

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
02/05/2024

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2024-01 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Year 7 Community Air Protection Incentive Program; acceptance of a grant award up to \$1,200,000; and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2024-01 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Year 7 Community Air Protection Incentive Program, acceptance of a grant award up to \$1,200,000; and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution #2024-01 and release funding to other air districts.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning in 2018, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) awarded the District with grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the Community Air Protection Incentive Program for Yuba and Sutter counties. Table 1 displays the funding years and amounts previously awarded.

Table 1: Past Community Air Protection Incentive Grants

Funding Year	Grant Agreement	Funding Amount
Year 1	G17-MCAP-15	\$500,000
Year 2	G18-MCAP-16	\$1,243,750
Year 3	G190-MCAP-15	\$1,002,986.50
Year 5	G21-MCAP-06	\$1,216,360.65
Year 6	G22-MCAP-06	\$1,134,135.80

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 23 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 and this Plan was incorporated into the Year 3 project solicitation.

#### DISCUSSION:

The State of California appropriated funds in the 2023 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 received grant award G23-MCAP-06 in the amount of \$1,105,782.00. 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.

Projects will need to be completed and all funding expended by June 30, 2028.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adoption of Resolution #2024-01 would accept funding up to \$1,200,000 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 #2024-01

Attachment A: Resolution #2024-01

Item 4

**RESOLUTION #2024-01 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION  
INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 102 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023) 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 and General Funds through the Community Air Protection Incentives 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 through sixth year of the Community Air Protection Incentive 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 \$1,200,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APCO shall administer the Community Air Protection Incentive 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 February 5, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:  
  
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