MENDOCINO COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

DATE:	March 17, 2020
то:	The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District Board
FROM:	Barbara A. Moed Air Pollution Control Officer
SUBJECT:	District Participation in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 California Climate Investments Woodsmoke Reduction Program

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program (Program) is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Assembly Bill 1613 provides funding for replacing uncertified, inefficient wood burning devices with cleaner burning and more efficient devices. The Statute establishes investment minimums for disadvantaged and low-income communities and low-income households. The Program is designed to help households replace an uncertified wood stove or insert used as the primary source of heat with a cleaner burning and more efficient device.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) developed Program Guidelines for the implementation of the Program. The Program will be administered by CARB and the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA). The Air Quality Management District will administer projects located in Mendocino County. The Program Work Plan outlines how the District will administer the Program in order to meet the goals and requirements of the Woodsmoke Reduction Program Guidelines.

The District's total funding allocation for Year 2 of the Program is \$125,210. All projects must be completed no later than May 31, 2022. The Enhanced Voucher Program pays for all costs associated with replacement of old devices with cleaner more efficient devices. The maximum voucher amount for each project is \$4,000 (approximately 30 projects). With Board approval the District can begin soliciting for eligible projects. During Year 1 of the Program, the District approved funding for 31 projects.

The District is requesting Board authorization for the District to participate in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, accept Program funds and agree to follow the requirements of the Program, authorization for the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign and submit the agreement.