approving any commute benefit ordinance that affects the SCAQMD program.

Specifically, AB 2548 would authorize Metro to establish a commuter benefits ordinance in L.A. County that would give commuters the ability to set aside up to \$260 per month of their paycheck pre-tax to cover the cost of ride-sharing, vanpools, and transit. This means that the Metro program would cover employers with 50 to 249 employees at a worksite. However, in the future, the Metro program would have to be updated based on any actions by SCAQMD to raise or lower the number of employers covered by Rule 2022. Metro estimates that 24-26% of the worksites in L.A. County, or 64,000 to 69,000 of approximately 265,000 worksites, have between 50-249 employees.

On August 20, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 2548 into law, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

AB 2453 (E. GARCIA) AIR POLLUTION: SCHOOLS.

Existing law requires CARB to establish Community Emissions Reductions Programs (CERP) for the purposes of reducing emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants. Existing law also establishes school modernization apportionment funds, which may be used for improvements to extend the useful life of, or to enhance the physical environment of, a school, including, but not limited to, maximizing indoor air quality, but may not be used for routine maintenance and repair.

AB 2453 clarifies that a modernization apportionment may be used to limit pupil exposure to harmful air pollutants by updating air filtration systems. Additionally, the bill would permit a school or school district located in a community identified as a qualifying community for a CERP to:

- work with local air districts to identify school sites for air quality adaptation efforts; and
- be eligible for a grant, as a part of a CERP, that implements air quality mitigation efforts, including, but not limited to, air filter upgrades or installations and vegetation buffer planting.

On August 17, 2018, the Senate Appropriations Committee amended AB 2453 to specify that the provision authorizing a school district to be eligible for a CERP grant

shall be implemented only if an appropriation for this purpose is made in the annual Budget Act or other statute. With that amendment, the bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 7-0 vote.

On August 27, 2018, AB 2453 passed off the Senate Floor on a 39-0 vote. Since the bill was amended in the Senate, AB 2453 went back to the Assembly Floor for concurrence in Senate amendments and passed on an 80-0 vote.

On September 23, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 2453 into law, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

CLEAN VEHICLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently announced a new statewide grant and loan program to help lower-income consumers across California get into the cleanest new and used cars on the market.

The Clean Vehicle Assistance Program, run by the Oakland-based nonprofit Beneficial State Foundation, was launched with a \$5 million CARB grant from California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that spends billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. The program has been up and running since June 2018 and has already received more than 900 applications and awarded 24 grants for cars ranging from a 2018 Nissan Leaf to a 2014 Kia Optima Hybrid.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

On October 25, 2018, CARB approved a \$483 million plan to fund clean car rebates, zero-emission transit and school buses, clean trucks, and other innovative, clean transportation and mobility pilot projects.

The funding plan for Clean Transportation Incentives (CTI), largely funded with cap-and-trade funds, is part of the Legislature's strategy for improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector. Of the \$483 million total, \$455 million comes from the cap-and-trade program. The remaining \$28 million is from the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The funding plan prioritizes investments in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

The plan serves as the blueprint for expending funds appropriated to CARB in budget bills passed this year by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The plan establishes priorities for the funding, describes the projects CARB intends to fund, and sets funding targets for each project.

Highlights of the FY 2018-19 Plan include:

- **\$200 million** for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP), including increased rebates for low-income consumers.
- **\$75 million** for Transportation Equity Projects, including the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Plus-Up/Clean Cars 4 All Program, Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers, Clean Mobility Options, Agricultural Worker Vanpools, Rural School Bus Pilot Project, and the new Clean Mobility in Schools Project.
- **\$180 million** for Clean Truck & Bus Vouchers and the Zero- and Near-Zero Emission Freight Facilities Project.
- **\$28.6 million** for AQIP or AQIP-funded heavy-duty vehicle investments, including the Truck Loan Assistance Program and new Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofit Replacements.

Over the past five years, the Legislature has appropriated nearly \$1.2 billion for low-carbon transportation projects from the cap-and-trade program. These investments are an essential element in the state's transition to a low-carbon economy and meeting 2030 GHG emissions reductions targets of 40% below 1990 levels.

The AQIP has an annual budget of about \$28 million. AQIP supports CVRP, the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP), and has been funding demonstrations for advanced emission reduction vehicle technologies since 2009.