

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Environmental Resources *SJA*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-9

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE April 28, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Submit an Application for the Use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds for Diesel Emissions Reductions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources and Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to submit an application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds for diesel emissions reductions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is available through various federal agencies depending upon the particular project. The Departments of Environmental Resources and Parks and Recreation will apply for up to \$175,000 and \$140,000 respectively, from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, through its National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for vehicle emissions upgrades and/or replacements for equipment used at the Fink Road Landfill and throughout the County Parks system. If successful, the Departments

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-270

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)

will bring this item back to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of award and to make the necessary budget adjustments. A local match of funds is not required for diesel equipment emissions upgrades, however, grant funds are also being requested for the replacement of one vehicle. If the grant is awarded, it will assist the Department of Environmental Resources by providing additional funding that would otherwise need to be provided through local sources.

DISCUSSION:

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The intent of the recovery funds is stated as follows: "Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes."

One source of funding made possible through the Recovery Act is the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for vehicle emissions upgrades. In California, this funding source will be implemented through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region 9 office in San Francisco. Projects must include one or more of the following diesel emissions reduction solutions: a) Verified retrofit technologies that, when applied to an existing diesel engine, achieve emission reductions beyond what is currently required by EPA regulations at the time of the engine's certification. Projects in this category must include equipment that is listed on the Air Resources Board's "currently verified" list; b) Verified idle reduction technologies; c) Verified aerodynamic technologies; d) Verified low rolling resistance tires; d) Certified engine repowers; and e) Certified vehicle and equipment replacements.

Further, projects must be able to be commenced expeditiously, reduce diesel emissions, and maximize job creation and/or preservation while helping to stimulate economic recovery. In the case of Stanislaus County, there are several pieces of diesel equipment being used in both the Parks and Recreation Department (Parks) and at the Department of Environmental Resources, Fink Road Landfill (DER) which will require future replacement and/or emissions upgrades. The estimated cost of these upgrades for DER is \$175,000 and for Parks, is \$140,000. Not only will the equipment upgrades create jobs through the purchase and installation of the needed items, when local funds are not expended for equipment, they will be available for other purposes including salaries, helping to preserve local jobs.

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The U.S. EPA is making funds available for these purposes; however, the deadline for submission of applications is April 28, 2009. If successful in its application(s), the collective Departments will return to the Board for formal acceptance of these funds and to make any necessary budgetary adjustments that may be required.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors should determine if submitting applications for the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds for diesel emissions reductions is consistent with the Board's priorities of a safe community, a healthy community, and the efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE
FROM YOUR CLERK