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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Amy Irani, Environmental Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting CUPA Forum Board Environmental Protection Trust Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$20, 944.58 for the purchase of a Mercury Vapor Analyzer for use by the Nevada County Department of Environmental Health Emergency Response.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

FUNDING: The grant award covers the entire cost of the Mercury Vapor Analyzer and there is no net impact to the Environmental Health Department fund balance. A budget amendment will be brought to the Board at a later date, along with a request for approval of a capital asset purchase.

BACKGROUND: In the early 1990s, the regulation of hazardous materials and waste, as well as local emergency response, was diffused across more than 1,100 local and state agencies in California. In 1993, the Governor signed California Senate Bill 1082, establishing the Unified Program. The law enabled the consolidation and coordination of the administration, permit, inspection, and enforcement activities of the six environmental regulatory programs. City and County agencies could apply to become a CUPA and receive delegated authority from State agencies to enforce a variety of laws in their jurisdiction. Further, a local agency could apply to be a Participating Agency (PA) working with a CUPA to implement only a portion of the delegated programs. CalEPA, in collaboration with the California CUPA Forum and state and federal agency representatives established the Unified Program Administration and Advisory Group (UPAAG) to effectively address policy decisions, training and problem solving.

The California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board established the CUPA Forum Environmental Protection Trust (Trust) Fund in 2009 (Trust Regulations). This Trust was established to manage and disburse monies from enforcement case settlements to enhance the investigation, inspection, and enforcement of Unified Programs throughout the State of California.

The Nevada County Department of Environmental Health is the CUPA for Nevada County and as such works closely with the CUPA Forum Board to enhance our program and ensure staff is provided training and equipment to successfully implement the program. This year the Environmental Health Department researched a piece of equipment that would be beneficial for field use when investigating mercury exposure cases. The Environmental Health Department applied to the CUPA Forum Board requesting grant funding for the sole purpose of purchasing equipment to assist with mercury exposure investigations and said request was granted by the Forum Board. The Mercury Vapor Analyzer will assist with the emergency response activities when investigating a case of mercury exposure at a residential level or other.

Item Initiated by Amy Irani, Environmental Health Director

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer