

RESOLUTION NO. 22-138

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITTING AS THE MENDOCINO COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (MCAQMD) BOARD RATIFYING THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MCAQMD TO ACCEPT THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB) PRESCRIBED BURN REPORTING AND MONITORING SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANTS (G18-PBRM-13 AMENDMENT 1) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MCAQMD'S ENHANCED SMOKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND RATIFYING THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER'S EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MCAQMD

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 initially allocated approximately \$58,310.00 in funds to the MCAQMD for support of the MCAQMD's activities associated with the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program (G18-PBRM-13), pending the Board Resolution accepting the funds and agreeing to administer them consistent with the Community Air Protection Grant Agreement Provisions and the general terms and conditions of the agreement associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, ARB subsequently allocated additional funds to the MCAQMD in an amended total of approximately \$154,910.00 for support of MCAQMD's activities associated with the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program (G18-PBRM-13, Amendment 1) for the term April 19, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, MCAQMD has already signed and submitted the Agreement to the State Air Resources Board (ARB) as required to secure funds.

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 Reporting and Monitoring Support 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. Accepts the Air Resources Board (ARB) Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program (Year 3) Grant (G18-PBRM-13-1, Amendment 1), and
2. Authorizes MCAQMD to accept Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant funds, agrees to administer the funds consistent with the Grant Agreement Provisions and the general terms and conditions of the agreement associated with the grant; and
3. Ratifies the Air Pollution Control Officer's execution and submission of the Amended Agreement to ARB; and

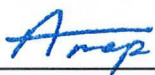
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Air Pollution Control Officer is authorized to pursue additional funding for this grant program if it becomes available, during the term of this grant. Any additional award would be brought back to the Board for authorization to accept.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor McGourty, and carried this 21st day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

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

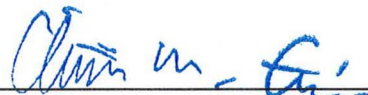
WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE
Interim Clerk of the Board



Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel





TED WILLIAMS, 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: DARCIE ANTLE
Interim Clerk of the Board



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