

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 2023 - 20

Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2023-24 “Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions” Program Funding from the California Air Resources Board

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) developed the Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program to meet the Legislature’s objectives and help meet the State’s criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals from the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) has successfully implemented the FARMER Program since its inception in 2017;

WHEREAS, the District submitted an application requesting up to \$3.4 million in FARMER funds to implement the sixth cycle of the FARMER Program beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024;

WHEREAS, eligible projects include agricultural vehicle and equipment replacements that meet the qualifications for the Carl Moyer Program, such as mobile off-road farm equipment replacements, agricultural irrigation pump replacements, replacements with zero-emission agricultural equipment, and heavy-duty truck replacements and advanced technology demonstration projects that are engaged in agricultural operations;

WHEREAS, the District will follow the most recent version of the FARMER Guidelines released by CARB in the implementation of FARMER funds;

WHEREAS, the District may use up to 6.25 percent of the funds it receives to pay the reasonable costs of implementing the incentive program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the District’s acceptance of FY 2023-2024 FARMER funds to be awarded to eligible projects in accordance with legislative and applicable program requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the District grant agreements with CARB, individual grant awards valued at \$500,000 or less each, and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the Motion of DIRECTOR GONZALEZ, seconded by DIRECTOR LEE, on the 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2023, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: JOHN J. BAUTERS, KEN CARLSON, NOELIA CORZO, JOELLE GALLAGHER, JOHN GIOIA, JUAN GONZALEZ, ERIN HANNIGAN, LYNDA HOPKINS, DAVID HUDSON, DAVINA HURT, TYRONE JUE, OTTO LEE, SERGIO LOPEZ, MYRNA MELGAR, NATE MILEY, MARK ROSS, VICKI VEENKER, SHAMANN WALTON, STEVE YOUNG.

NOES: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

ABSENT: MARGARET ABE-KOGA, BRIAN BARNACLE, DAVID HAUBERT, RAY MUELLER, KATIE RICE.



John Bauters
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Lynda Hopkins
Secretary of the Board of Directors