

RESOLUTION NO. 24-095

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITTING AS THE MENDOCINO COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (MCAQMD) BOARD RATIFYING THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER'S EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MCAQMD TO PARTICIPATE AND ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB) PRESCRIBED BURN AIR MONITORING CACHE GRANT (G23-PBES-02) FOR MAINTENANCE OF AN EQUIPMENT STORAGE CACHE FOR AIR MONITORING EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, local air districts are required by statute and local rules to permit and monitor open pile burning, which includes the use of fire for waste removal through residential burning, agricultural burning, commercial land clearing, private industry or public agency wood waste disposal, and the use of prescribed fire on the landscape; and

WHEREAS, in Mendocino County, with the exception of residential burning, open pile burning may entail the submission of a Smoke Management Plan by entities desiring to burn, which are reviewed by District staff to ensure requirements are met consistent with 17 CCR 80160 or other pertinent law, in order to obtain a District issued burn permit. Some air monitoring may be implemented, but such monitoring is limited by resource constraints; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, several bills to improve forest resiliency and to reduce the risk of wildfires in California; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 901 addresses numerous issues concerning wildfire prevention, response, and recovery; and provides authorization of \$200 million in funding per year for five years to Cal Fire for healthy forests and fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, SB 1260 requires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Air Resources Board (ARB), in coordination with local air districts, to develop and fund a program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed burns. The program shall include adequate funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for local district participation and implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, SB 856 appropriates \$2 million to ARB for local air districts to support the implementation of SB 901 and SB 1260 related to air monitoring of prescribed fires and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, ARB has funding available through direct grants to provide resources to local air districts to implement the "Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Equipment Cache Program" which includes creating and maintaining equipment storage caches for air monitoring equipment which will be used to measure emissions from prescribed fires, facilitating accessibility of equipment when required by an event, updating the cache database to reflect current resource status and coordinating delivery of instruments when requested; and

WHEREAS, ARB has allocated approximately \$30,000 to MCAQMD for support of MCAQMD's activities associated with the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Cache Program (G23-PBES-02RM-13); and

WHEREAS, MCAQMD has already signed and submitted an agreement to ARB as required to secure funds for the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Cache Program (G23-PBES-02RM-13) (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, ARB has agreed to accept the signed Agreement pending Board Resolution accepting the funds, authorizing the execution of the grant agreement, and agreeing to administer the funds consistent with the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Cache Program Grant Agreement Provisions and the general terms and conditions of the agreement associated with the grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors sitting as the MCAQMD Board hereby

1. Ratifies the Air Pollution Control Officer's execution and submission of the Agreement to ARB; and
2. Accepts the Air Resources Board (ARB) Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Cache Grant (G23-PBES-02); and
3. Authorizes MCAQMD to accept Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Cache Program Grant funds and agrees to administer the funds consistent with the general terms and conditions of the agreement associated with the grant.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McGourty, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, and carried this 25th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

MAUREEN MULHEREN, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JAMES R. ROSS
Interim County Counsel

BY: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

Deputy