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Clerk of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

**SUBJECT: Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program**

To whom it may concern:

This memo is to provide comments on the FARMER program.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has made a commitment to reducing GHG emissions and replacing our fleet of very old agricultural harvesting equipment would have a significant impact on meeting the required mandates. As currently written, the definition may exclude our department from applying to your program and therefore, ask that you consider the following revision to the first bullet of the definition:

“Agricultural Operations” means (1) the growing or harvesting of crops from soil (including forest operations) and the raising of plants at wholesale nurseries, but not retail nurseries, or the raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, providing a livelihood, **MANAGEMENT OF STATE LANDS** or conducting agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution, or (2) agricultural crop preparation services such as packinghouses, cotton gins, nut hullers and processors, dehydrators, and feed and grain mills.....”

We appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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