

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 16, 2021

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of El Dorado County Air Quality Mitigation Funds (\$50,000) for the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (EDC AQMD) Woodstove Replacement Incentive Program

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve El Dorado County Air Quality Management District’s (EDC AQMD) request for release of Air Quality Mitigation Funds (\$50,000) for the EDC AQMD Woodstove Replacement Incentive Program, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program objectives, Chapter 60 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board’s policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:

To approve the requested release, the Board must make the following motion:

- 1) A motion to approve the release subject to the conditions contained in this memorandum.

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Background:

El Dorado County Air Quality Management District is requesting \$50,000 for the EDC AQMD Woodstove Replacement Incentive Program.

Table 1 Proposed Funding Release			
EIP #	PROJECT	Fund	Amount
04.02.01.0001	El Dorado County Woodstove Replacement Incentive Program	AQ	\$50,000
	Total Funding Requested		\$50,000

The Woodstove Replacement Incentive Program offers residents a monetary incentive to replace old, high particulate matter producing wood stoves and fireplaces with a cleaner burning EPA-certified wood, pellet, gas, or electric stoves, or inserts.

The US EPA estimates changing out one inefficient wood stove is equivalent to the PM2.5 emission reductions of taking five diesel buses off the road and changing out 25 inefficient wood stoves will result in reducing 1 ton of fine particulates/year in addition to reducing toxic air pollution and having climate change benefits.

The requested Air Quality Mitigation funding from TRPA, will provide continuity of the program countywide and air quality benefits in the Lake Tahoe Air Basin.

The account balance for the Air Quality Mitigation Fund for El Dorado County as of May 19, 2021 is \$246,354.56 which is sufficient to cover this request.

Conditions:

Staff recommends approving the release of these funds subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. The recipient shall only use the funds for the project cited above and as approved by TRPA.
2. TRPA reserves the right to withhold funds to ensure project priorities, goals, and objectives are consistent with those of the Environmental Improvement Program and TRPA's Regional Plan.
3. El Dorado County agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. El Dorado County agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditures of all funds used on the project. These records shall be made available for review and audit by TRPA within thirty (30) calendar days upon written request.
5. All mitigation funds not used as described above shall be returned to TRPA. Upon written approval from TRPA, these funds may be re-allocated to another project.
6. El Dorado County agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project.

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed release complies with the TRPA Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions regarding this item please contact Tracy Campbell at tcampbell@trpa.gov, or by phone at (775) 589-5267, or, Kimberly Caringer, Division Manager, Environmental Improvement Program at kcaringer@trpa.gov, or by phone at (775) 589-5263.

Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

Nonconforming Wood Stove Retrofit/Removal – El Dorado County
EIP Project Fact Sheet



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