TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2021-07 authorizing participation in the California Air Resources Board Community Air Protection Program, a grant award up to $100,000, and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2021-07 authorizing participation in the California Air Resources Board Community Air Protection Program, a grant award up to $100,000, and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not approve Resolution #2021-07, and release the funding to other air districts.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) with the intent to identify and reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution. The bill mandated several things:

1. That the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop a uniform statewide system of annual reporting of emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants (TAC) for use by certain categories of stationary sources. The bill required those stationary sources to report their emissions annually.

2. By October 1, 2018, CARB must prepare a monitoring plan for monitoring criteria pollutants and TACs and the need for any additional community monitoring systems. The plan would identify the highest priority locations for deployment of community monitoring systems, which would need to be deployed by July 1, 2019 by the air district. Fence line monitoring at stationary sources can also be required in the communities by the air districts. The CARB must annually update the plan. The data collected by the monitoring systems must be published on CARB’s website.

3. By October 1, 2018, and at least every 5 years after, CARB must develop a statewide strategy to reduce emissions of TACs and criteria pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden. The CARB must offer grants to those communities for technical assistance and to support community participation. For air districts containing a selected
DISCUSSION:

The District received Grant Award G20-CAPP-09 implement the Community Air Protection Program in 2021. The grant amount is $47,726.00.

Acceptance of the grant award would require additional reporting to CARB every year after grant execution until the funds are fully expended. The funding must be fully expended by June 1, 2023.

Resolution #2021-07 authorizes acceptance of up to $100,000 in case other air districts decline their grant awards or are unable to expend their grant awards in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Resolution would authorize the APCO to accept up to $100,000 from CARB to offset the cost to implement the mandates of AB 617.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution #2021-07
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Resolution #2021-07
RESOLUTION #2021-07 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE
ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY
AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted Assembly Bill 617 (Chapter 136,
Statutes of 2017) with the intent to identify and reduce exposure in communities most
impacted by air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) established the
Community Air Protection Program to implement the goals of Assembly Bill 617; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized through Assembly Bill 74
(Chapter 6, Budget Act of 2020) grant funding to the District for related expenses
necessary for implementation of Assembly Bill 617; and

WHEREAS, the District may use the funds to carry out the mandates of AB 617
and to reduce the impacts of criteria air pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse
gases within communities in the District, especially disadvantaged and low-income
communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the
FRAQMD authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to accept a grant award in
the amount up to $100,000.00 for expenses necessary for implementation of Assembly
Bill 617; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the APCO shall carry out the terms of the
grant agreement, including the submittal of Annual and Final Reports to CARB on the
District’s work to implement the Community Air Protection Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on June
7, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman

ATTEST: APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:

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