



March 4, 2021

TO: LOCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 2A – 03/04/2021 Board Meeting

Receive a presentation from the SLO County Air Pollution Control District regarding the Community Air Protection Program and consider any follow up actions by the District moving forward.

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DESCRIPTION

At the February 4, 2021 Board meeting, during public comment a representative of the SLO County Air Pollution Control District (SLOAPCD) provided information regarding AB 617 (2017) which directed air pollution control districts in California to establish a Community Air Program. One of the programs mentioned is the establishment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at public and private locations. Several of the Directors expressed interest in the program so more detailed information will be presented by SLOAPCD at the March 4, 2021 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff regarding any follow up actions needed based on the information presented by the SLO County Air Pollution Control District.

DISCUSSION

Background

During public comment at the February 4, 2021 Board meeting, Jacqueline Mansoor, Air Quality Specialist with SLO Air Pollution Control District, provided information and a brief overview for grant opportunities associated with the state's Community Air Protection Program and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Several of the Board members expressed interest in hearing more about the EV charging stations including:

- The timing of the grants, both current and future
- Cost to locate, design and construct the different levels of charging stations
- Any potential revenue sources, other than grants, to recover the matching funds required to construct the stations and to offset ongoing maintenance and energy expenses.

District Options Moving Forward

After hearing the presentation and receiving public comment, the options the Board could consider moving forward include:

1. Directing staff to further research the feasibility of locating and constructing EV charging stations in Los Osos in partnership with either public or private entities
2. Assigning the research and feasibility considerations to a committee
3. Directing the General Manager to follow the Community Air Protection Program for future analysis and consideration by the Board
4. Take no action at this time

In making a decision, the Board will need to take into consideration the resources needed (mostly staff time) to move forward with any of the above options except number four.

Financial Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the information provided in this report.