
MENDOCINO COUNTY
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2021

TO: The Mendocino County
Air Quality Management District Board

FROM: Barbara A. Moed
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: District Participation in FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Funding Year 3)

In 2017, the State Legislature allocated \$135 million to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) through Assembly Bill (AB) 134 and (AB) 109 to provide incentives for the agricultural community to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel equipment. CARB developed the Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program to meet the Legislature's objectives and help meet the State's criteria, toxic and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals.

Funding for the FARMER Program has continued with an additional \$65 million allocated to CARB from the State Legislature's FY2019-20 budget, with \$4.6 million allocated to a Shared Allocation Pool. The FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool is specifically designated to ensure that farmers in these 18 rural Air Quality Management and Air Pollution Control Districts have the opportunity to access FARMER Grant Program funding and to streamline the implementation of the FARMER Grant Program. The FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool is administered by Placer County Air Pollution Control District (Placer APCD) in accordance with the grant provisions outlined in the agreement between the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Placer County APCD, and in the Memorandum of Understanding between Placer County APCD and the District, Contract # 19-122, initially approved on April 9, 2019, with amendments approved by the District Board on May 19, 2020 by Resolution # 20-062. The Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding # 19-122-A1 requires that applications for projects now be submitted to the FARMER Shared Allocation Pool for consideration and selection for funding.

In March 2020, the District solicited applications for FARMER Grant Program projects and received 22 applications. In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding, the District submitted 10 eligible project applications to Placer County APCD for consideration of funding for Year 3 FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool. The attached list contains the ten eligible applications submitted to the FARMER Shared Allocation Pool Grant Administrator, and highlights the one project selected for Year 3 funding up to \$21,480. The Air Resources Board requires a resolution from the District Board authorizing the District to participate in the FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Funding Year 3), to accept Program funds for selected projects, and to follow the requirements of the Program.

The District is requesting Board authorization by resolution for the District to participate in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Funding Year 3) of the FARMER Grant Program, accept funds for FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool-selected projects and follow the requirements of the Program.

Thank you.