



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Air Quality Management District

Meeting Date: August 6, 2019

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution Approving Retroactive Grant Agreement with the State Air Resources Board (ARB), Authorizing the Air Quality Management District to Accept the State Air Resources Board Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant in the amount of \$58,310 and Commit to Complying with the Requirements of the Grant Agreement for the Term of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer, as Agent, to Sign the Retroactive Grant Agreement with the State Air Resources Board

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution approving retroactive Grant Agreement with the State Air Resources Board for the Air Quality Management District to accept the State Air Resources Board Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant in the amount of \$58,310 and commit to complying with the requirements of the Grant Agreement for the term of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021; authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer, as Agent, to sign the Grant Agreement between the District and the State Air Resources Board; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

April 23, 2019, Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign an Agreement with State Air Resources Board (ARB), when issued, to accept Program funds from ARB for implementation of the District's Smoke Management Program and support of activities associated with prescribed burning and smoke management pending a Board Resolution approving the final Agreements.

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, among other things, \$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 Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant is intended to provide resources to local air districts to implement enhanced smoke management programs including 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 associated with the State's Enhanced Smoke Management Program.

On April 23, 2019, the Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign an Agreement with State Air Resources Board (ARB), when issued, to accept Program funds from ARB for the District's Smoke Management Program and activities associated with prescribed burning and smoke management pending a Board Resolution approving the final Agreements.

The final SB 1260 Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant is effective June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 and is retroactive because it was not received by the District until May 7, 2019 with direction to sign and return to ARB no later than May 10, 2019. ARB has accepted the District's signed Agreement pending Board Resolution.

The District's contracted attorney has reviewed and approved the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant Agreement and Resolution for content.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve the Retroactive Agreement with the state Air Resources Board and do not approve the Air Quality Management District's request to accept the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program Grant as proposed.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: State Air Resources Board

current f/y cost: \$58,310 Revenue

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe: New Grant Program

revenue agreement: Yes

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 8, 2019

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Number: **Resolution** Number:
19-224 AND **Agreement** Number: *19-208

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements
Returned to Dept: 4 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?
No

