



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** Air Quality Management District

**Meeting Date:** June 25, 2024

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Adoption of Resolution Ratifying the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) Air Pollution Control Officer's (APCO) Execution and Submission of the Grant Agreement for California Air Resources Board (ARB) Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Program (G23-PBES-02); Authorizing MCAQMD to Participate in the Equipment Cache Storage Program, and to Accept State Program Funds in the amount of \$30,000 for Maintenance of an Equipment Storage Cache for Air Monitoring Equipment

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt Resolution ratifying the MCAQMD APCO's execution and submission of Grant Agreement for California ARB Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Program (G23-PBES-02); authorize MCAQMD to participate in the Equipment Cache Storage Program, and to accept state program funds in the amount of \$30,000 for maintenance of an equipment storage cache for air monitoring equipment; authorize the APCO to implement the Program and sign and submit all program documents; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

- August 6, 2019, adoption of Resolution No. 19-226 authorizing the MCAQMD to accept ARB funds for activities associated with creation and maintenance of an equipment storage cache for the term of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.
- June 21, 2022, adoption of Resolution No. 22-137 authorizing the MCAQMD to accept ARB funds for maintenance of an equipment storage cache for air monitoring equipment for the term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

**Summary of Request:**

In 2018, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, several bills to improve forest resiliency and to reduce the risk of wildfires in California.

Senate Bill (SB) 901 provides \$200 million in funding per year for five years to Cal Fire to address issues concerning wildfire prevention, response and recovery, mutual aid, fuel reduction and forestry policies, wildfire mitigation plans by electric utilities, cost recovery by electric corporations for wildfire-related damages and \$1 billion for healthy forests and fire prevention.

SB 1260 requires Cal Fire and the state Air Resources Board (ARB), in coordination with local air districts, to

develop and fund a program to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed burns in addition to funding for local district participation and implementation costs and rapidly deployable air quality monitors.

SB 856 provides \$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.

The ARB Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant is intended to provide resources to local air districts to create and maintain equipment storage caches for air monitoring equipment which will be used to measure emissions from prescribed fires, facilitating accessibility of equipment when required by an event, updating the cache database to reflect current resource status, and coordinating delivery of instruments when requested. The MCAQMD is a designated equipment cache storage site.

MCAQMD has signed and submitted the Agreements to ARB and ARB has accepted the MCAQMD's signed Agreements pending Board Resolution.

MCAQMD staff are requesting that the Board adopt a resolution ratifying the Grant Agreement for the State ARB Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant (G23-PBES-02), authorizing the MCAQMD to accept the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant funds in the amount of \$30,000, and ratifying the Air Pollution Control Officer's execution and submission of the Agreement to ARB.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not approve the Agreement with the state Air Resources Board and do not approve the MCAQMD's request to accept the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant as proposed.

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Safe and Healthy County

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** State Air Resources Board

**current f/y cost:** \$30,000

**budget clarification:** Grant reimburses District staff time and project costs.

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe):** Yes

**revenue agreement:** Yes

**AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL:** Yes

**CEO Liaison:** Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: June 25, 2024

Final Status: **Adopted**

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