

RESOLUTION NO. 19-169

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITTING AS THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD PROVISIONALLY AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD AND THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S SMOKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH SAME PENDING BOARD RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Local air districts operate smoke management programs which are intended to manage emissions from the use of fire, which includes the use of fire for residential burning, agricultural burning, and prescribed fire on the landscape; and

WHEREAS, In Mendocino County, with the exception of residential burning, this entails the submittal of smoke management plans by entities desiring to burn, which are reviewed by District staff, and requirements to obtain a District issued burn permit. While air monitoring may be required, such requirements are not typically included in a burn permit due to 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 is proposing that approximately \$1 million of these funds be made available through direct grants to local air districts to implement their smoke management programs, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide public awareness regarding prescribed burns; and that a portion of the remaining approximately \$1 million be made available to local air districts, on a reimbursement basis, through a contract with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), for costs associated with training, travel, and deployment of air monitors in support of the use of prescribed fire by land managers; and

WHEREAS, ARB is requiring districts to enter into an agreement for participation in the state program and access funds by the end of April, 2019 in order to encumber the funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, Agreements for participation in the state program are not expected to be finalized until the end of April, 2019 ARB is requiring the signing of the grant agreements as soon as they are finalized.

WHEREAS, ARB has agreed to allow districts to sign agreements with ARB to accept funds for implementation of the District's Smoke Management Program as well as for support of the District's activities associated with prescribed burning and smoke management pending Board Resolution approving the final Agreements.

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 an Agreement with the Air Resources Board, when issued, to accept funds for implementation of the District's Smoke Management Program, as well as for support of District activities associated with prescribed burning and smoke management pending Board Resolution approving the final Agreements.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McCowen, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 23rd day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

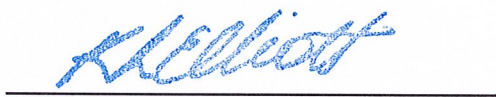
AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

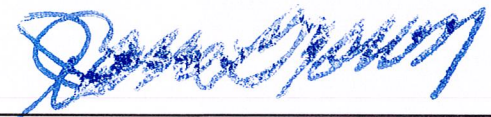
WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board


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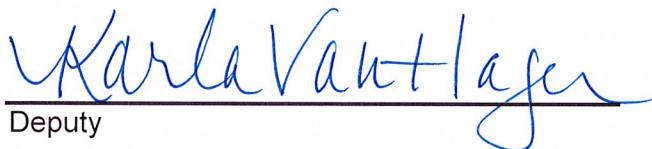
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KATHERINE ELLIOTT
County Counsel




CARRE BROWN, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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


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