

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
June 5, 2017

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2017-08 to accept Year 19 Moyer State Reserve school bus funds and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2017-08 to accept Year 19 Moyer State Reserve funds and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve Resolution #2017-08 to accept Year 19 Moyer State Reserve funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is responsible for developing the Moyer Program Guidelines, the participating California Air Quality Management Districts (AQMD) and Air Pollution Control Districts (APCD) are in charge of administering the program.

The Feather River Air Quality Management District administers a regular Moyer Program for Yuba and Sutter counties and for Year 19 has been awarded \$314,198 to incentivize the purchase of “cleaner than required” engines, electric motors, and off-road equipment. The District Board of Directors authorized participation in Year 19 at the February 27, 2017, meeting.

Section 44286(d) of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC) gives CARB the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of statewide Moyer Program funding to directly fund any project that is a covered source and is described in Section 44281. In previous years, CARB used the “State Reserve” funds to replace logging trucks, locomotives, and on-road trucks. In 2017 CARB is

directing the funding towards the replacement of school buses that are currently registered in Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) and have been approved for the particulate matter (PM) extension. This year there was approximately \$6.55 million State Reserve Moyer Program funding available.

The State Reserve Moyer Program is separate from the other school bus replacement programs that are currently offered, or have been offered in the recent past, by this District or another air district, such as:

- The District's Blue Sky Program: annually funded and administered locally by AB 923, which authorizes the use of approx. \$350,000 to replace school buses.
- Prop 1B funding: approx. \$2.2 million administered by CARB and the San Joaquin Valley APCD, to replace and retrofit school buses in the District between 2008 and 2014.
- Rural School Bus Pilot Program: \$10 million of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding allocated in the FY16/17 California State Budget to replace school buses, administered by the North Coast Unified AQMD, with potentially two Yuba/Sutter school buses to be replaced.

DISCUSSION:

The District was notified by CARB in March 2017 that ten (10) school buses in the FRAQMD were eligible to apply for the Year 19 State Reserve Moyer Program. The District worked with the eligible school districts to complete the application package and apply for the funding on April 17, 2017. The CARB notified the District on April 28, 2017, that it had been selected to receive \$983,098 to replace eight (8) school buses. The projects will replace old, diesel buses that are unable to be retrofitted with new, emissions-certified diesel buses. Each school district will be required to provide matching funding. The award amounts are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1

| School District | Estimated Bus Cost | Grant Award | Estimated School District Contribution |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Yuba City Unified School District | \$165,000 | \$110,979 | \$54,021 |
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The acceptance of State Reserve Moyer Project Funding in the amount of \$983,098 would also come with administrative funding of \$140,443 to off-set the District's costs to administer the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution #2017-08

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