

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 6, 2025

AGENDA NO. 5

**PROPOSAL:** Modify Contracts and SEP Agreements for Installation and/or Maintenance of Air Filtration Systems in Schools and Residences and Execute New and Modify Existing School Site Access Agreements

**SYNOPSIS:** Delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures have resulted in a need for no-cost term extensions to existing contracts and agreements to complete school and residential air filtration projects. This item authorizes no-cost modifications to existing contracts, Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) agreements, and school site access agreements to complete the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems in schools and residences. These actions are to: 1) authorize the Executive Officer to modify contracts with IQAir North America for the installation of air filtration systems and/or provide maintenance for up to 10 years post installation in schools and residences; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to modify SEP agreements with CARB and Aliso Fund Committee for the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems in schools and residences; and, 3) execute new and modify existing site access agreements with schools for installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems.

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, May 16, 2025, Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Authorize the Executive Officer to modify existing contracts with IQAir North America to install air filtration systems and/or provide maintenance for up to 10 years post-installation in schools and residences, including no-cost term extensions for the following Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs): Aliso, Navistar, Tesoro, J&P Cycles, Inc., CNS Motors, Inc., Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and Vortech Engineering, Inc;

2. Authorize the Executive Officer to modify existing SEP agreements with CARB and Aliso Fund Committee (AFC) for the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems in schools and residences, including no-cost term extensions for the following SEPs: Aliso, Navistar, Tesoro, J&P Cycles, Inc., CNS Motors, Inc., Vortech Engineering, Inc., and Long Beach Terminal; and
3. Execute new and modify existing site access agreements with schools for installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems.

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### **Background**

In 2018, the Board authorized contracts with IQAir North America to install and maintain air filtration systems at schools in environmental justice (EJ) communities with funds collected from LADWP under a Hearing Board variance for the use of diesel fuel at the Harbor, Haynes, and Valley generating stations. In 2019, the AFC, comprised of one representative each from the California Attorney General, Los Angeles City Attorney, and County Counsel offices entered into a settlement agreement to resolve the claims against the Southern California Gas Company in connection with the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. The AFC selected South Coast AQMD as the administrator of the Aliso SEP and the Board authorized the Executive Officer to execute agreements with the AFC for the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems in schools in EJ communities.

From December 2019 to December 2020, CARB requested South Coast AQMD to administer SEP funds for Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc., Navistar, Inc., and Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC. Subsequently, the Board authorized the Executive Officer to execute SEP agreements with CARB for the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems in schools in EJ communities. Each SEP sets forth unique criteria that determine school selection. Many selected schools are within AB 617 Communities.

Additionally, in 2020, CARB requested South Coast AQMD to administer SEP funds for CNS Motors, Inc., J&P Cycles, LLC, and Vortech Engineering, Inc. As a result, the Board authorized the Executive Officer to execute SEP agreements with CARB for the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at residences in San Bernardino.

The Executive Officer executed agreements with IQAir North America, CARB and the AFC; however, the implementation timelines must be extended due to delays from

COVID-19 closures, school district staff changes, site identification, and engineering challenges. Board approval is needed to modify seven contracts with IQAir North America and seven SEP agreements with no-cost term extensions to complete these air filtration SEP projects,

### **Proposal**

Staff proposes modifying the IQ Air North America contracts listed in Table 1 with no-cost term extensions to allow additional time for the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems in schools and residences. Examples of maintenance of air filtration systems include installation of replacement filters, repairing hardware, and providing residential electricity stipends.

Table 1: Contracts Requiring a No-Cost Extension

<b>Oversight Agency</b>	<b>SEP Title</b>	<b>SEP Type</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Contract Balance</b>
AFC	Aliso	School	\$6,745,000	\$4,432,256
CARB	Navistar	School	\$962,730	\$962,730
CARB	Tesoro	School	\$119,700	\$24,061
CARB	J&P Cycles, LLC	Residential	\$191,093	\$95,293
CARB	CNS Motors, Inc.	Residential		
CARB	Vortech Engineering, Inc.	Residential		
South Coast AQMD	LADWP	School	\$830,438	\$707,518

Additionally, staff proposes modifying the following SEP agreements listed in Table 2 with no-cost term extensions to allow additional time for the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems in schools and residences.

