

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
04/08/2019

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2019-05 to accept funding for the District's Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution #2019-05 to accept funding from the State of California and/or the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not Approve Resolution #2019-05 and provide direction to staff.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program is part of California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. Senate Bill 563 established the Woodsmoke Reduction Program (Program) to be administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for a Woodsmoke Reduction Program.

The program was implemented by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) in coordination with local air districts. The State Legislature committed \$5,000,000 in the 2016-2017 budget to the Program statewide. The District was allocated \$200,000 to implement the Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program in Yuba and Sutter County. The District Board authorized participation in the program in February 2017.

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program was targeted towards low-income communities and residents and disadvantaged communities, also known as Priority Populations, as defined in SB 535 and AB 1550<sup>1</sup>. The program worked directly with area retailers to reduce the cost of replacing an older woodstove or woodburning fireplace insert with a new, emissions certified wood burning stove or insert, an electric device, or a gas device (propane or natural gas). The program also allowed the purchase of an insert for fireplaces that were used as a primary source of heat.

The CARB adopted the Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program Guidelines on September 29, 2017. The FRAQMD signed the Grant Agreement with CAPCOA on April 3, 2018. The District began accepting applications for the program on May 23, 2018, and the funding was allocated by September 21, 2018. Change-outs that were completed by November 15, 2018, are reflected on the map here: <http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/>

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The State Legislature committed \$3,000,000 in the 2018-2019 budget<sup>2</sup> to the Program. The CARB published draft Guidelines for this appropriation on December 5, 2018. A tentative award amount has not yet been received by the District. However, CARB has indicated a need to proceed quickly since the end of the fiscal year is approaching.

The resolution will authorize participation in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorize the District to accept funding.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program should include administration funding that would offset the cost to the District to implement the program; however the exact amount is not available at this time. If required, a Budget Adjustment will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

A – Resolution #2019-05

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm>

<sup>2</sup> SB856, (Committee on Budget, Chapter 30, Budget Act of 2018), Item 3900-101-3228, Section 36, Provision 2.

Attachment A – Resolution #2019-05

**RESOLUTION #2019-05 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature and Governor adopted Senate Bill 563 which established the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, and appropriated \$3 million was appropriated to the Air Resources Board (ARB) for the Woodsmoke Reduction Program in Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant program is to be administered by the ARB, the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) and the air districts in accordance with guidelines established by the ARB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Feather River Air Quality Management District has administered the Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program to reduce emissions of black carbon, particulate matter, and toxic air contaminants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Feather River Air Quality Management District affirms its interest in participating in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Air Pollution Control Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to accept funds and execute on behalf of the District a grant agreement with the ARB and/or CAPCOA, and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Feather River Air Quality Management District at a regular meeting on April 8, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD

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Chairman

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM

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