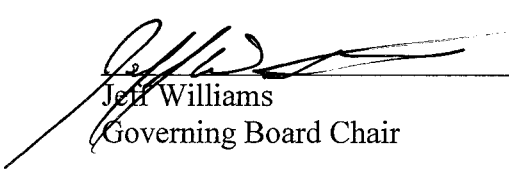
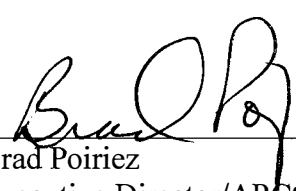


**GOVERNING BOARD POLICY**  
*Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District*

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**SUBJECT: The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund**

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**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Governing Board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) to support beneficial air quality improvement projects and programs by offering grant funding to projects that have a positive air quality impacts on a local community within the District's jurisdiction.

**AMPLIFICATION OF POLICY:**

(A) General

The purpose of this fund is to provide grants for projects that provide positive air quality impacts on a local community. An award from the District for such projects serves the mission of the District to promote clean air and contribute to a reduction in emissions within the jurisdiction. The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund was initially funded with resources identified by the District in cooperation with the California Air Resources Board and the State. Future funding may be recommended and authorized by the Board from time to time either directly or through the budget process.

(B) Scope of Grants

Eligible projects may include but are not limited to purchase(s) of equipment, creation of programs, or construction of projects that upon completion improve air quality by reducing emissions and/or, dust, or increasing energy efficiency. Programs which are duplicative of District efforts are not eligible for funding.

The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund may not be used to fund projects otherwise eligible for other District grant programs, such as the Mobile Emissions Reduction Program, Carl Moyer,

or other restricted funding sources. Should funds from these existing programs be depleted, the APCO may approve a grant submission to the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund that would otherwise be eligible for other District grant programs.

(C) Additional Funds

The Executive Director/APCO may designate to be deposited to the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund from the General Fund revenues received from Fines and Penalties in any amount up to the total received in excess of the amount budgeted for that fiscal year.

From time to time the Executive Director/APCO may designate in a Mutual Settle Agreement an amount to be paid directly to the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund.

(D) Procedure

- a. Grant awards will be made from an interest bearing bank account established for the purpose of funding the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund.
- b. Requests for grant awards must be made in writing to the APCO, or designee, and must describe the proposed project, provide a budget of the funds requested, an explanation for the requested amount of funds, describe the community which will be impacted by the proposed air quality benefit and outline any in-kind or matching funds available.
- c. Project awards must provide positive air quality impacts and/or education within the community. Project requests must submit an evaluation of the air quality benefit or air quality improvement.
- d. Grant award recommendations and disbursement is delegated to the APCO up to \$50,000 per project; individual grant requests exceeding \$50,000 must be presented to the Governing Board for approval.
- e. Any entity or organization which is not compliant with MDAQMD regulations or are in arrears to the MDAQMD may not be eligible to apply.
- f. The APCO will periodically report to the Governing Board of the awards and the status of the fund.
- g. The APCO may develop additional procedures as needed or direct staff to do so.

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