

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
12/5/2016

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Amend Yuba Sutter Transit Agreement VF15-02 by \$6,700 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Yuba Sutter Transit Agreement VF15-02 by \$6,700 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVE:

Not amend Yuba Sutter Transit Agreement VF15-02 or amend by amount other than \$6,700.

BACKGROUND:

The District's Blue Sky Program is composed of Motor Vehicle Registration Fees authorized by Assembly Bill 2766 and Assembly Bill 923. The AB 2766 portion provides incentive and grant funds for air quality projects designed to reduce motor vehicle air pollution, as authorized in Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 44220 through 44247. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issues guidelines for evaluating AB 2766 projects, which the District implements through the Blue Sky Program. The District awards Blue Sky Grants annually, typically at its December meeting.

Agreement VF15-02 is for the 2016 Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program administered by the Yuba Sutter Transit Authority. The project was awarded \$141,198 at the December 7, 2015, FRAQMD Board meeting. The Board increased the award to \$143,100 on February 1, 2016. The 2016 Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program provides a grant of \$9 per bus pass, reducing the cost to the user from \$15 to \$6.

The Transit Manager of the Yuba Sutter Transit Authority contacted District staff on October 26, 2016, to inform them that sales of the discounted bus passes are projected to be at least \$15,000 less than the allocated amount. The Yuba Sutter Transit Authority's sales through December 2016 are projected to be about \$128,100 or 14,233 passes. The agency sold 15,260 passes in 2015 and had expected to sell 15,900 passes in 2016.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Policy/Finance Committee reviewed the FY 2016/17 Blue Sky Grant proposals on November 10, 2016. The Committee recommended awarding projects totaling \$230,000 for the AB 2766 portion. The Blue Sky Program was over-subscribed; not all proposals received by the District were recommended for funding and some were not recommended for full funding.

The Policy/Finance Committee recommended a reduced funding level for the 2017 Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program. The requested funding was \$144,000 to offer a \$5 pass for disabled, senior, and youth monthly bus passes for the calendar year 2017. The Committee recommended funding the project in the amount of \$133,300.

At the meeting, the Yuba Sutter Transit Authority offered to amend the 2016 Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program and make those funds available for the 2017 Program. The Yuba Sutter Transit Authority stated that at the funding level of \$140,000 they could offer the discounted monthly passes to users at \$5 in 2017. The Committee approved and directed staff to bring the necessary items to the Board.

The reduction of \$6,700 would bring the total allocation for VF15-02 to \$136,400 for the 2016 Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funds are allocated in the current fiscal year budget. By reducing the award amount of VF15-02, the FRAQMD Board would have an additional \$6,700 in funding to allocate towards FY16/17 Blue Sky Projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Email from Keith Martin, Transit Director, Yuba Sutter Transit Authority, October 26, 2016