

RESOLUTION NO. 19-224

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITTING AS THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD AUTHORIZING THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ACCEPT THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD PRESCRIBED BURN REPORTING AND MONITORING SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT (G18-PBRM-13) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S ENHANCED SMOKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAME.

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 Support Program" which includes enhanced reporting of prescribed fire activity, air monitoring of prescribed fires, improved public outreach regarding prescribed fires and resources to cover district costs associated with training and travel, and deployment of air monitors in support of the use of prescribed fire by land managers; and

WHEREAS, ARB has agreed to allow the Air Quality Management District to sign an agreement with ARB to accept funds for support of the District's activities associated with the new Program, pending Board Resolution approving the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors sitting as the Air Quality Management District Board hereby authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer, as Agent, to sign the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant Agreement with the Air Resources Board, to accept funds to improve the District's Smoke Management Program by supporting District activities associated with prescribed burning and smoke management.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Haschak, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 6th day of August, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board


Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KATHERINE L. ELLIOTT
County Counsel





CARRE BROWN, Chair
Mendocino County
Air Quality Management District Board

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

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board



Deputy