BOARD MEETING DATE: November 6, 2026 AGENDA NO. 9

PROPOSAL: Authorize Network Switch Purchase and Transfer and Appropriate Funds

SYNOPSIS Staff requests authorization to purchase four network switches and associated components at a cost not to exceed $65,000. Two router-switches will provide redundant network connectivity between the Long Beach facility and Diamond Bar, and other two switches will upgrade network infrastructure in the data center area. Staff also requests authorization to transfer and appropriate funds from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the purchase.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 9, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the Procurement Manager to issue a purchase order for four network switches and associated components at a cost not to exceed $65,000; and
2. Authorize the transfer and appropriation of funds from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the FY 2026-27 Information Management Budget, Capital Outlays Major Object, Capital Outlays Account, in an amount not to exceed $65,000.

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Background

Information Management maintains the network infrastructure that provides connectivity for South Coast AQMD offices, data center systems, servers, applications, and other information technology services. Reliable network connectivity is essential to South Coast AQMD's daily operations.

Information Management has been progressively refreshing South Coast AQMD's network hardware to improve network reliability, maintainability, and supportability. The refresh provides standardized and manufacturer-supported network equipment throughout the network infrastructure.

The network hardware refresh is an ongoing effort that includes access and distribution switches, as well as other network infrastructure. Additional network hardware, including core switches and routers, will be addressed as part of future phases of the network refresh.

Proposal
This action is to authorize the Procurement Manager to execute purchase four network switches and associated components at a cost not to exceed $65,000 using a list of prequalified vendors or an applicable cooperative agreement. The purchase may include applicable manufacturer licensing, support, transceivers, mounting hardware, and other components necessary for deployment.

Resource Impacts
In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Administrative Policies and Procedures No. 35, staff will procure the equipment through either the list of prequalified vendors, an applicable cooperative agreement, or other interagency agreements with governmental entities, as appropriate, to obtain the best available pricing.

Funding for this purchase is not currently included in the FY 2026-27 Information Management Budget. Staff requests authorization to transfer and appropriate funds from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the FY 2026-27 Information Management Budget, Capital Outlays Major Object, Capital Outlays Account, in an amount not to exceed $65,000.