



MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT

24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940

MEETING DATE:	August 16, 2023	CONSENT AGENDA
TO:	Board of Directors	
FROM:	Richard A. Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer	
SUBJECT:	Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Apply for Funding, Accept Funding, and Administer the FY 2023-24 Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program	

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to apply for funding, accept funding, and administer the FY 2023-24 Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program.

DISCUSSION

The FARMER Program was developed by CARB to meet the Legislature’s objectives to reduce agricultural sector emissions by providing grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations.

The State Legislature allocated \$75,000,000.00 to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to fund grants to districts under the FARMER Program for FY 2023-24. After withholding \$750,000 for CARB program administration, \$74,250,000 is available to districts.

MBARD was tentatively allocated \$755,400.00 for the FY 2022-23 FARMER Program. The tentative allocation of FARMER Program funding is based on publicly available emissions data for agricultural equipment in the 2021 California agricultural equipment emissions inventory (AG2021) and each district’s air quality and attainment status. This resolution will authorize the APCO to apply for and accept the tentative allocation of \$755,400.00, and to administer the FY 2023-24 FARMER Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The tentative FARMER Program allocation of \$755,400.00 will increase revenues starting in FY 2023-24. The program will be implemented with existing staff. The grant will cover the costs of administering the program.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION XX-XXX

**BEFORE THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD OF THE
MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT (MBARD)**

Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to Apply for Funding, Accept Funds and Administer the FY 2023-24 FARMER Program

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 134 and AB 109 appropriated funds from the State Budget to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the reduction of criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, CARB developed the FARMER Guidelines (March 2018) to cover related sources of funding included in AB 134 and AB 109;

WHEREAS, both budget bills identified agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations as eligible for funding.

WHEREAS, CARB also recommends including additional Carl Moyer Program (CMP)-eligible agricultural projects;

WHEREAS, the FARMER Program Guidelines require CMP-eligible projects to abide by all project criteria set forth in the 2017 CMP Guidelines and any future approved guidelines;

WHEREAS, CARB has tentatively proposed an allocation not-to-exceed \$755,400.00, consisting of \$660,975.00 in project funds and \$94,425.00 in administrative funds.

WHEREAS, the District has applied to CARB for FY 2023-24 FARMER funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY BAY AIR RESOURCES DISTRICT does hereby approve MBARD's participation in the FARMER Program, and the acceptance of FARMER Program funds allocated and awarded to MBARD for eligible projects and program administration in accordance with the terms and conditions of the FARMER Program and 2017 CMP Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes and directs the Air Pollution Control Officer to:

1. Execute, on behalf of MBARD, grant agreements with CARB and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution;
2. Accept awarded FARMER Program funds;
3. Administer the MBARD's FARMER Program in accordance with CARB's FARMER Program Guidelines, the 2017 CMP Guidelines, as well as the District's Diesel Engine and

Equipment Replacement Program Policies and Procedures Manual;

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2023, upon motion of Director ____, seconded by Director ____, and carried by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct resolution as duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Bay Air Resources District on August 16, 2023.

By: _____
Sirie Thongchua, Executive Assistant

Approved: _____
Richard A. Stedman, APCO