

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 8, 2016

AGENDA NO. 3

**PROPOSAL:** Authorize Executive Officer to Approve Administrative Changes to Existing BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Program Oversight Grant Agreements

**SYNOPSIS:** This action is to authorize the Executive Officer to approve administrative changes for the existing BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Program Oversight grant agreements to facilitate the completion of the remaining projects. These administrative changes may include no-cost time extensions, milestone time-frame adjustments, etc. in accordance with the same authorizations and limitations provided by the SCAQMD Procurement Policy and Procedures.

**COMMITTEE:** Administrative, December 11, 2015; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Officer to approve administrative changes to existing BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Program Oversight grant agreements under the same authority provided by the SCAQMD Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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Executive Officer

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**Background**

In 2005, SCAQMD and BP West Coast Products LLC (BP) entered into a settlement agreement that committed BP to provide \$3,000,000 per year for 10 years, for a total commitment of \$30,000,000, to fund community benefit programs selected by a Public Benefit Programs Oversight Committee which consisted of two representatives from BP, two representatives from the Board, and a public member. To date, BP has expended \$29,822,198 under this agreement. The remaining funds (\$172,802) were transferred on January 2015 to SCAQMD into a BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Special Revenue Fund, of which \$171,587.39 has been already allocated.

On September 4, 2015, the Board approved: (1) the transfer of all remaining oversight of the BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Program to the Board; (2) several requests for amendments to current project agreements; and (3) \$172,000 funding for the second year of UCLA's research project, "Determination of the Synergistic/Additive Adjuvant Effect among Ozone, Vapor-phase Pollutant and Particulate Matter on Allergic Sensitization" (the first year of which was funded by the Public Benefits Program).

In addition to the UCLA research project approved in item 3 above, there are eight remaining grant agreements that are expected to be completed over the next 12 to 18 months. These remaining projects and others that have been completed may require various administrative changes to be finalized, including no-cost time extensions, milestone time-frame adjustments, reallocations between budget categories, retroactive carry-over of funds, etc. that are currently required to be approved individually by the Board.

**Proposal**

This action is to authorize the Executive Officer to approve administrative changes to existing BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Program Oversight grant agreements under the same authorization levels provided by the SCAQMD Procurement Policy and Procedures to facilitate the completion and finalization of these projects.

**Resource Impacts**

The anticipated administrative changes to these existing grant agreements will not result in additional funds being spent as substantially all of the available funding has been allocated. The BP/SCAQMD Public Benefits Oversight Fund (Fund 65) currently has an unallocated balance of \$1,214.61.