Table 2: SEP Agreements Requiring a No-Cost Extension

<b>Oversight Agency</b>	<b>SEP Title</b>	<b>SEP Type</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Contract Balance</b>
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CARB	J&P Cycles, LLC	Residential	\$191,093	\$95,293
CARB	CNS Motors, Inc.	Residential		
CARB	Vortech Engineering, Inc.	Residential		
CARB	Long Beach Terminal	School	\$17,600	\$17,600

School site access agreements allow contractors to access schools for the installation and/or maintenance of air filtration systems. Staff propose to execute new and modify

existing (i.e., no-cost term modifications) site access agreements with schools or school districts selected to participate in the above SEPs.

South Coast AQMD has a site access agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The agreement provides South Coast AQMD and its contractors with reasonable access to schools selected for air filtration installations. South Coast AQMD and its contractors have installed air filtration systems at 67 schools under this agreement (listed in Table 3 below). However, a no-cost term extension to the agreement is necessary to complete future installation and maintenance activities at new and existing schools under the SEPs listed in the tables above. Staff will work with LAUSD and other school districts within Los Angeles County to select new schools that meet siting and other requirements (e.g., within an EJ Community or near a power generating facility) to be eligible for the remaining funding under each SEP. A list of existing schools that have been funded with these SEP as of May 2025 are included in the table below:

**Table 3: List of Schools Funded with SEPs**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
116TH Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90059
135th Street Elementary School	Gardena	90247
61st Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90003
Arminta St Elementary School	North Hollywood	91605
Bassett St Elementary School	Lake Balboa	91406
Breed Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90033
Budlong Ave Elementary School	Los Angeles	90044
Charles Elementary School	Los Angeles	90003
Cohasset Street Elementary School	Lake Balboa	91406
Corona Avenue Elementary School	Bell	90201
Dolores Huerta Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Dorris Place Elementary School	Los Angeles	90031
Fenton Ave Elementary School	Lake View Terrace	91342
Fernangles Elementary School	Sun Valley	91352
Fishburn Avenue Elementary School	Maywood	90270
Gardena Elementary School	Gardena	90247
Glenwood Elementary School	Sun Valley	91352
Harrison Elementary School	Los Angeles	90063
Heliotrope Avenue Elementary School	Maywood	90270
Hillery T Broadous Elementary School	Pacoima	91331
Humphreys Elementary School	Los Angeles	90022
Huntington Park Elementary School	Huntington Park	90255
Loma Vista Avenue Elementary School	Maywood	90270
Loreto Elementary School	Los Angeles	90065

Marianna Elementary School	Los Angeles	90063
Martha Escutia Primary Center	Bell	90201
Marvin Elementary School	Los Angeles	90016
Maywood Elementary School	Maywood	90270
Morris Hamasaki Elementary School	Los Angeles	90022
Nevin Avenue Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Ninth Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90021
Nueva Vista Elementary School	Bell	90201
Olympic Primary Center	Los Angeles	90015
Pacific Boulevard Elementary School	Huntington Park	90255
Plasencia Elementary School	Los Angeles	90026
Purche Avenue Elementary School	Gardena	90249
Ricardo Lizarraga Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Roosevelt Infant Center	Los Angeles	90033
Roscoe Elementary School	Sun Valley	91352
San Antonio Elementary School	Huntington Park	90255
Sharp Elementary School	Arleta	91331
Solano Elementary School	Los Angeles	90012
Sunrise Elementary School	Los Angeles	90023
Telfair Avenue Elementary School	Pacoima	91331
Trinity Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Twentieth Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School	Los Angeles	90011
Vaughn Street Children's Center	Pacoima	91331
West Athens Elementary School	Los Angeles	90043
West Vernon Elementary School	Los Angeles	90037
Woodlawn Avenue Elementary School	Bell	90201

### **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

This project will reduce children's exposure to criteria and toxic pollutants and ultrafine PM. Health studies have determined that fine and ultrafine PM, including diesel PM, present the greatest air pollution health risk to sensitive receptors in EJ communities identified in the SEP agreements. Many of the schools in which air filtration systems will be installed are in AB 617 Communities.

### **Resource Impacts**

No net monetary changes will result from any contract modifications with IQAir or agreement modifications with CARB, AFC or school districts.