

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
04/08/2024

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2024-05 authorizing participation in the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) Rural Assistance Carl Moyer Program, a grant award up to \$150,000 in project funding and associated administrative funding and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2024-05 authorizing acceptance of the grant award.

BACKGROUND:

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) provides funding to Air Districts for the purpose of reducing emissions by incentivizing the purchase of cleaner than required engines and equipment. The FRAQMD has administered the Carl Moyer Program for approximately 24 years.

The California Air Pollution Control Officer Association (CAPCOA) assists rural air districts that do not have the staff or resources to solicit sufficient projects in order to spend all of their Carl Moyer Program funding. This is called the Rural Assistance Program (RAP). Interested applicants can apply through CAPCOA from any rural air district for funding. The projects are ranked based on cost-effectiveness (the most cost-effective project achieves a ton of emission reductions for the least amount of money).

DISCUSSION:

Several applicants applied to the Year 26 RAP from within the District. The RAP project list was approved by CAPCOA on February 8, 2024 and submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB will prepare grant agreements for the air districts with selected projects.

Resolution #2024-05 is required by CARB in order to receive funding from RAP. After receiving the funding, FRAQMD will enter into contracts with participants selected by CAPCOA and administer the grant awards as it would the regular Year 26 Carl Moyer Program projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FRAQMD would be authorized to receive project and administrative funding up to \$150,000 for Year 26 RAP projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 – Resolution 2024-05

Attachment 1 – Resolution 2024-05

RESOLUTION #2024-05 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA AIR POLLUTION CONTRL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION RURAL ASSISTANCE CARL MOYER MEMORIAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT PROGRAM (YEAR 26)

WHEREAS, the California Clean Air Act (CCAA) requires the Feather River Air Quality Management District (District) to achieve and maintain ambient air quality standards for pollutants; and

WHEREAS, heavy-duty diesel engines are a significant source of criteria air pollutants, especially oxides of nitrogen, reactive organic gases, and particulate matter; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has further identified fine particulates in the exhaust from diesel engines as a toxic air contaminant; and

WHEREAS, through the CARB, the State of California has adopted the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program); and

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code sections 44275-44299.2 authorizes the CARB to allocate Carl Moyer Program funds to local air districts to provide financial incentives to both the public and private sectors to implement eligible projects to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, other rural Air Districts in California have allocated their Year 26 grant awards to the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) Rural Assistance Carl Moyer Program, which has solicited project applications; and

WHEREAS, applicants located in the District have applied to CAPCOA for funding and this resolution would allow the District to accept the additional funding from CARB and enter into contracts with applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the District authorizes participation in the CAPCOA Rural Assistance Carl Moyer Program (Year 26); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) is authorized to accept a grant disbursement from CARB for the CAPCOA Rural Assistance Program of approximately \$150,000 in project and funds and associated administration funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the APCO is further authorized to enter into an agreement with the CARB for implementing a District Carl Moyer Program by accepting projects selected by CAPCOA for funding, performing required inspections, entering into contracts with participants, and awarding grants in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines, advisories, and mail outs provided by CARB.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on April 8, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:
