

Rule 1304.1 Implementation Guidelines

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

(May 2016)

- **What are the guidelines for implementation?**

The Governing Board approved a set of guidelines for use of funds collected pursuant to [Rule 1304.1](#) at its March 4, 2016, public meeting. The guidelines can be found in Attachment 1 of Agenda Item 38 of the [March 4 Governing Board Package](#).

- **Can you provide a brief summary of the highlights of the implementation guidelines?**

Briefly, the main highlights are:

- ✓ 50% of net funds will be targeted for use for project(s) within a 10 mile proximity to the repowering EGF and a 50% of net funds will be targeted for use for project(s) in Environmental Justice (EJ) areas that are within a 15 mile proximity to the repowering EGF. Projects may be eligible based on the former, latter, or both of these criteria.
- ✓ EJ areas are determined based on American Community Survey (Census) areas where at least 10% of the population falls below the Federal poverty level and where these same areas are either (1) within the highest 15th percentile of PM2.5 or PM10 (for Coachella Valley only) concentration, or (2) within the highest 15th percentile of cancer risk as identified in the most recent Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES).
- ✓ An RFP will be issued once a minimum total of \$1,000,000 is received for each repowering project.
- ✓ Staff shall conduct expanded outreach in the community and to the public regarding the availability of funds for potential projects.
- ✓ If too many eligible projects are proposed, staff will provide recommendations on prioritizing the projects, and if too few projects are proposed, the Governing Board may direct funds to projects outside the recommended proximities to the repowering project.

- **When can I submit a proposal for funding?**

The guidelines require that there be a minimum of \$1,000,000 in available funds prior to issuance of an RFP. To date (May 2016), there is only about \$242,000 of available funding. It is anticipated that additional funding will not be available this calendar year (2016) due to a lack of re-powering applications. Project proponents

are advised to continue monitoring the SCAQMD website for announcements regarding an RFP. Furthermore, as part of the RFP process, SCAQMD will perform targeted outreach to interested parties and affected communities, including community groups and municipalities.

- **Can I get help to prepare and submit an RFP?**

The SCAQMD will have staff available to help stakeholders with drafting and submitting proposals for RFPs as a part of the RFP process.

- **How firm are these guidelines?**

While the Governing Board has approved these guidelines for use of funds pursuant to Rule 1304.1, the Governing Board also has the final decision on both project approval and use of funds. Governing Board member Mitchell has “suggested the potential to amend the guidelines to give priority to projects within a 6-mile radius during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.” ([Minutes, March 4, 2016, Governing Board Meeting, Agenda Item #38](#), p. 10.)

- **Will there be sufficient resources to support implementation and specifically outreach?**

A designated restricted fund (Fund 66) has been established to track funds for implementation of Rule 1304.1. The rule allows for up to 8% of funds to be spent on recovering administrative costs related to implementation of Rule 1304.1.

- **Where can I get more information?**

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