

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

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve the adoption of Resolution #2026-11 for up to \$650,000 to apply to the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program for fiscal year 2026/2027 (Year 29); apply off-site mitigation towards match funding; and authorize the APCO to sign documents relating to implementation of the Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the adoption of Resolution #2026-11 for up to \$650,000 to apply to the “Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program” for fiscal year 2026/2027 (Year 29); (2) apply off-site mitigation towards match funding; (3) and authorize the APCO to sign documents relating to implementation of the Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Carl Moyer Program provides financial incentives to businesses and residents of Yuba and Sutter counties who choose to replace an older, high polluting engine with a new, emissions certified diesel engine, electric motor, or other clean, low-emission technology. The District’s main project funding categories, historically, have been repowers of agricultural irrigation pump engines, off-road equipment engine repowers and off-road diesel equipment replacement projects.

The Carl Moyer Program requires projects to be “cleaner than required.” This guarantees that funding is not paying for compliance with an upcoming regulation and is achieving real, quantifiable emission reductions. The Carl Moyer Program also requires that the project be “cost-effective” and sets an upper monetary limit on the amount paid per ton of pollutants reduced. The Carl Moyer Program Guidelines are issued by the Air Resources Board (ARB) periodically; the version of Guidelines that the District would use to administer Year 29 is the 2024 version of the Guidelines.

The Carl Moyer Program has been very effective at achieving voluntary emission reductions, and thus, has become increasingly popular. More applications are received by the District each year than funding is available. In the first years of the Carl Moyer Program, the District requested the minimum allocation of \$200,000 from the ARB. Due to increase in popularity of the Carl Moyer Program, the availability of match funding, and to achieve greater emission reductions, the District has requested more than the tentative allocation from the ARB for Year 29 of the Carl Moyer Program.

The off-site mitigation funds were given to the District as mitigation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District offers an optional program in which it will accept funding to achieve emission reductions. Several local projects have chosen to take advantage of this program. The District expended the funding on Carl Moyer Program eligible projects and thus can use them as match funding.

DISCUSSION:

The District's Year 29 tentative allocation is \$570,000 (\$484,500 project funds and \$85,500 administrative funds). To receive more than the minimum allocation of \$200,000, the District must provide a match contribution of 15%. The District has off-site mitigation funds that may be applied as Carl Moyer match. The tentative match for Year 29 is \$85,500, for a total of \$655,500. Tentative award amounts vary from final award amounts due to final revenue estimates vs preliminary estimates, the number of districts that apply, and their funding requests. Any remaining off-site mitigation funding not applied as match toward Year 29 can be available to use towards a future year's match.

Table 1: Tentative vs. Maximum Award

	Tentative Allocation	Maximum Award
Project funding from ARB	\$484,500	\$552,500
Admin funding from ARB	\$85,500	\$97,500
Total from ARB	\$570,000	\$650,000
Match funding from District	\$85,500	\$97,500

Resolution #2026-11 is required by the ARB in order to receive funding from the Carl Moyer Program. Approval of this resolution would authorize the APCO to receive funding from the ARB, contribute match funding, and implement the program within the District.

The District's Policy and Procedures Manual was updated in 2026 to incorporate the changes in the 2024 CARB Guidelines. The Policy and Procedures Manual is available on the District webpage and in the District office.

The District's Carl Moyer Program targets agricultural off-road equipment replacement projects, with some irrigation pump engines, school buses, and other off-road categories.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no additional cost to the District since the District is proposing to use already obligated off-site mitigation funds spent on Carl Moyer eligible projects as match funding for Year 29 of the Carl Moyer Program. The District is proposing to apply up to \$97,500 in off-site mitigation funds as match funding which would generate approximately \$97,500 in administration costs and \$552,500 is project funds for a total of \$650,000 to implement the Year 29 Carl Moyer Program. The District's estimated tentative allocation

is \$570,000. Therefore, the District expects to receive between \$570,000 and \$650,000 for Year 29 Carl Moyer Program funds from ARB with no additional cost to the District.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution 2026-11 Year 29 Carl Moyer Program

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**RESOLUTION #2026-11 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 (YEAR 29) CARL MOYER
MEMORIAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT PROGRAM AND
CONTRIBUTION OF MATCH FUNDING**

WHEREAS, The California Clean Air Act (CCAA) requires the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) to achieve and maintain ambient air-quality standards for pollutants, including those emitted by motor vehicles and stationary equipment; and

WHEREAS, heavy-duty diesel engines are a significant source of air pollutants, especially oxides of nitrogen, reactive organic gases, and particulate matter; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has further identified fine particulates in the exhaust from diesel engines as a toxic air contaminant; and

WHEREAS, through the ARB, the State of California has adopted the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program); and

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code sections 44275-44299.2 authorizes the ARB to allocate Carl Moyer Program funds to local air districts to provide financial incentives to both the public and private sectors to implement eligible projects to reduce emissions from on-road, marine, locomotive, agricultural, and off-road engines; and

WHEREAS, the FRAQMD has successfully implemented Carl Moyer Program projects in past years to reduce emissions and improve air quality and seeks to continue to reduce emissions through clean air projects; and

WHEREAS California Health and Safety Code section 44287 requires air districts participating in the Carl Moyer Program to provide matching funds, and Carl Moyer Program Guidelines have established a match requirement of 15 percent of State funds received, with an exemption from this requirement for districts receiving the minimum grant award of \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors does hereby approve the FRAQMD's continued participation in the Carl Moyer Program, and the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the FRAQMD for eligible projects and program administration, and authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to execute required documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors authorizes the APCO to apply to ARB for a grant of up to \$650,000 from the Carl Moyer Program and contribute up to \$97,500 in matching funds from fund #7400001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCO will administer FRAQMD's Carl Moyer Program by publicly announcing program funding availability, establishing FRAQMD's qualifying project criteria, providing public access to application forms and program guidelines, having staff available to assist applicants, accepting applications from private and public entities, processing applications, and by awarding grants in accordance with the Moyer-approved guidelines provided by ARB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCO will be responsible for project monitoring and providing state reports regarding grant expenditures and the status of the program upon request by ARB.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on October 5, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:
