

# CARL MOYER RURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

Administered by CAPCOA

## PROTOCOL FOR ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS

### Background

Project funds go toward eligible Moyer projects, as contributed by air districts to the RAP. Air districts may contribute all or part of their annual Moyer allocation to the RAP. The approach for future years of the RAP is similar to that successfully used in the past, but with a few changes to reflect more program flexibility.

### Approach

#### General

- Districts commit to RAP at beginning of program year, per ARB Form.
- If not committed up front, funds may still be contributed to the RAP not later than March 1 (of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2-year cycle)
- Districts may provide partial funding to the pooled RAP and undertake local efforts for securing projects, subject to the same conditions as the previous bullet.
- Projects will not be limited by type or by geographic location. Any rural district may submit a project for consideration.

#### Ranking

- Projects will be ranked according to cost effectiveness, and categorized into bins:
  - Bin 1: <\$6,000/ton
  - Bin 2: \$6,001 to \$11,000/ton
  - Bin 3: >\$11,000/ton
- To the degree practical, Bin 1 projects have the highest priority, then Bin 2, then Bin 3.
- Within each bin, projects will be further prioritized in the following order:
  - Projects located in rural districts that contributed to the pooled fund
  - Achieving geographic equity among rural districts
  - Project applicants submitting qualified projects for prior years, but not funded, and meeting all the current year qualifying criteria
  - Projects located in any air district

#### Other Considerations

- Projects with funding costs in excess of \$100,000 may be excluded if two or more projects in the same bin can be funded with that level of funding.

- VIP (Voucher Incentive Program) and Off-Road Equipment Replacement Projects are also eligible for funding under RAP.
  - Such projects will be on a separate list (since cost-effectiveness is not a factor in these programs)
  - Funding would not cumulatively exceed 30% for the first year, and 50% for the second year of the available RAP funding for the specific Moyer cycle. VIP projects will be selected in the priority given above (Ranking), except that cost-effectiveness and Bin assignments will not be applicable.
- Once placed on an eligible list, an applicant will remain eligible for funding over a two- year period. For example, if not funded from Year 15 funds, a project may still qualify under Year 16 funds.
- Applicants selected for funding will be contacted to determine if they are still viable projects and the applicants are still seeking funding.
- After two years from the submittal of an application, if an applicant’s project has not been funded and they are still interested in future year funding, they would need to reapply.

**Early Funding from Subsequent Moyer Year**

- For allowable flexibility in the event new funds are contributed into the RAP by March 1 of the second-year cycle, or in the event projects drop out of the RAP late in the second- year cycle, early funding of projects from the subsequent Moyer Year will be selected as follows:
  - Projects with qualifying cost-effectiveness (regardless of “bin”) will be selected based on the greatest likelihood of project completion by June 30 of the prior Moyer Year (e.g., by June 30, 2014 for Year 15 project funds; by June 30, 2015 for Year 16 project funds.)
  - Such projects will be limited to approximately the first \$200,000 of the available funding for the Moyer Year.
- For the remainder of the Moyer Year project funds, projects will be selected according to the project eligible list, following the standard “Ranking” procedures, after a new solicitation process has been completed and a revised eligible list is developed.

**Air District Responsibilities**

- Once the selection process has been completed, and the air district accepts the project, the full responsibility for the project contract, project completion and related responsibilities as contained in the ARB’s Moyer Guidelines rests solely with the air district, not CAPCOA. Project funding is provided directly to the air district by the ARB.

**Outreach**

- CAPCOA outreach and application process will begin in the spring of each year and again the subsequent year. The purpose of these outreach efforts is to find new projects to add to the qualifying project list, then re-rank the projects prior to the selection process. The outreach would also include VIP and Off-Road Equipment Replacement projects. The revised lists would be used to repeat the selection process and funding usage for the subsequent year.

### **District Co-Share of Project Costs**

- Air districts may elect to co-share a project (using some of their own eligible project funds) under the following circumstances:
  - The project amount under the RAP funding would cause the available RAP funding level to be exceeded unless a district co-shared the amount of project costs in excess of the RAP funding limit; or
  - Projects that would otherwise be excluded on the basis of cost exceeding \$100,000 may be co-shared so that the total project cost to the RAP does not exceed \$100,000 and therefore the project would remain viable for RAP funding.
- In either situation, the air district would not be eligible for additional administrative funding from the RAP for the co-shared portion of the project costs.