

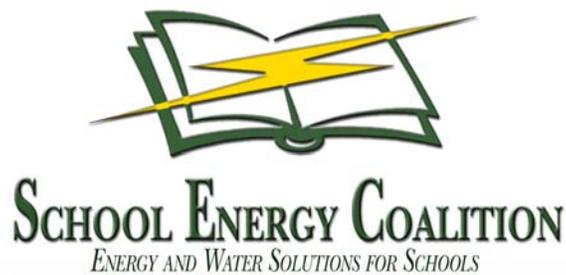
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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Dear Commissioners and Energy Commission Staff:

The School Energy Coalition (SEC) is a statewide organization made up of public school districts, community colleges, school construction and energy consultants focused on energy and water projects that benefit California's students by lowering operational costs. SEC thanks you for recognizing that school reopening and ventilation will require greater energy expenditures in the short run.

SEC makes the following requests:

1. Do not add to the eligibility specified in AB 841 for first priority, nor create priorities within the first priority. This will help keep the program simple.
2. Establish a planning grant allocation similar to the provisions of Proposition 39 that allows AB 841 funds to be used for consultants.
3. Clarify that procurement for services can be done by competitive selection.
4. Provide more than 50% of funding up front.
5. Clarify that districts that receive service from one or more of the service providers are eligible for participation even if they receive some services from municipal utilities.
6. Work with the Division of the State Architect (DSA) to have an exemption for the water efficiency program and be clear that the water efficiency program is not subject to CEQA.
7. If a school district applies for funding and is not funded in that fiscal year, they will not need to reapply, this will provide more certainty for districts.
8. Estimate the total cost for assessment if all eligible school districts apply.

SEC thanks you for funding eligible first priority projects on the quarterly process and funding the application list in order. Schools continue to prepare for the ever-changing requirements of reopening schools. The role school districts play is vital to ensuring our communities needs are met.

Please contact Dave Walrath, Executive Director, if you have any questions at: dwalrath@m-w-h.com. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Janet Dixon, Chair
Temecula Valley Unified School District