

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
12/08/2025

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for Board consideration with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for AB 2766 projects in the amount of \$110,000 and AB 923 projects in the amount of \$165,000.

BACKGROUND:

The District's Blue Sky Grant is composed of \$4 Motor Vehicle Registration Fees (AB 2766) and \$2 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee (AB 923). The AB 2766 portion provides incentive and grant funds for air quality projects designed to reduce motor vehicle (mobile source) air pollution. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issues guidelines providing criteria for AB 2766 funded projects. Projects have been reviewed by the District staff to weigh eligibility, viability, local health impact, district goals, emissions reduced, and cost-effectiveness criteria. The Policy/Finance Committee then reviews the projects and makes a recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors.

The AB 923 portion may be used for limited project types which include school bus replacements and retrofits according to the Lower Emission School Bus Program Guidelines<sup>1</sup> and the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines<sup>2</sup>.

The District initiated fiscal year 2025/2026 Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 22, 2025, and closed the RFP on October 17, 2025. The RFP was noticed in the Appeal Democrat newspaper, mailed to all local jurisdictions plus any interested parties, and posted on the FRAQMD's website at <http://www.fraqmd.org>. The District staff also held a public workshop on September 30, 2025, on the Blue Sky Grant Program.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/lower-emission-school-bus-program>

<sup>2</sup> [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/msprog/moyer/guidelines/2017/2017\\_cmpgl.pdf](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/msprog/moyer/guidelines/2017/2017_cmpgl.pdf)

The current Blue Sky Program annual project length runs from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, unless another timeline is requested by the applicant.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has budgeted \$110,000 for the AB 2766 portion and \$270,000 for the AB 923 portion. Any unused funds will be available for the program in future years.

#### DISCUSSIONS:

The Policy/Finance Committee met on November 10, 2025, to review the applications. The Committee recommends three projects for partial funding from the AB 2766 Program and one project for funding from the AB 923 Program. The Committee recommendation, which is provided in Attachment A, would allocate \$110,000 for AB 2766 funding and \$165,000 for AB 923 funding. There is remaining balance of \$105,000 for AB 923. The remaining balances can be added to the funding amounts for next year's Blue Sky Grant Program.

For the AB 2766 projects, the District ranked the proposals on the factors listed in the RFP. The scores are included on the summary table (Attachment A).

For the AB 2766 funding the Committee recommends partial funding three projects:

- Project #1 First 5 Yuba County: Anti-Idling Initiative
- Project #2 Yuba Sutter Transit Authority: Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program
- Project #3 Playzeum: Airways Play Exhibit—Trees Clean the Air

Under the AB 923 Program, the Committee recommends funding one project:

- Project #1 Sutter High School: Replace 2002 diesel bus with 2026 diesel bus

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Spreadsheet of Policy/Finance Committee Recommendations

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**AB 2766 Committee Recommendation**

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	In-kind	% Leverage Funds	Project Score	Committee Recommendation
1	First 5 Yuba County	Anti-Idling Initiative	\$ 5,250.00		2,000.00	27.6%	18	\$5,000.00
2	Yuba Sutter Transit Authority	Discount Monthly Transit Program	\$ 103,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1.9%	18	\$100,000.00
3	Playzeum	Trees Clean the Air - Outdoor Exhibit and Sensory Fest	\$ 5,250.00			0.0%	16	\$5,000.00
Total			\$ 113,500.00				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>
Available Funds			\$ 110,000.00				<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>
Remainder			\$ (3,500.00)				<b>Remainder</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**AB 923 Committee Recommendation**

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	% Leverage Funds	Committee Recommendation
1	Sutter High School	Replace 2002 bus with diesel bus	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 139,040.58	46%	\$ 165,000.00
Total			\$ 165,000.00		Total	<b>\$ 165,000.00</b>
Available Funds			\$ 270,000.00		Available Funds	<b>\$ 270,000.00</b>
Remainder			\$ 105,000.00		Remainder	<b>\$ 105,000.00</b>