

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
10/05/2026

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve sole source purchase and contract with Oransi for air filtration units not to exceed \$100,000 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve sole source purchase and contract with Oransi for air filtration units not to exceed \$100,000 and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVE:

Provide direction to staff

BACKGROUND:

Based upon the increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires and related concern regarding the health effects from smoke exposure, the District has developed a program to use a portion of Community Air Protection Incentive Funds to give High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air purifiers to residents of select communities in Yuba and Sutter Counties. The goal of this program is to provide more individuals with the ability to keep their indoor air safe and clean during wildfire smoke events and other high pollution incidents, and to foster a larger discussion countywide about the benefits of “clean air rooms” to protect health.

DISCUSSION

Smoke and ash from wildfires contain very small particles known as particulate matter. These particles harm the lungs and heart and can cause adverse health effects. People with heart or lung disease, seniors, kids, and pregnant women are especially sensitive to smoke. Protection against wildfire smoke includes staying indoors as much as possible when smoke is present, emphasizing the need to keep indoor air clean.

The Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives Program Guidelines allow air districts to use grant funds to purchase air filtration equipment for sensitive receptors such as schools, elder care facilities, and individual residences. The District has received feedback over the past

several years from community members supporting a residential air filtration program. The goal is to provide HEPA devices to residents who are traditionally underserved and/or who may not have the means to purchase an air purifier on their own.

If approved by the Board, the District will be able to purchase approximately 600 devices (each with replacement filters) to distribute to low-income residents or residents who live in a State designated Disadvantaged or Low-Income Community, limited to one per household. Qualified residents who apply will be shipped the device and replacement filter from Oransi. The chosen filter is large enough to create a small clean air room.

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASING:

This Sole Source Purchase is in the best interest of the District based on the streamlined process in the FRAQMD Purchasing Policy for Existing Government Contracts:

- i) Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is currently in contract with Oransi.
- ii) Yolo Solano AQMD went through a competitive process to purchase these air filters for their CAP Incentives Residential Air Filtration Program.
- iii) The air filters described in the contract are of comparable description and quality as the items described in the Yolo Solano AQMD contract.
- iv) Additionally, the price of the air filters is equal to that specified in the Yolo Solano AQMD contract.

The contract will be provided at the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding for the air filtration units, replacement filters, and shipping costs will be paid out of the Community Air Protection Incentive Grant funding that was previously accepted by the Board of Directors. Administrative time working on the Program will be billed towards the grant as well.