

Legislation Text

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Air Quality Management District (AQMD) recommending the Board of Supervisors, acting as the AQMD Board of Directors, authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute project funding agreements with applicants for eligible proposals for AB 2766 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) charging station projects in response to a Request For Proposals to be issued by AQMD on July 1, 2022, and subsequent releases of AB2766 EVSE Request for Proposals, up to a cumulative total of \$200,000 through June 30, 2025 (up to \$5,000 per EVSE and a maximum of 10 EVSE per site agreement) contingent on the approval of County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: California Department of Motor Vehicles AB 2766 Subvention Funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

El Dorado County is in nonattainment for the federal ozone standard. Motor vehicle emissions are the primary contributor to ozone. In 1990, AB2766 authorized air districts to assess motor vehicle registration fees to reduce motor vehicle emissions and implement the California Clean Air Act. On December 11, 1990, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution #90-488 that set the motor vehicle registration fee at \$2.00 per registered vehicle. On June 14, 2001, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution #01-21 increasing the fee from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per registered vehicle.

AQMD is planning to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 1, 2022, which will have a deadline of September 30, 2022 for submittals of proposed EVSE projects to be installed during FY2022-23. AQMD staff will continue to conduct outreach activities to make businesses aware of the funding opportunity. Proposals will be evaluated for eligibility and cost effectiveness, and if deemed eligible projects, the District will enter into a funding agreements with the grantees.

To solicit EVSE project proposals and make funding available in a timely manner, AQMD plans to release additional RFPs for AB2766 funded EVSE projects with approximately two-month proposal periods. We request that the Board authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute future agreements for eligible projects through June 30, 2025, up to a cumulative total of \$200,000 of awarded funding, of which \$70,000 is the amount proposed in the FY 2022-23 budget for this program. County Counsel and Risk Management will review and approve the funding agreements for all projects awarded as a result of these RFPs. Information on awarded projects will be posted on AQMD's website.

Prior RFP rounds have funded the installation of 25 EV chargers throughout the County, at locations including retail stores, wineries, and community health centers. These chargers help to improve air quality and support economic development in the County.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decide not to authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute funding agreements for eligible projects submitted as a result of AB2766 EVSE RFPs, which would require that the District return to the Board to award projects for each round of EVSE funding based on received proposals.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

On June 6, 2017, the Board approved a request to award two (2) EVSE projects that resulted from an RFP issued by AQMD in March 2017, as well as authorized the APCO to award additional EVSE projects in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 up to a cumulative total of \$175,000.

On August 27, 2019, the Board approved a request to award three (3) EVSE projects that resulted from an RFP issued by AQMD in March 2019, as well as authorized the APCO to award additional EVSE projects in FY2019-20, FY2020-21 and FY2021-22 up to a cumulative total of \$300,000.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In the proposed FY 2022-23 budget, \$70,000 of AB 2766 funds are allocated for EVSE installation at County businesses. Additional funding will be proposed in the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 AQMD budget requests.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Forward one (1) signed copy of Minute Order to AQMD

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

These projects will contribute to achieving the Healthy Communities strategic plan goal.

CONTACT

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