Air Pollution Control District Governing Board

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

AGENDA ITEM # 1

DATE: June 4, 2021

TO: Air Pollution Control District Governing Board

SUBJECT

PUBLIC HEARING: INTERIM AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive a presentation on the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

OVERVIEW:

A public hearing will be conducted on the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer's proposed budget for the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) for Fiscal Year 2021-22, covering the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The proposed budget is balanced, with \$84.3 million in expenditures and revenues and 164 existing positions to advance the District's mission of improving air quality to protect public health and the environment. A fund balance reserve equal to approximately two months of operating expenditures (\$3.8 million) provides a financial safety net to mitigate current and future risks and ensure core services are maintained.

The budget adoption process is specified in State law and requires the Board to hold two public hearings that are separated by at least two weeks. Today's hearing is the first hearing, held exclusively for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget and providing the public with the opportunity to comment on it. The second public hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2021, for the purpose of budget adoption. The public may testify during these hearings and submit comments online at www.sdapcd.org/content/sdc/apcd/en/apcd-cob-agendas-and-meeting-materials-.html or by email to APCDPublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov. Written comments will be accepted until the close of the second public hearing on June 18, 2021.

Looking forward, the Board's new Governance Committee will meet in the weeks ahead to identify the agency's key priorities for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and beyond. Additionally, program revenues are projected to increase following the Board's consideration in October 2021 of increases to permit fees and other fees paid by customers for District services. Accordingly, staff will return to the Board this fall with proposed budget adjustments as necessary to align with the Board's priorities and reflect any revenue adjustments and public input.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's requested action to receive a presentation and consider public comments on the District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22. If adopted on June 18, the proposed budget will provide spending authority of \$84.3 million for the District for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT:

Pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, CEQA does not apply to continuing administrative activities or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a

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potentially significant physical impact on the environment; CEQA does not apply to this action.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was posted on the District's website on May 5, 2021. Notice of its availability was mailed directly to every air quality permit holder and e-mailed to 15,000 other stakeholders via the District's GovDelivery email subscription service. Additional stakeholders and members of the public were notified in English and Spanish via the District's social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter). As described above, the District has invited stakeholders to submit written comments online or by email and to testify at the public hearings.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A – APCO Recommended Budget for FY 2021-22

Attachment B – Schedule of Fees (Rule 40 and Rule 42)

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