



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Employee and Public Services Department

DATE: October 28, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 12, 2002

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil R. Cullen, Director, Public Works 
Mary Welch, Director, Employee and Public Services 

SUBJECT: Waiver of Bidding Requirement – Diesel Vehicle Filters Financed with a Bay Area Air Quality Control Board Grant

Recommendation

- 1.) Adopt a resolution authorizing a waiver of the formal bidding requirements for the purchase of diesel engine filters that are being financed by the Bay Area Air Quality Control Board(BAAQCB).
- 2.) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) to provide an appropriation of \$184,000 for the filter replacement program in the Vehicle and Equipment Services Budget Unit, 4760B (4/5ths vote required)

Key Facts

The Department of Public Works has received a \$184,000 grant from the BAAQCB to install diesel particulate filters on the heavy equipment maintained by the Department to reduce diesel exhaust emissions.

The grant is conditioned on the County agreeing to purchase the filters from five (5) specific vendors designated by the BAAQCB.(copy of grant notification is attached).

All purchases of \$100,000 or greater must be advertised and competitively bid, unless waived by your Board.

Discussion

The BAAQCB has made grant funds available to reduce diesel emissions in the Bay Area. We made application and BAAQCB has agreed to fund the purchase of the filters on the 24

pieces of heavy diesel equipment that is maintained by the Department. Buses and garbage trucks are not included in this BAAQCB program.

The provision of the program requires us to use the five(5) vendors designated by BAAQCD, and to initially pay for the filters and their installation. The BAAQCD will reimburse the Department after the filters are installed and the vehicles tested. We are therefore recommending that a waiver be granted to allow us to qualify for this grant program.

Visioning alignment

We believe our recommendation is consistent with the Shared Commitment to “ensure basic health and safety for all” and Goal Number 7 “maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors,” as the installation of the diesel filters will help improve the air quality for the citizens of San Mateo County as well as the Bay Area

Fiscal Impact

The \$184,000 in grant funds will be used for this specific project, and the ATR will provide for the associated appropriation and revenue.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of resolution and ATR has been approved by County Counsel.

RECOMMENDED

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J. Matre
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COUNTY MANAGER