DATE:         June 18, 2021

TO:           Air Pollution Control District Governing Board

SUBJECT:

BUDGET HEARINGS: INTERIM AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER’S FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ADOPTION

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Authorize the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer to open and activate an Air Pollution Control District Committed Fund for Operating Reserves account within the Operations General Fund (49050) and authorize the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer to perform necessary transactions in order to operate in the opened and activated account, effective July 1, 2021, as recommended in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

2. Authorize the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer to open and activate an Air Pollution Control District Committed Fund for Facilities and Fleet account within the Operations General Fund (49050) and authorize the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer to perform necessary transactions in order to operate in the opened and activated account, effective July 1, 2021, as recommended in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

3. Adopt the Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22” approving the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

OVERVIEW:

Public hearings 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. The first hearing, held on June 4, 2021 exclusively for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget and providing the public with the opportunity to comment on it. Today’s hearing is the second public hearing 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:**

The recommended action provides spending authority of $84.3 million for the Air Pollution Control 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 potentially significant physical impact on the environment; CEQA does not apply to this action.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

June 4, 2021, Budget Hearings: Interim Air Pollution Control Officer’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

**ADVISORY GROUP ACTIONS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment A – APCO Recommended Budget for FY 2021-22
Attachment B – Schedule of Fees (Rule 40 and Rule 42)
Attachment C – FY 2021-22 Budget Resolution

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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