

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
02/05/2024

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution #2024-02 to accept funding for the District's Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorize the Chairman and APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #2024-02 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 #2024-02 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 1550¹. 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 State Legislature committed \$5,000,000 in the 2022-2023 budget² to the Program. The CARB published final Guidelines for this appropriation on February 15, 2023. A tentative award amount for the District was received on May 24, 2023, for \$192,870 for FY2021/2022. The District Board adopted Resolution #2023-10 on June 5, 2023, authorizing participation in the Program and accepting a grant award up to \$225,000.

DISCUSSION:

The CARB allocated a second grant award from the FY2022/2023 budget to the District. The grant award was received on December 4, 2023, for \$209,880.00. Acceptance of the additional funding requires a Board resolution.

The resolution will authorize participation in the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and authorize the District to accept additional funding of up to \$300,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program includes administration funding in the amount of \$20,230.00 that would offset the cost to the District to implement the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution #2024-02

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

² AB 179, (Committee on Budget, Chapter 249, Budget Act of 2022), Item 3900-102-3228, Section 117, Provision 1 (c).

Attachment A – Resolution #2024-02

RESOLUTION #2024-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor adopted Assembly Bill 179 which established the Woodsmoke Reduction Program, and appropriated \$5 million was appropriated to the Air Resources Board (ARB) for the Woodsmoke Reduction Program in Fiscal Year 2022-2023; 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 up to \$300,000 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 February 5, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD

Chairman

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM
