

Supplemental Environmental Projects Program Update

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Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Basics

- California law requires SEPs be an element in air quality enforcement programs
- Violators can choose to fund a SEP with up to 50% of the penalty amount
- District solicits projects from non-profits, community groups, public agencies etc.
- SEPs directly benefit public health, air quality and the environment
- District reviews, ranks and approves all projects
- SEP funding is limited

SEPs Must:

- ✓ Have a nexus to violation
- ✓ Go above and beyond
- ✓ Not benefit the violator
- ✓ Not replace legally required compliance

Demonstrating our Commitment to the Community



- Prioritize Projects that Support Communities most impacted by Air Pollution
- Resources go to where they are most needed and have the greatest impact
- Complimenting our AB 617 Community Air Protection Program work

Completed Project: Mid Town Association



- Replaced two gas-powered trucks with zero-emission electric vehicles
- Swapped out a gas-powered generator for a solar-powered unit at Midtown Farmers Markets
- Installed 24 custom purple bike racks across six Midtown locations
- Added 28 large drought-resistant planters along the Alhambra Corridor
- Created a more pedestrian-friendly, sustainable public space

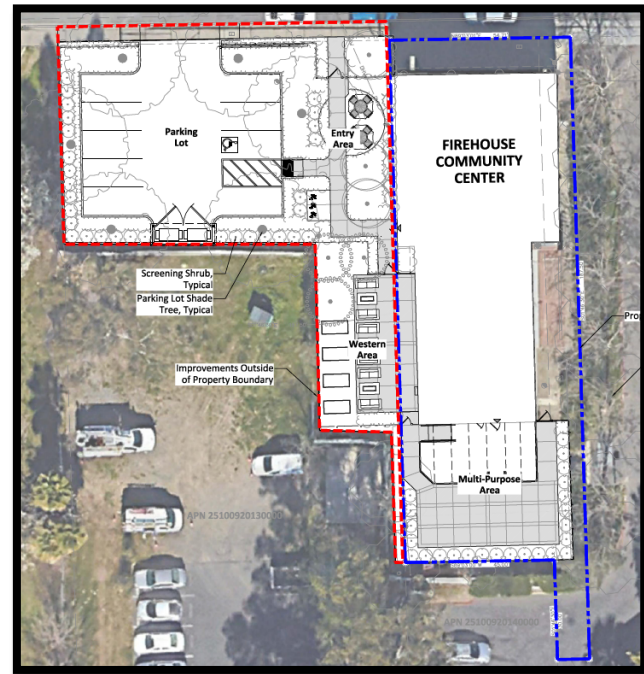
Completed Project: Sac 350 Air Filtration Project

- Project focused on community education and wildfire smoke protection for residents in South Sacramento
- Created education materials on air quality and pollution impacts
- Hosted DIY air filter workshops to assemble low-cost air filtrations systems
- Served 600 families and assisted them in improving their indoor air quality



In Progress Project: Mutual Assistance Network

- **Together Outdoors Project** at Firehouse Community Center in Del Paso Heights
- Reducing urban heat island effects and improving climate resilience:
 - Replacing asphalt with California native and drought-tolerant landscaping
 - Creating a welcoming green space for outdoor recreation and education
 - Improving environmental quality for residents in underserved area
- **Completion expected Winter 2025**



Latest SEP Solicitation

- Latest SEP solicitation closed in May 2025
- Solicitation emphasized community-defined needs
- Received a great list of new project proposals
- Two community-focused projects selected for funding
- Projects prioritized to align with our AB 617 community goals and strategies

SEP
Funding
Available
\$518,000

New Project: South Sac Tree Alliance



- Sacramento Tree Foundation partnering with United Latinos
- Project connects tree planting efforts with green workforce pathways and civic engagement
- Aligned with the Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets project and our AB 617 Community Emission Reduction Plan strategies
- Project Goals:
 - Plant 1,000 trees in South Sacramento neighborhoods
 - Host community tree planting and tree care events
 - Provide trees, shrubs, and planter boxes
 - Engage over 500 residents and businesses
 - Provide bilingual outreach and education

New Project: Sacramento Community EV-olution Campaign



- Focused on inclusive electric mobility and promote community uplift
- Highlight cost-saving electrification opportunities
- Leverage partnerships with local organization and faith-based groups
- Project Goals
 - Deliver 4 gatherings and 3-6 listening sessions
 - Provide education on electric mobility and electrification tailored to community needs
 - Engage the community and reduce barriers to participation

Program Highlights and Moving Forward

THEN: Successfully funded three community projects through the SEP program

NOW: Two newly funded projects will directly benefit our AB 617 communities

FUTURE: Projects on waiting list ready for future SEP funding



Thank You