

**PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Report**  
**For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 29, 2011**

**ITEM # 23**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Environmental Education Regional Grant

**SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider approval to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply for the Environmental Education Regional Grant

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The purpose of the Environmental Education Regional Grant Program is to increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. The grant will also support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. This grant provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques as described.

Funding is between \$15,000 to \$100,000

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. EPA has identified seven key priorities that help focus the work of the Agency.

- EPA's environmental priorities are:
- Taking Action on Climate Change
- Improving Air Quality
- Assuring the Safety of Chemicals
- Cleaning Up Our Communities
- Protecting America's Waters
- Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice
- Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships

Many of these priorities focus on environmental challenges, such as climate change, that require a population that is diverse, informed, environmentally literate, as well as willing and able to translate their knowledge and skills into decisions and actions that protect the environment in every community, including but not limited to minority, low income, and tribal communities. As such, we encourage proposals that reach out to a variety of communities, especially those that can be demonstrated to be more likely affected adversely (e.g., higher rates of medical problems due to environmental factors) by environmental risks than other communities. Environmental education is an important non-regulatory tool the Agency uses to help us meet our mission. Application Closing Date May 2, 2011.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:**

**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):**

Environmental Protection Agency

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?**

Vice Chancellor Deborah Budd

**DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES \_\_\_\_\_ No X**

**\_\_\_\_\_ IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.**

(\*\*\*\*\*Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

**PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:**

**DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:**

Prepared by: Carmen N. Fairley Date: 3/24/11  
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**DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:**

Presented and approved by: DB Date: 3/24/11  
Deborah Budd, Vice-Chancellor of Educational Services

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW**

Finance review required  Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Ron Gerhard electronically by re Date: 3/24/11  
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

**GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):**

Legal review required  Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

**CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL**

Approved, and Place on Agenda  Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Wise E. Allen Date: 3/24/11  
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor