

# Community Meeting

## Request for Ideas for Environmental Projects in Torrance



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# Introduction

- The purpose of this meeting is to solicit ideas from the community regarding environmental improvement projects
- This is your opportunity to help the SCAQMD staff focus the use of available monies to maximize the benefit to the public
- We are here today to listen to you



*Share Your  
Ideas*

# Background

- Torrance refinery explosion February 2015
- Refinery restart in May 2016
- Settlement agreement
  - Funds associated with violation related to event = \$2,356,250
  - Funds associated with facility restart = \$415,000
- In June 2016, SCAQMD Governing Board approved establishment of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) fund to receive monies totaling \$2,771,250



# Use of Funds

- Settlement agreement calls for the funds to be used to “...benefit the residents of the District.”
- Therefore, allows for projects that provide public health and quality of life improvements, does not necessarily have to be used to reduce emissions
- Staff recommends funds be used solely within the City of Torrance
- Seeking community input for
  - Types of projects
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Any other input



# Examples of Projects Suggested

- Air quality monitoring
- Community alert/siren system
- Public education for emergency preparedness





# What is the Process?

- Staff will seek SCAQMD Governing Board approval at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for projects
- Proposals will be due within 45 days of the RFP release
  - Bidders Conference in the community with staff available to provide assistance and answer questions regarding submission of proposals
- Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of experts and ranked
- Recommendations will be made to the SCAQMD Governing Board at its December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- If oversubscribed, additional projects could be recommended from other funding sources if criteria for use of those funds are met

# Who Can Submit Proposals?

- Any entity or combination of entities
- Examples
  - Non-Government Organization (NGO)
  - Community/environmental group
  - City
  - Company
  - Etc.

# Example

- Proposal for community sirens is submitted by a community group with a subcontractor to implement the project
- ABC Siren Co. proposes to install “X” number of sirens at designated locations for “\$YYY” in “Z” months



# What are the considerations for a viable proposal?

- Each project will be evaluated based on criteria as outlined in the RFP
  - Expertise or capacity to complete the project
  - Project results in improved public health protection
  - Effective use of funds to benefit the residents
  - Measureable or quantifiable air quality benefits
  - Secondary benefits (e.g. quality of life improvements)
  - Community/government support for the project (i.e., letters)
  - Additional consideration for various business status (i.e. small business; local business; local governments and schools; etc.)
  - Projects in phases (may be eligible for partial funding)



**Seeking input on other evaluation criteria**

# Proposals Consist of Three (3) Parts

- Volume I: Technical Proposal

- Project location and schedule
- Details on approach to meet the project objectives
- Demonstrate that the project will provide public health and quality of life improvements
- Demonstrate effective use of funds



# Proposals (cont.)



- Volume II: Cost Proposal
  - Project cost and a break down of those costs (i.e., labor, materials, subcontractors, rental equipment, travel, etc.)
  - If the proposal is broken down into phases or milestones, the costs and payment schedule should be included as well
  - Are there other funds being used to share or match the funding?
- Volume III: Certifications
  - Include necessary forms to ensure qualifications and no conflict of interest
  - Certifications include campaign disclosure forms, business or organizational status (e.g. small or local business, non-profit, women/minority-owned, etc.)

# Questions or Information

- RFP Information
  - Phone Line: 909/396-2724; or
  - <http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html>
- Check the AQMD website for updated information during the release period
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