
MENDOCINO COUNTY
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2019

TO: The Mendocino County
Air Quality Management District Board

FROM: Barbara A. Moed
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: District Participation in the FARMER Grant Program

In 2017, the State Legislature allocated \$135 million to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) through Assembly Bill (AB) 134 and AB 109 to provide incentives for the agricultural community to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel equipment. ARB 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.

\$5.5 million has been allocated to 18 rural Air Quality Management and Air Pollution Control Districts. The Shared Allocation Pool is specifically designated to ensure that farmers in those Districts have the opportunity to access FARMER funding and to streamline the implementation of the FARMER Program. The Pool will be managed by Placer County Air Pollution Control District (Placer APCD) and the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) in accordance with the grant provisions outlined in the agreement between the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Placer APCD and provisions outlined in the subsequent agreement between CAPCOA and Placer APCD.

60% of the total funding has been allocated for the first funding cycle (Round 1). By May 1, 2019, additional projects will be chosen for Round 2 for the remaining funds. Any unallocated funds following Round 2 will be allocated in Round 3 by June 1, 2020.

The FARMER Program utilizes the 2018 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines and project criteria in addition to the 2019 FARMER Policies & Procedures. The District submitted 26 eligible projects from the list of Carl Moyer Projects approved by the Board on December 18, 2018. The FARMER Program Project Eligibility List including projects associated with Round 1 of this Program was approved by the Board on March 26, 2019.

The District is requesting Board authorization for the District to participate in the FARMER Program, accept Program funds and agree to follow the requirements of the Program and authorization for the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign and submit the Memorandum of Understanding to Placer County APCD.