

November 9, 2021

Ms. Andrea Jaurez
CARB Community Air Protection Program Liaison

Re: Annual Report for AB 617 Community Air Protection Program

i. Report Number – November 2021- 01

Title – Community Air Protection Program

Name of Grantee- Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

Date of Submission – November 9, 2021

Grant Number - G19-CAPP-21

ii. Report Costs Associated with specific tasks - Zero costs.

iii. Report how grant is being utilized to meet goals of AB617 - The grant program has not been implemented.

iv. Summary of Work Completed- There has been progress in that \$15,000 of the grant was proposed to be utilized by the City of Portola (an AB1550 community) to be applied to the purchase of a chipper. The chipper will be used to reduce residential and city yard waste that would otherwise be open burned. The emission reduction of PM2.5 will be substantial from the reduction of future open burning. Portola is a federal PM2.5 Nonattainment area and a disadvantaged community. Portola has also had the distinction of being considered as one of the five worst locations for PM2.5 in the nation for the last 5 years by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Air District posted this recommendation on the District's website as a public notice. A public hearing was then held during the District's September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The Board of Directors approved that up to \$15,000 of AB617 Implementation fund could be used to assist in the purchase of a chipper for the City of Portola to reduce PM2.5 emissions from the open burning of green waste. As of this time, the District is working with the City to develop an agreement to supply up to \$15,000 in funds for the purchase of a chipper.

v. Grant Funds remaining and expended – Entire Grant Amount remaining (\$16,015). There have been not grant funds expended.

vi. Expenditure Summary: No funds expended, but funds are encumbered for assisting the City of Portola to purchase a chipper to reduce PM2.5 emissions from green waste.