



SACOG Board of Directors

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Authorize the Release of SECAT Funds for School Bus Replacement

Issue: To authorize the release of authorized SECAT funding for school bus replacement in favor of additional diesel engine replacements.

Recommendation: The Climate & Air Quality Committee recommends that the Board approve the release of authorized SECAT funding originally intended for school bus replacement and that these funds be used for additional diesel engine replacements.

Committee Action/Discussion: The original SECAT funding (SECAT I) is nearly all spent or obligated to engine replacements. As of March 31, 2008, there remains \$256,897 in cash that is not under contract. There is \$12,690,128 in outstanding contracts that have not yet been paid.

In September 2006 the Board approved using up to \$6 million of SECAT funds for school bus replacement; copy of the agenda item is attached. None of these funds have been contracted for use. When Proposition 1B was passed, there was \$191,380,000 allocated for replacing school buses throughout the state to achieve better air quality emissions; copy of the allocation listing attached. Of the total amount, \$13.1 million is available to the region served by the SECAT program.

Staff is requesting that the Board's approval of \$6 million for school bus replacement be funded from the available Proposition 1B program and release the obligation from the SECAT program to be used for diesel engine replacement. This would bring the unobligated SECAT funding to \$6,256,897 to be used for engine replacement.

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