

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



**ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 11306)**

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

**FROM :** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA):

**SUBJECT:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA): Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-256 Designation of Applicant's Agent, the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, to Apply for Grant Funding From California Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust for the Light Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure, Districts: ALL [\$0 –Energy Division]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-256 Designation Of Applicant's Agent And Authorization To The Submittal By The Agent Of Applications For The Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust For The Light Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; and
2. Authorize the Economic Development Agency to submit application(s) to the California Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust for the Light Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure grant funding in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 for installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Riverside County.

**ACTION:A-30**

Robert Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/ECD 11/14/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: December 17, 2019  
xc: EDA

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	2019/20

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO Use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust (VW Trust) provides approximately \$423 million for California to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide emissions caused by VW's use of illegal emissions testing defeat devices in certain VW diesel vehicles. The state of California, through the California Air Resources Board (CARB), developed a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (Plan) through an extensive public process. The Plan describes the eligible mitigation actions that may be funded from the State's allocation of the Trust. Senate Bill 92, passed in June 2017, directs CARB to strive to ensure that thirty-five percent of California's allocation benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately impacted by air pollution.

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) requests approval, pursuant to Board Policy A-30, to apply for grant funding from the VW Trust for the Light Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (Program) administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Funding is available statewide and is open to both public and private entities. Total funding for the program is estimated at \$10 million, and the grant funding is scheduled for release within this fiscal year.

Program funds for the VW Trust awards occur on a first-come/first-served basis, with extremely short turnaround times for submittal. EDA requests approval to submit one or more applications for the implementation of EV stations in areas of need in Riverside County, subsequent to the release of the notice of funding availability (NOFA). If the grant application requires a resolution, EDA will return to the Board of Supervisors for additional approval.

Resolution No. 2019-256 has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This is an administrative action to approve this Form 11 and no additional funds are requested.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution No. 2019-256

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Gregory V. Priapos, Director County Counsel 11/25/2019

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-256

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR  
6 THE DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO THE SUBMITTAL  
7 BY THE AGENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE VOLKSWAGEN ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 MITIGATION TRUST FOR THE LIGHT DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE  
9 GRANT PROGRAM

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Volkswagen ("VW") Environmental Mitigation Trust provides about \$423 million  
12 for California which was established to fully mitigate the diesel nitrogen oxide ("NOx") emissions caused  
13 by VW's use of illegal emissions testing defeat devices in certain VW diesel vehicles; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in California, that amounts to 10,000 tons of NOx that must be reduced;

15 **WHEREAS**, as part of the settlements with VW and a Consent Decree ordered by the court,  
16 California developed a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan that contains a variety of funding categories and  
17 opportunities for local agencies to apply for funding to benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities  
18 that are disproportionately impacted by air pollution; and

19 **WHEREAS**, implementing California's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan will fully mitigate the excess  
20 NOx and additionally commits to long-term air quality and climate goals by investing in zero-emission  
21 technologies; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board, charged with protecting the public from the  
23 harmful effects of air pollution and developing programs to fight climate change, has been delegated the  
24 responsibility of oversight of various air quality management districts who will be administering these  
25 funding opportunities and grant programs, including the establishment of necessary procedures; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside ("County"), by and through its Economic Development  
27 Agency, desires to designate an agent and authorize the agent to apply for any grant opportunities offered  
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Sybil M. Gunzel* 11-25-19  
DATE: *Sybil M. Gunzel*

1 by the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust for the Light Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant  
2 Program;

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the  
4 Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on December 17, 2019, at  
5 or after 9:30 a.m., in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the 1st floor of the County  
6 Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, hereby designates the Assistant County  
7 Executive Officer of Economic and Community Development, or designee, as it agent to execute for and on  
8 behalf of County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, and authorizes the submittal  
9 and execution of any applications that would be filed or submitted with the California Air Resources Board  
10 or any other administering air quality management district for the purpose of obtaining certain funding and  
11 financial assistance from the grant programs, including the Light Duty Zero Emission Vehicle  
12 Infrastructure Grant Program, offered under California's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan that was developed  
13 after the VW Mitigation Trust for California was established.

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16 ROLL CALL:

17 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
18 Nays: None  
19 Absent: None

20 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
21 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

22 By Kecia R. Harper  
23 Deputy  
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