

Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

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Green Region Funding Round

Information

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Attachments: No

1. Issue:

Approval of Green Region Funding Round

2. Recommendation:

None, this is for information only. The Transportation Committee will take action on this item.

3. Background/Analysis:

The Green Region funding program was a new addition to the biennial funding round. The SACOG Board of Directors allocated \$11.67 million for the program, which focused on increasing adoption and use of zero emission vehicles through funding of vehicles, fueling infrastructure, and supporting zero emission services such as car sharing, ride sharing, and microtransit. The program also included a section on disadvantaged communities that concentrated zero emission efforts in those areas of the region that have seen less zero emission investment as compared to the rest of the region.

The Green Region call for projects resulted in approximately \$40 million in funding requests from twelve proposals. All funding requests came from Sacramento and Yolo counties.

SACOG staff and the selected review panelists scored each proposal using the adopted Green Region Framework. Generally, proposals were scored and ranked according to their ability to reduce vehicle miles traveled, encourage alternative modes of travel, and increase the adoption of zero emission vehicles.

In November, the SACOG board released the Green Region funding draft recommendations for public comment.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Based on the scoring and ranking of projects as outlined in the Green Region framework, staff recommended funding for four projects, totaling \$11.67 million. The four projects recommended

for funding include:

- Sacramento Regional Transit	Zero Emission Bus Service to the Sacramento International Airport	\$3,844,000
- City of West Sacramento	West Sacramento Plug-in Partnership	\$2,249,000
- Valley Clean Energy	Electrify Yolo	\$2,665,000
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Mgmt. District	Green Region (SECAT)	\$2,912,000

To date, the only public comment received has been from Green Tech concerning their proposed project focused on zero emission infrastructure and vehicles in the City of Sacramento. Green Tech asked the board to reconsider the staff recommendation and include funding for the project. A primary reason the project was not recommended by staff for funding is that a large share of the proposed scope does not meet funding eligibility requirements for the Green Region program. Since the time of the committee meeting, SACOG has coordinated with Green Tech and agency partners, including SMAQMD and SMUD, to identify alternative funding sources for a reduced project scope. Staff will update the Transportation Committee on the status of this effort at the December 6, meeting.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to the agency.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:

7 - Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects