

January 8, 2007

Mr. David Kwong
Planning Manager, Current Planning Division
City of Sacramento Development Services Department
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Administrative Fee for CEQA Construction Mitigation Program

Dear Mr. Kwong:

As you know, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) reviews CEQA documents and recommends air quality mitigation for development projects in your jurisdiction that are expected to exceed the SMAQMD's CEQA thresholds of significance.

Since October 10, 2005, the SMAQMD and local jurisdictions in Sacramento County have accepted a fee to mitigate the air quality impacts from the construction phase of a project as a feasible mitigation measure (after the standard 20% construction mitigation measure is applied).

The mitigation fees collected through CEQA are used to fund emission reduction projects in the Sacramento region such as installing a new engine in an older piece of construction equipment or installing an EPA certified woodstove in the place of a non-certified woodstove in a residential dwelling unit.

SMAQMD has reviewed the amount of staff time devoted to its CEQA construction mitigation program over the past 2 years and determined that those costs should be recovered through an administrative fee in the amount of 5% of the construction mitigation fee assessed. For your convenience, the SMAQMD's construction mitigation fee spreadsheet has been updated to automatically calculate the administrative fee and is available at www.airquality.org, click on "CEQA and Land Use."

This administrative fee should be assessed on all projects that propose a construction mitigation fee in a draft CEQA document that is released for public review on or after February 15, 2007.

The SMAQMD appreciates your support and cooperation in implementing this administrative fee. Please contact Mr. Larry Robinson of my staff at 916-874-4816 or lrobinson@airquality.org if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,



Larry Greene
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer