

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
10/07/2019

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2019-12 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program and authorize the Chairman or APCO to execute related documents.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2019-12 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program for \$1,500,000 and authorize the Chairman or APCO to execute related documents.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Resolution #2019-12 and release funding to other air districts.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018 the California Air Resources Board (CARB) provided the District with Grant Agreement G17-MCAP-15 in the amount of \$500,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement the Community Air Protection Program for Yuba and Sutter counties. The funding provided \$468,750 towards projects and \$31,250 in administration funds.

The CARB adopted guidelines for the administration of the Community Air Protection Program funds, which allowed air districts to fund projects in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program's 2017 Guidelines.

The District has administered a local Carl Moyer Program for 18 years which has replaced diesel agricultural irrigation engines with emissions-certified diesel engines or electric motors,

repowered off-road equipment, and replaced off-road equipment to achieve emission reductions of criteria and toxic air contaminants.

**DISCUSSION:**

The State of California adopted Senate Bill (SB) 856 (Chapter 30, Statutes of 2018) to continue the Community Air Protection Funds Program and reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution, in support of the Community Air Protection Program adopted by AB 617. The District has been tentatively offered up to \$1,500,000 in funding, of which up to 12.5% can be used for administration.

The Community Air Protection Program Guidelines were updated in 2019 and were released in draft form to the public on April 19, 2019. The draft revision proposed allowing specific types of stationary source projects in addition to the Carl Moyer eligible projects. The final version of the Guidelines are expected to be issued before the end of 2019.

The District has not yet received the final Grant Agreement; however the terms are expected to require that the District select projects consistent with community feedback and support, and to prioritize zero emission and associated infrastructure projects whenever feasible within low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The District will be required to conduct outreach to seek input from local residents and community groups on community needs and potential projects and give full consideration to feedback received prior to selecting projects.

If approved by the Board of Directors, the District may issue a Request For Proposals to solicit projects as well as consider previously submitted projects that have not yet received funding.

The APCO will approve the final projects based on the program guideline, as is currently done with Carl Moyer Program projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The adoption of Resolution #2019-12 would accept funding up to \$1,500,000 to implement the Community Air Protection Funds Program in Yuba and Sutter counties. Up to 12.5% of the funding may be used toward administration of the program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution #2019-12

**RESOLUTION #2019-12 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION FUNDS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California adopted Senate Bill (SB) 856 (Chapter 30, Statutes of 2018) to provide grant funding to reduce emissions in communities most heavily burdened by air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is providing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds through the Community Air Protection Funds Program to support early actions that reduce emissions and improve public health in communities with high burdens of cumulative pollutant exposure, consistent with the goals of AB 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017); and

**WHEREAS**, the FRAQMD participated in the initial Community Air Protection Funds Program and has awarded funding to projects to reduce criteria pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, the FRAQMD contains several communities that have been identified as disadvantaged communities in accordance with California Senate Bill 535 (De Leon, 2012) and low-income communities in accordance with AB 1550 (Gomez, 2016).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the FRAQMD authorizes participation in the Community Air Protection Funds Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) is authorized to enter into an agreement and accept a grant disbursement from CARB for the projects of approximately \$1,500,000; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APCO shall administer the Community Air Protection Funds Program consistent with the Community Air Protection Incentives 2019 Guidelines and the General Terms and Conditions of the Grant Award.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Feather River Air Quality Management District on October 7, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM:

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