

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
08/06/2018

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2018-09 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2018-09 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution #2018-09 and release funding to other air districts.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 134 (Budget Statutes of 2017) to reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution, in support of the Community Air Protection Program adopted by AB 617 (Chapter 254, Statutes of 2017).

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is providing the District with Grant Agreement G17-MCAP-15 in the amount of \$500,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The funding provides \$468,750 towards projects eligible under the Carl Moyer Program 2017 Guidelines and \$31,250 in administration funds.

The District has administered a local Carl Moyer Program for 17 years which has replaced diesel agricultural irrigation engines with emissions-certified diesel engines or electric motors, repowered off-road equipment, and replaced off-road equipment to achieve emission reductions of criteria and toxic air contaminants. The CARB adopts statewide Carl Moyer Program Guidelines with the latest version in 2017.

The District offers the Blue Sky AB 923 Grant Program, which was authorized by the Board of Directors in December 2005, to replace school buses within Yuba and Sutter counties to reduce emissions from mobile sources of air pollution.

DISCUSSION:

The terms of the Grant Agreement G17-MCAP-15 require that the District select projects eligible under the Carl Moyer Program 2017 Guidelines and to prioritize zero emission school buses and associated infrastructure whenever feasible.

The Grant Agreement also requires that the District target funds to prioritize emission reductions in communities most impacted by cumulative pollution burden, focusing in particular on vehicles and equipment that actually operate in any AB 617 communities identified to CARB by the District by April 30, 2018. The District did not identify any communities under AB 617 by April 30, 2018.

The Grant Agreement also requires that no less than 70 percent of funds will go to projects that are located in and provide direct, meaningful and assured benefits to SB 535 disadvantaged communities (Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) and no less than 80 percent of funds will go to projects that are located in and provide direct, meaningful and assured benefits to residents of AB 1550 communities (Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016). The disadvantaged communities in the District include portions of Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst, and Yuba City. The AB 1550 communities include the SB 535 communities in addition to portions of the Yuba County foothills, Live Oak, Meridian, Robbins, Beale AFB, as well as additional regions in Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst, and Yuba City.

The District is required to conduct outreach to seek input from local residents and community groups on community needs and potential projects, and give full consideration to feedback received.

If approved by the Board of Directors, the District may include the Community Air Protection Funds in the Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposals for fiscal year 18/19 to solicit applications for electric school bus replacements and infrastructure within SB 535 and AB 1550 communities. During the RFP the District may conduct community outreach and/or meetings to seek input on needs and potential projects. If no eligible applications are received during the Blue Sky Grant, the District may include the Community Air Protection Funds in the solicitation for the Year 21 Carl Moyer Program in winter 2018/19 to solicit off-road and stationary engine repower and equipment replacement projects with direct benefits to SB 535 and AB 1550 communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adoption of Resolution #2018-08 would accept funding in the amount of \$500,000 with \$468,750 in project funds and \$31,250 in administration funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution #2018-08

RESOLUTION #2018-09 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION FUNDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 134 (Budget Statutes of 2017) to provide grant funding to reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is providing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds through the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) to support early actions that reduce emissions and improve public health in communities with high burdens of cumulative pollutant exposure, consistent with the goals of AB 617 (Chapter 254, Statutes of 2017); and

WHEREAS, the district annually participates in the Moyer Program and has adopted Policies and Procedures to administer the Moyer Program according to the CARB Moyer Program guidelines and advisories; and

WHEREAS, the district contains several communities that have been identified as disadvantaged communities in accordance with California Senate Bill 535 (De Leon, 2012) and low-income communities in accordance with AB 1550 (Gomez, 2016).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the FRAQMD authorizes participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) is authorized to enter into an agreement and accept a grant disbursement from CARB for the projects of approximately \$500,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCO shall administer the Community Air Protection Funds Program consistent with the Moyer Program 2017 Guidelines and the General Terms and Conditions of the Grant Award G17-MCAP-15.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on August 6, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:
