

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO. 3

**PROPOSAL:** Adopt Resolution and Recognize Funds for Climate Heat Impact Response Program and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs

**SYNOPSIS:** In January 2026, South Coast AQMD submitted an application to CARB for the FY 2025-26 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) to request funds in the amount of \$6,225,395. CHIRP provides funding for projects eligible under the Carl Moyer or Community Air Protection Incentives Guidelines. This action is to adopt a resolution and recognize \$6,225,395 for CHIRP into the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) and to reimburse the General Fund from the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) for CHIRP administrative costs in an amount not to exceed \$778,174.

**COMMITTEE:** Technology, April 17, 2026; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Adopt the attached Resolution, accept terms and conditions, and recognize, upon receipt, the Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) funds up to \$6,225,395 from CARB into the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32); and
2. Reimburse the General Fund from the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) for administrative costs related to CHIRP implementation in an amount not to exceed \$778,174.

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**Background**

In January 2026, South Coast AQMD submitted an application to CARB for the FY 2025-26 CHIRP, requesting funds totaling \$6,225,395, including 12.5 percent administrative funds. The incentives will be used to fund projects eligible for Carl Moyer

or Community Air Protection (CAP) Programs and will prioritize projects in the disadvantaged and low-income communities. The CHIRP program was created following 2021 energy emergency proclamations issued during extreme heat events in California. These proclamations allowed certain generators and power sources to operate beyond their normal emissions limits during grid shortages. CHIRP provides funding to mitigate the additional emissions from these emergency actions. A solicitation will be released in late 2026 to solicit projects targeting the replacement or retrofit of emergency standby stationary diesel-fueled backup generators following Carl Moyer or CAP incentive project guidelines. The program will prioritize the replacement or retrofit of uncontrolled, Tier 1 and Tier 2 diesel internal combustion generators with the cleanest available technologies, with priority given to zero-emission and near zero-emission solutions where feasible. Additionally, the program will assist in funding replacements or retrofits of generators that are permitted and fall under South Coast AQMD Rules 1470 and 1110.4.

### **Proposal**

Staff recommends adopting the resolution to accept terms and conditions and, upon receipt, to recognize the CHIRP funds up to \$6,225,395 from CARB into the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) and to reimburse the General Fund from the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) for administrative costs in an amount not to exceed \$778,174.

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

CHIRP provides incentives to replace or retrofit high-emitting diesel-fueled backup generators or equipment with zero- or low-emissions equipment, thereby reducing emissions and offsetting the operation of emergency backup generators during extreme heat events. The implementation of these projects will prioritize overburdened communities.

### **Resource Impacts**

There are no resource impacts under this program. The total funding for CHIRP projects will not exceed \$5,447,221 in project funds, with administrative costs not to exceed \$778,174.

### **Attachment**

Resolution for FY 2025-26 CHIRP Funds

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-**

**A Resolution of the South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Board Recognizing Funds and Accepting the Terms and Conditions  
of the FY 2025-2026 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP)**

**WHEREAS**, under Health & Safety Code §40400 et seq., the South Coast Air Quality Management District (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**, the South Coast AQMD is authorized by Health & Safety Code §§40402, 40440, and 40448.5 to implement programs to reduce transportation emissions, including programs to encourage the use of alternative fuels and zero and low emission vehicles; to develop and implement other strategies and measures to reduce air contaminants and achieve the state and federal air quality standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has adopted several programs to reduce emissions from on-road and off-road vehicles, as well as emissions from other equipment, including infrastructure projects;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board directs staff to prioritize funding of zero emission vehicles and equipment whenever feasible, including charging/fueling infrastructure, in disadvantaged and low-income communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 205, which directs the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop a State-Funded mitigation plan and establish the source of funding for the Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) to mitigate the emission increases associated with emergency response from backup generators and power plants.

**WHEREAS**, in January 2026, South Coast AQMD received notification to submit the application for the 2022 CHIRP funds.

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2026, South Coast AQMD submitted the application for up to \$6,225,395.

**WHEREAS**, CARB requires applicants to submit a resolution of its Governing Board before the Air District Board participates in the CHIRP program.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board, in regular session assembled on May 1, 2026 does hereby authorize the Executive Officer to accept the terms and conditions of the FY 2025-26 CHIRP grant award and upon receipt, recognizes up to \$6,225,395 from CARB to administer and implement CHIRP.

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

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Faye Thomas, Clerk of the Boards