

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
02/23/2026

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve the adoption of Resolution #2026-02 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the 2022 Climate Heat Impact Response Program, a grant award up to \$750,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the adoption of Resolution #2026-02 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the 2022 Climate Heat Impact Response Program, a grant award up to \$750,000, and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

BACKGROUND:

On July 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to a projected energy supply shortage due to extreme heat, climate change, and infrastructure challenges which authorized the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to procure energy resources that would expand the energy supply, among other actions. The order allowed sources to operate above the permitted and regulatory limits during the State of Emergency. As part of this declaration, the Governor also directed the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop a state-funded mitigation plan for excess emissions generated by power sources that were allowed to operate beyond their permitted or regulated limits. The District was awarded funding to implement the 2021 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP).

The District implements several grant programs locally to achieve emission reductions, including the Carl Moyer Program and Community Air Protection Incentives Program, which provide 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 school bus replacements and off-road diesel equipment replacement projects.

DISCUSSION:

This 2022 CHIRP funding is mitigating the increased emissions caused by the emergency measures implemented in 2022 to reduce demand on the electrical grid

during an extreme heat event. On August 31, 2022, Governor Newsom signed a State of Emergency Proclamation in response to an extreme heat event, authorizing the temporary operation of backup generators and power plants outside their normal permit requirements to reduce demand on the electrical grid and prevent power outages, resulting in increased emissions. The CHIRP mitigation plan provides opportunities to fund emission reduction projects that will offset the increased emissions created by the emergency heat event. CHIRP funds (Fiscal Year 2025-2026) are directed toward all eligible Carl Moyer Program and Community Air Protection Incentives project categories. The draft allocation to the District is \$685,278.00. The District has requested a resolution to accept funding up to \$750,000 in case the final allocation exceeds the draft allocation.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2022 CHIRP funding has not been included in the District 25/26 budget.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution 2026-02 2022 Climate Heat Impact Response Program

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**RESOLUTION #2026-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CLIMATE HEAT IMPACT  
RESPONSE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2022, Governor Newsom signed a State of Emergency Proclamation in response to an extreme heat event, authorizing the temporary operation of backup generators and power plants outside their normal permit requirements to reduce demand on the electrical grid and prevent power outages, resulting in increased emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board developed the Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) in consultation with air districts to address and mitigate the excess emissions resulting from the emergency measures authorized by the Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the extreme heat event of 2022 resulted in \$22,692,308 in mitigation funds, primarily from the use of high-polluting diesel backup generators and vessels at berth forgoing shore power; and

**WHEREAS**, the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) contains facilities where diesel backup generators operated beyond their permitted limits during the state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARB has selected FRAQMD for CHIRP funding; and

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

**WHEREAS** the FRAQMD has established Policies and Procedures to implement the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) and the Community Air Protection Incentive Program (CAP Incentives Program).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Feather River Air Quality Management District Board of Directors does hereby approve the FRAQMD's participation in the Climate Heat Impact Response Program, and the acceptance of funds allocated and awarded to the FRAQMD for eligible projects and program administration in accordance with the established Carl Moyer Program and CAP Incentives Program, 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 accept up to \$750,000 in project and administrative funding from the CHRIP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APCO will administer FRAQMD's CHIRP in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program and CAP Incentives Program Guidelines and Policies and Procedures; 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 February 23, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:

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