

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 5, 2025

AGENDA NO. 9

PROPOSAL: Adopt Resolution and Recognize Revenue for Continued AB 617 Implementation

SYNOPSIS: The South Coast AQMD was approved to receive a \$20,777,743 grant from the CARB Community Air Protection Program. In May 2025, the Board recognized \$18,506,930 for CARB's FY 2024-25 allocation of the AB 617 implementation program funding. This action is to adopt a resolution to accept the terms and conditions of the grant and recognize up to an additional \$2,270,813 from CARB into the General Fund for AB 617.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, August 8, 2025; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Adopt resolution to accept the terms and conditions for the AB 617 Implementation Community Air Protection Program grant award; and
2. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$2,270,813 from CARB into the General Fund for continued AB 617 implementation.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

This Board letter recognizes the remaining balance of Year 8 funding for continued implementation of the AB 617 program. Major elements of AB 617 include: accelerated BARCT rule making, community engagement, community air monitoring, community emissions reduction plans, and statewide emission reporting consistency. South Coast AQMD's portion of the statewide funding for the eighth year of the AB 617 implementation program is \$20,777,743. In May 2025, the total amount was not yet known, so the Board authorized the recognition of \$18,506,930 as part of the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. These actions are necessary to recognize the remaining \$2,270,813 that South Coast AQMD is eligible to receive from CARB for Year 8.

Proposal

Staff is seeking Board approval to adopt a \$20,777,743 resolution to accept the terms and conditions for the AB 617 Implementation Community Air Protection Program grant award and recognize revenue, upon receipt, up to \$2,270,813 from CARB into the General Fund for continued AB 617 Year 8 implementation. \$18,506,930 was previously recognized in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

The additional Year 8 funding will continue to support South Coast AQMD efforts to fulfill the legislative directives of AB 617 for implementation of Community Emission Reduction Plans and Community Air Monitoring Plans for the six designated AB 617 communities. Also, the additional funds will allow South Coast AQMD to be in alignment with CARB's Blueprint 2.0 guidelines and strategies to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by high cumulative exposure burden. This includes initiatives to engage and conduct outreach with Consistently Nominated Communities for AB 617 and CARB's Cycle 5 Community Air Grant recipients within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. These efforts will result in air quality and public health benefits to disproportionately impacted communities throughout the Basin.

Resource Impacts

South Coast AQMD receives funding annually from CARB's Air Protection Program under the AB 617 implementation grant. This funding will provide resources for the ongoing implementation of South Coast AQMD's AB 617 program.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-XX

A Resolution of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Recognizing Grant Funds and Accepting the Terms and Conditions of CARB's FY 2024-25 Community Air Protection Program Grant Award G24-CAPP-28

WHEREAS, under Health & Safety Code § 40400 et seq., South Coast AQMD is the local agency with the primary responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of air pollution control strategies, clean fuels programs and motor vehicle use reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, under Health & Safety Code § 40400 et seq. and Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), the South Coast AQMD is authorized to implement programs to support selecting locations for consideration by CARB under AB 617 to deploy community air monitoring systems, implement Community Emissions Reduction Plans with input from Community Steering Committees to develop and implement objectives to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants and exposure to these pollutants, develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology, and conduct outreach and engage with Consistently Nominated Communities and Community Air Grant recipients as part of Blueprint 2.0, the statewide strategy of the AB 617 Program to reduce toxic and criteria air pollutants and exposure in overburdened communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted several programs to support selecting locations for CARB consideration under AB 617, deploy community air monitoring systems, implement Community Emissions Reduction Programs, conduct outreach and engagement with Consistently Nominated Communities and Community Air Grant recipients as part of the AB 617 statewide strategy, implement mobile source and other incentive programs, enhance enforcement, develop interactive, map-based web applications and data accessibility, outreach with elected official, cities, county agencies and community-based organizations, and develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board, in regular session assembled on September 5, 2025, does hereby authorize the Executive Officer to accept the terms and conditions of CARB's FY 2024-25 Community Air Protection Program G24-CAPP-28 grant award and recognize up to \$20,777,743 from CARB to support location selection for CARB consideration under AB 617, deploy community air monitoring systems, implement Community Emissions Reduction Programs, conduct outreach and engagement with Consistently Nominated Communities and Community Air Grant recipients as part of the AB 617 statewide strategy, and develop an expedited schedule for requiring best available retrofit control technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out this Resolution.

DATE: _____

Faye Thomas, Clerk of the Boards