

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
02/27/2017

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2017-01 to accept funding from the State of California through the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) for the District's Woodstove program and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2017-01 to accept funding from the State of California through the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve Resolution #2017-01 and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Legislature and Governor appropriated \$900 million as part of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget to greenhouse gas reducing programs. As part of this appropriation, \$5 million was towards a Woodsmoke Reduction Program.

The Air Resources Board has indicated that this program will be run through the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) rather than run in-house by ARB staff. Funding will come to the District via CAPCOA and the District program will be overseen by CAPCOA.

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program is targeted towards low-income, rural areas of the State and expected to roll out very quickly in the spring of 2017. Initial funding is likely to only be provided to Districts who are prepared to accept the funding and quickly launch a program.

The Legislature has expressed some interest in extending and expanding the program in next year's budget provided it is well received and achieves emissions reductions.

The District has an existing Woodstove Changeout Program however; it has not been funded since 2008-2010. The program was well received by the public, but the District exhausted all available local funding.

DISCUSSION:

The resolution will authorize participation in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorize the District to accept funding. The guidelines and air district allocations have not been finalized by the State of California. Once they are finalized, the Air Pollution Control Officer may need to amend the existing District Woodstove Changeout Program to meet the guidelines of the State program.

The APCO will provide regular updates on the Woodstove Program at future Board meetings as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program should include administration funding that would offset the cost to the District to implement the program; however the exact amount is not available at this time. If required, a Budget Adjustment will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution #2017-01

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