

August 7, 2025

Deborah Paolinelli
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County of Monterey
168 West Alisal Street
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Dear Ms. Paolinelli:

Thank you for your response to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects Solicitation (Solicitation). The County of Monterey and the project partners submitted a well-crafted proposal that meets the objectives and goals of the Solicitation. The Monterey Bay Municipal Fleet Electrification and Workforce Accelerator (Fleet Accelerator) project will couple electric vehicles (EV) and EV supply equipment (EVSE) purchases with change management, training, planning tools and data collection to create a model project for municipal EV fleet transition.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) is pleased to preliminarily offer a grant award in the amount of \$10,019,303 to implement the project with the commitment of \$1,998,161 in match contributions. This award includes funding from the California Energy Commission (CEC) that will focus on infrastructure and implementation. This preliminary award is to the County of Monterey for its project milestones/tasks as included in the Fleet Accelerator project application.

Before the project's grant agreement can be executed there are a few items that need to be resolved:

- Proceed with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, providing the State Clearinghouse number and the final CEQA determination.
- Provide updated letters of commitment (include updated match from each City/County)
- Provide an updated letter from the County of Monterey on meeting the insurance requirement, for effective years of 2025-2026
- Submit Payee Date Record form - signed and dated for 2025

CARB's grant agreement can be executed between CARB and County of Monterey in advance of its execution of a grant agreement with the CEC. The preliminary CEC grant award coupled with this is in the amount of \$5,688,125 to implement the project with the commitment of \$13,709,267 in match contributions. CARB will not reimburse the grantee or project participants for any costs incurred before the execution of the CARB Grant Agreement. However, costs incurred by the County of Monterey after the issuance of this

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preliminary award letter and before the execution of the grant agreement can be counted toward the project's in-kind match requirement.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Nathan Dean, Air Resources Supervisor I, by email at Nathan.Dean@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Nathan Dean

Nathan Dean, Manager, Mobile Source Control Division, California Air Resources Board

cc: Amritpal Sandhu, Air Pollution Specialist, Mobile Source Control Division