

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: County Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 6, 2004

SUBJECT: Coachella Valley Air Quality Enhancement Trust Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the recommendations of the Coachella Valley Air Quality Advisory Committee for funding of air quality enhancement projects in the Coachella Valley, as shown on Exhibit A.
2. Direct the Executive Office to prepare contracts with the proposing agencies and authorize the County Executive Officer or his designee to sign County Counsel approved contracts.

BACKGROUND: The Coachella Valley Air Quality Enhancement Trust was established in 1989 as part of a settlement of litigation with Colmac Energy, Inc. (Colmac). Under the terms of the agreement, Colmac makes an annual contribution to the trust, and the County is responsible for administering the issuance of grants for qualified air quality projects in the Coachella Valley from the trust. The Coachella Valley Air Quality Advisory Committee (CVAQAC) reviews the proposals and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee consists of the Fourth District Supervisor, and representatives from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

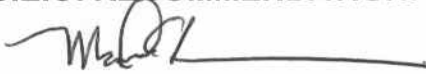
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 220,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Coachella Valley Air Quality Enhancement Trust Fund				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE



County Executive Office Signature

Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

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Funding can be allocated over a two-year timeline, if the project warrants it. The annual allocation is \$220,000, and second year funds come from prior year savings. This year staff received eight submittals that requested \$375,000 in the first year, and \$150,000 in the second year. Staff evaluated the proposals and drafted recommendations, which were then forwarded to CVAQAC for their approval.

The CVAQAC reviewed the proposals and has recommended the distribution of funds as shown on Exhibit A. It is requested that the Board approve the program funding recommendations, and authorize the County Executive Officer to prepare and execute contracts with the recommended grantees.

EXHIBIT A

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COLMAC GRANT APPLICATIONS SUMMARY

No.	Requestor & Description	Requestor's In-Kind Funding	Amount Requested		Staff Recommendation	Amount Recommended		CVAQAC Recommendation
			1st Year	2nd Year		1st Year	2nd Year	
1	City of Cathedral City The City is seeking contributions towards the purchase of a 4000 gallon CNG water truck to replace an old diesel unit.	\$95,024	\$50,000	\$0	Approve partial funding for this project. Grant funds should only be used to cover the cost difference between fossil fuel and Alt fuel vehicles.	\$30,000	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
2	City of Cathedral City The City is seeking funds to assist in the purchase and installation of videoconferencing equipment in their new board room. This will be a phased project over two years, and is close to a 50/50 split of the costs.	\$94,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	The City is receiving funding on the above project which is a higher priority for them. Therefore staff recommends no funding for this project.	\$0	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
3	City of Desert Hot Springs The City is purchasing three (3) CNG vehicles in fiscal year 2004 and is seeking funding assistance.	\$11,160	\$50,000	\$0	Approve funding of up to \$10,000 per vehicle for this project. Grant funds should only be used to cover the cost difference between fossil fuel and CNG vehicles.	\$30,000	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
4	City of Indio PM10 Dust Control Program Improvements. The City is seeking funds to control fugitive dust on over 398,000 sf of area within the city boundaries by using a variety of control measures. These measures include Hydroseeding, grass stolonizing, chemical suppression, and asphalt paving.	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Approve partial funding for this project, and require increased in kind funding by the requestor.	\$30,000	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
5	Coachella Valley Association of Governments Contributing funds for the Coachella Valley street sweeping program. This program receives federal CMAQ funds that requires the locals to contribute a little more than 11%. CVAG is over extended on use of their AB2766 funds, and is seeking other revenue streams. The street sweeping program provides a credible reduction of PM in the valley.	\$145,000	\$50,000	\$0	Approve partial funding for this project.	\$40,000	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
6	Coachella Valley Unified School District CVUSD is seeking additional funds for the construction of a CNG fueling station that would fuel leased CNG school buses. They have received a comitment for \$257,950 from the South Coast AQMD, however this amount fell short of the original request.	\$257,950	\$50,000	\$50,000	Approve partial funding for this project for each year.	\$40,000	\$40,000	Approve as recommended by staff.
7	Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency This agency is seeking funds that would allow it to expand CNG bus services from two days a week to five days, on a route between the Palo Verde Valley and the Coachella Valley. This effort would reduce single occupant trips that currently numbers over 1,100 trips per day.	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$0	Approve full funding for this project.	\$25,000	\$0	Approve as recommended by staff.
8	Riverside County Transportation Department The Transportation Department is seeking funding to construct a sand fence on the west side of Washington Street north of Del Webb Blvd. and extending northward for approx. 3000 feet in an effort to reduce fugitive dust and sand.	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	Approve partial funding for this project, and require in kind funding by the requestor.	\$25,000	\$50,000	Approve as recommended by staff.
TOTALS		\$628,134	\$375,000	\$150,000		\$220,000	\$90,000	