



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:

Agenda Title:

Approval of Project Eligibility List of Applications for “Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions” (FARMER) Program Funds; Authorization for District Staff to Fund Projects as Projects are Approved for Funding by The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and Placer County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and, Enter into a Contractual Agreement with Each of the Applicants that Outlines the Requirements Associated with These Funds; and Authorization for the Transfer of Funds to Each of the Applicants Upon Receipt of Proof of Work Completed

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve the proposed eligibility list of applications for FARMER Program funds; authorize the District to fund projects as projects are approved for funding by CAPCOA and Placer County APCD and enter into a contractual agreement with each of the applicants that outlines the requirements associated with these funds; and authorize the transfer of funds to each of the applicants upon receipt of proof of work completed.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

December 18, 2018 - Approval of Project Eligibility List for funding from the Carl Moyer Grant Program.
March 26, 2019 - Corresponding Agenda Item - MOU with Placer County APCD for participation in FARMER Program

Summary of Request:

In 2017, the State Legislature allocated \$135 million to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) through Assembly Bill (AB) 134 and AB 109 to provide incentives for the agricultural community to reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel equipment. ARB developed the Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program to meet the Legislature’s objectives and help meet the State’s criteria, toxic and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals.

\$5.5 million has been allocated to 18 rural Air Quality Management and Air Pollution Control Districts. The Shared Allocation Pool is specifically designed to ensure that farmers in those Districts have the opportunity to access FARMER funding and to streamline the implementation of the FARMER Program. The MOU between the District and Placer County APCD for participation in the FARMER Program is pending Board approval by a corresponding agenda item on March 26, 2019.

60% of the total funding has been allocated for the first funding cycle (Round 1). By May 1, 2019, additional projects will be chosen for Round 2 for the remaining funds. Any unallocated funds following Round 2 will be allocated in Round 3 by June 1, 2020.

The District submitted 26 eligible projects for the FARMER Program from the list of Carl Moyer Projects approved by the Board on December 18, 2018. The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) has chosen seven (7) projects in Mendocino County for funding in Round 1 for a total of approximately \$260,000. These seven (7) projects have been highlighted in the FARMER Program Project Eligibility List (Table 1). The District will also receive approximately \$30,000 in administrative funds from the FARMER Program for costs associated with implementation of the Program.

The District is requesting Board approval of the FARMER Program Project Eligibility List as proposed in Table 1, authorization to fund projects as approved by CAPCOA and Placer County APCD, authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with each of the applicants that outlines the requirements associated with these funds and authorization to transfer funds to each of the applicants upon receipt of proof of work completed.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Not approve the FARMER Program Project Eligibility List and direct District staff to locate alternative sources for funding or alternative programs.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: <https://arb.ca.gov/ag/agincentives/farmerguidelines.pdf>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: state FARMER Grant Funds

current f/y cost: Approx. 290,000 - Revenue

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: FARMER Program Trust Account

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: Trust Account

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A **Approved by District Counsel**

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

Date: March 27, 2019

Final Status: **Approved**