



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Air Quality Management District

Meeting Date: June 21, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution Ratifying the Grant Agreement for the State Air Resources Board (ARB) Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant (G22-PBES-02), Authorizing the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) to Accept the Grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 and Commit to Complying with the Requirements of the Grant Agreement for the term of April 1, 2022 Through March 31, 2023, Ratifying the Air Pollution Control Officer's Execution and Submission of the Agreement to ARB; and Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Seek Additional Funding for this Grant Program that May Become Available During this Term

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution ratifying the grant agreement for the State ARB Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant (G22-PBES-02), authorizing the MCAQMD to accept the Grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 and commit to complying with the requirements of the Grant Agreement for the term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, and ratifying the Air Pollution Control Officer's Execution and Submission of the Agreement to ARB; authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to seek additional funding for this grant program that may become available during this term; 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.

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 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 (G22-PBES-02), authorizing the MCAQMD to accept the Prescribed Burn Air Monitoring Equipment Cache Storage Grant funds in the amount of \$15,000, ratifying the Air Pollution Control Officer's execution and submission of the Agreement to ARB and authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to seek additional funding for this grant program that may become available during this term.

Alternative Action/Motion:

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

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 Air Resources Board

current f/y cost: \$15,000 Revenue

annual recurring cost: 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 \$15,000 revenue will be deposited in the new grant BU, and transferred to AQ work is completed, consistent with the terms of the grant.

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe: See budget clarification

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, Deputy Clerk II

Date: June 21, 2022

Final Status: Adopted

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Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 22-143

