

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the 2024 Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Guidelines

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the approval of the 2024 Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Guidelines.

Date: October 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on October 25, 2024. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the October 24, 2024, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

In September 2017, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 134 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 254, Statutes of 2017) and Assembly Bill 109 (Ting, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2017), which appropriated \$135 million from the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to CARB for reducing criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector. In response to this appropriation, CARB developed the FARMER Program Guidelines, which was approved by the Board in March 2018.

The FARMER Program Guidelines direct funding to local air districts to administer agricultural vehicle and equipment incentive projects, which provide concurrent criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emission reductions. The FARMER Program Guidelines also describe air district funding allocations, eligible project categories and criteria, program implementation details, justification for these investments, and CARB Executive Officer authority to add or modify project categories and criteria as needed.

Since 2018, the Executive Officer, through the authority delegated to them by the Board, authorized updates to the FARMER Program Guidelines three times through Executive Officer memos, adding a total of five new project categories and modifying four of the existing project

categories. The proposed changes for 2024 are extensive and comprehensive, thus staff are seeking Board input and approval.

CARB staff have developed 2024 FARMER Program Guidelines that incorporate the previously added and modified project categories into a single comprehensive document that no longer references the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment (Carl Moyer) Program. These Guidelines also include administrative requirements and methodology to calculate emission reductions for the FARMER projects. Further, the proposed Guidelines provide additional flexibility to existing project categories, encourage zero-emission vehicle and equipment deployment, provide additional support for small farms, account for efficiency improvements in agricultural equipment, and streamline air district implementation of the program.

Proposed Action

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

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Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Evan Powers, Air Pollution Specialist, at evan.powers@arb.ca.gov or (916) 282-6273 or Erin Uchida, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at erin.uchida@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7493.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.,
Executive Officer

Date: August 26, 2024

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