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**GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DIESEL REPLACEMENT PROJECTS THROUGH  
CARL MOYER AND FARMER PROGRAMS**

**April 29, 2019**

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is announcing the availability of FARMER Program funds totaling approximately \$1,430,000 and Carl Moyer Program funds totaling \$175,000 for diesel emission reduction projects.

The FARMER Program, similar to the existing Carl Moyer Program, is a voluntary grant program implemented by the California Air Resources Board and the District to reduce air pollution from on-road and off-road agricultural vehicles and equipment. Projects typically involve replacing (i.e. repowering) old diesel engines or replacing older diesel-powered vehicles or equipment.

Eligible projects for the FARMER Program include the replacement of diesel-powered off-road agricultural equipment, on-road trucks used in agricultural operations, and stationary agricultural engines. Project applications will be ranked and grants awarded according to their cost effectiveness. Ten (10) awards will be reserved for both on-road truck projects and five (5) awards will be reserved for stationary engine projects.

Non-agricultural diesel equipment may be eligible for replacement through the Carl Moyer Program allocation.

Applications are due to the District, located at 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15, Chico, 95928 on or before **May 31, 2019** by 4:30 p.m. Carl Moyer Program applications are available on the District website at [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org) or at the District office. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Mandy, Senior Air Quality Planner, [jmandly@bcaqmd.org](mailto:jmandly@bcaqmd.org) or (530) 332-9400, Extension 108.

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