

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
06/06/2022

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2022-09 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Year 4 Community Air Protection Incentive Program, a grant award up to \$2,000,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2022-09 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Year 4 Community Air Protection Incentive Program, a grant award up to \$2,000,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution #2022-09 and release funding to other air districts.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018 the California Air Resources Board (CARB) provided the District with Grant Agreement G17-MCAP-15 in the amount of \$500,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the Community Air Protection Incentive Program for Yuba and Sutter counties. In 2019 the CARB provided the District with Grant Agreement G18-MCAP-16 in the amount of \$1,243,750 to implement Year 2 of the Community Air Protection Incentive Program. In 2020 the CARB provided the District with Grant Agreement G19-MCAP-15 in the amount of \$1,002,986.50.

The CARB adopted guidelines for the administration of the Community Air Protection Program funds, which initially allowed air districts to fund projects in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program's 2017 Guidelines or Proposition 1B Guidelines. The 2019 update to the Community Air Protection Guidelines expanded the eligible project categories to include approved community or stationary source project plans, zero emission lawn and garden equipment at schools, and chrome plating facilities.

The District has administered a local Carl Moyer Program for 22 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 District received approval from CARB on the Stationary Diesel Engine Project Plan in February 2022.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California appropriated funds in the 2021 state budget to continue the Community Air Protection Incentive Program and reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution, in support of the Community Air Protection Program. The District has not yet received a grant award; however discussions with CARB indicate a similar amount from the previous year is to be expected. The District may use up to 12.5% for administration of the grant program.

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 done and will continue to be required to conduct outreach to seek input from local residents and community groups on community needs and potential projects. Community feedback must be given full consideration prior to selecting projects.

If the resolution is approved by the Board of Directors, the District can issue a Request For Proposals to solicit projects as well as consider previously submitted projects that have not yet received funding.

The APCO will approve the final projects based on the program guidelines, as is currently done with Carl Moyer Program projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adoption of Resolution #2022-09 would accept funding up to \$2,000,000 to implement the Community Air Protection Funds Program in Yuba and Sutter counties. Up to 12.5% of the funding may be used toward administration of the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution #2022-09

Attachment A: Resolution #2022-09

Item 4

**RESOLUTION #2022-09 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION
INCENTIVES GRANT 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 year and second 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 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 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 up to \$2,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCO shall administer the Community Air Protection Incentive Grant 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 June 6, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:
