



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Air Quality Management District

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution Ratifying the Grant Application for Participation in the State Air Resources Board (ARB) FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Funding Year 4), Authorizing the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) to Accept Grant Funds in the Amount of \$823,100 and Authorizing the MCAQMD to Allocate the Grant Funds to the FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool (SAP) Administered by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution ratifying the grant application for participation in the State Air Resources Board (ARB) FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Funding Year 4), authorizing the MCAQMD to accept grant funds in the amount of \$823,100, and authorizing MCAQMD to allocate grant funds to the FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool (SAP) administered by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

5/15/07, Board approved most recently amended Grant Program Guidelines for MCAQMD, including Carl Moyer Program.

12/18/18, Board approved "Project Eligibility List" for Carl Moyer Program funding.

3/26/19, Board approved FARMER Program Project Eligibility List based on the previously approved Carl Moyer Program project list.

4/9/19, authorization to participate in the FARMER Grant Program FY 2017-18 (Year 1), through the Shared Allocation Pool, via MOU with the Placer County AQMD (BOS Agreement No. 19-122).

5/19/20, Board Resolution 20-062 authorized participation in the FARMER Grant Program FY 2018-19 (Year 2) through the Shared Allocation Pool, via amended MOU with the Placer County AQMD (BOS Agreement No. 19-122-A1).

3/23/2021, Board Resolution 21-043 authorized participation in the FARMER Grant Program FY 2019-20 (Year 3) through the Shared Allocation Pool.

Summary of Request:

For Fiscal Year 2021-22, the State Legislature allocated \$212 million to the State Air Resources Board (ARB) for grant funds to districts under the "Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission

Reductions” (FARMER) Grant Program to provide incentives for the agricultural community to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel equipment. The FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool is administered by Placer County Air Pollution Control District through an agreement with the ARB and with individual Air Districts. The FARMER Grant Program utilizes the 2018 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines and project criteria in addition to the 2019 FARMER Policies & Procedures.

For Fiscal Year 2021-22, MCAQMD received its first direct allocation of FARMER funds, in the amount of \$823,100. On November 29, 2021, due to staffing shortages, MCAQMD staff recommended to ARB that MCAQMD’s allocation of funds be redirected to the FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool (SAP). In February 2022, MCAQMD staff requested that ARB reconsider the redirection of funds to the SAP Program. Due to program requirements and time frame, the funds had been redirected as recommended with no options to regain the allocation this year.

Although MCAQMD staff designated the Year 4 funds to the SAP, the SAP program will continue to fund projects in Mendocino County. Project funding and administrative funds will be sent to the MCAQMD and the MCAQMD will manage the projects. Projects to be funded by the SAP Program will be brought before the Board for approval at a future date.

ARB requires a Resolution, and MCAQMD staff recommend a resolution from the MCAQMD Board authorizing the MCAQMD to participate in the FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Funding Year 4), accepting the full allocation of \$823,100, and approving designation of MCAQMD’s Year 4 allocation to the Shared Allocation Pool.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve the MCAQMD’s participation in the FARMER Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Funding Year 4), and the funds will remain with the Shared Allocation Pool, however no Mendocino County projects would be funded.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: State FARMER Grant Funds

current f/y cost: \$823,100 revenue

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: See budget clarification

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: During FY 22-23 budget adoption, Board directed that a new grant budget unit be established to hold AQMD grant funds. This allocation of \$823,100 will be passed through to the FARMER Grant Program Shared Allocation Pool (SAP) and administered by Placer County. Local projects to be funded through the SAP brought before the Board for approval at a future date.

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, Deputy Clerk II

Final Status: Adopted

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