

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 7, 2026

AGENDA NO. 5

PROPOSAL: Approve Additional Funds for Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program

SYNOPSIS: Since 2017, South Coast AQMD has implemented the Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden (eL&G) Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program to accelerate the transition from gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment to zero-emission alternatives. In September 2025, the Board approved a \$5,000,000 allocation to the Program, which is nearly depleted due to high participation. Additional funds from the Carl Moyer Program are needed to continue implementation of the Commercial eL&G Program. This action is to: 1) allocate up to \$10,000,000 from the Carl Moyer Program SB 1107 Fund (32) to the Commercial eL&G Program; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to approve vouchers of up to \$10,000,000; and 3) authorize the Executive Officer to reassign vouchers between funding years, as needed, in order to expeditiously meet program funding liquidation requirements.

COMMITTEE: Technology, June 26, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Allocate up to \$10,000,000 from the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment (Carl Moyer) Program SB 1107 Fund (32) between the Grant Years 25, 26, and 27, for the Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden (eL&G) Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program;
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to approve vouchers up to \$10,000,000 for the Commercial eL&G Program; and
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to reassign vouchers between funding years, as needed, in order to expeditiously meet program funding liquidation requirements to the extent that such actions are not in conflict with any applicable guidance, requirement or direction from CARB.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

Background

Since 2017, the South Coast AQMD has spent \$15,687,500 implementing the Commercial (eL&G) Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program, which has resulted in the replacement of over 13,000 pieces of equipment. The program replaces gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission, battery-electric equipment. Local governments, school districts, nonprofit organizations and commercial gardeners and landscapers have participated in the Commercial eL&G Program. In September 2025, the Board allocated an additional \$5,000,000 from the Carl Moyer Program SB 1107 Fund (32) to continue implementing the Commercial eL&G Program. These funds are nearly exhausted and additional funding is needed to continue implementing the program. The Carl Moyer Program provides incentive funds to reduce the incremental cost of purchasing cleaner-than-required engines, vehicles, and equipment.

Proposal

Staff recommends allocating up to \$10,000,000 from the Carl Moyer Program SB 1107 Fund (32) to continue the Commercial eL&G Program. This funding is expected to support the Commercial eL&G Program for a year and will align with the requirements in the Carl Moyer Program guidelines.

In addition, to ensure program funding liquidation targets are met, staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Officer flexibility to reassign vouchers between funding years.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

Since its inception in 2017, the Commercial eL&G Program has replaced over 13,000 gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission equipment. The program is estimated to achieve annual reductions equivalent to removing approximately 8,600 light-duty vehicles from the road.

Resource Impacts

There are sufficient funds in the Carl Moyer Program SB 1107 Fund (32) Year 25, 26, and 27 to support the Commercial eL&G Program.