

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
12/06/2021

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2021-11 authorizing acceptance of additional grant funding up to \$100,000 from the California Air Resources Board to implement the Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentive Grant Program Year 3 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2021-11 authorizing acceptance of additional funding from the California Air Resources Board to implement the Community Air Protection Incentive Grant Program and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve Resolution #2021-11.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 74 Budget Act of 2019 (Chapter 23, 2019) to continue the Community Air Protection Funds Program and reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution, in support of the Community Air Protection Program. This is referred to as the FY19/20 or Year 3 of the program.

The CARB adopted guidelines for the administration of the Community Air Protection Program funds, which allowed air districts to fund projects in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program's 2017 Guidelines. The Community Air Protection Program Guidelines were updated in 2019. The revision includes allowing specific types of stationary source projects in addition to the Carl Moyer eligible projects. The Grant Agreement requires that the District select projects consistent with community feedback and support, and to prioritize zero emission and

associated infrastructure projects whenever feasible within low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The District has received funding for this program from the FY17/18, FY18/19, and FY19/20 statewide allocations.

The District Board of Directors approved participation in Year 3 of the Community Air Protection Incentive Program in October 2020. The District received \$1,250,000 in funding for Year 3 of the Program, of which up to 12.5% can be used for administration.

The District has administered a local Carl Moyer Program for 20 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.

DISCUSSION:

The District has been asked to accept additional Community Air Protection Incentive Program FY19/20 funding from the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD), who is unable to expend their allocation by the deadline.

The District has not yet conducted the RFP for Year 3 of the Program as the Project Plan for Stationary Diesel Engine Replacements is still pending final CARB approval. The additional funding from MCAPCD can be included in the planned upcoming RFP. At least 70% of the additional funding must be used in AB 1550 areas: the Disadvantaged Community designated areas in Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst, and Yuba City.

As with previous Community Air Protection Incentive Grant Programs, 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 prior to selecting projects. The APCO will approve the final projects based on the program guidelines, as is currently done with Carl Moyer Program projects.

The funds would need to be expended by June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Resolution would authorize the APCO to accept up to \$50,000 in additional funding from Year 3 (FY19/20) for the Community Air Protection Incentive Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution #2021-11

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RESOLUTION #2021-11 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION FUNDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 74 (Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019) 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 Community Air Protection Funds 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 Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017); and

WHEREAS, the FRAQMD participated in the first, second, and third year of the Community Air Protection Funds Program and has awarded funding to projects to reduce criteria pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the CARB asked the FRAQMD to accept additional funding previously allocated to another air district that now declined their funding; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding includes administrative funds to implement the projects and project funding; and

WHEREAS, the goals of AB 617 require that seventy (70) percent of the additional project funding be spent in AB 1550 communities; and

WHEREAS, the FRAQMD 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 acceptance of addition funding from 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 up to \$50,000 in administrative and project funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCO shall administer the Community Air Protection Funds Program consistent with the Community Air Protection Incentives 2019 Guidelines and the General Terms and Conditions of the Grant Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on December 6, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:
