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Date of Release: March 21, 2019

Board Consideration: March 28, 2019

To: Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer

Staff Contact: Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner

Re: **Supplement: Report on Woodsmoke Reduction Program and Provide Direction to Staff on Program Changes and Authorize Grant Application.**

**ISSUE:**

Staff will update the Board on the Woodsmoke Reduction Program and request direction regarding Year 2 of the Program.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Receive report and provide direction to staff as appropriate.
2. Consider adding adoption of Resolution 2019-10 for action.
3. Adopt resolution 2019-10 authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign a grant application for Year 2 of the program and accepting funds allocated.

**DISCUSSION:**

Year 1 of the Woodsmoke Reduction Program kicked off on May 23, 2018. The following is a summary of the Program status as of January 14, 2019:

- The District received a total of \$360,000 in project funds for Year 1.
- The District issued 89 vouchers (77 Enhanced Vouchers, 12 Standard Vouchers).
- 87 of 89 vouchers have been completed and paid out.

Vouchers have been issued to households in the following areas:

Chico	38	Bangor	1	Butte Meadows	1
Oroville	18	Berry Creek	1	Gridley	1
Paradise	14	Forest Ranch	2	Biggs	2
Magalia	10	Yankee Hill	1		

The State has released a draft of their FY 2018-2019 (Year 2) Program Guidelines which include allowing Pellet Stoves and requiring that new wood-burning devices meet the 2.0 grams per hour emissions standard. There is currently no official estimate on when Year 2 of the Woodsmoke Reduction Program can begin locally.

As of March 18, 2019, the District has 86 applications from Year 1 that remain unfunded. This District also maintains an outreach list that includes 59 additional contacts that are interested in applying for Year 2 of the Program. District staff seek Board direction on whether to continue to fund applications held over from Year 1 or to begin Year 2 by accepting new applications in a first come – first serve manner.

Subsequent to the posting of the agenda, staff have been informed that the California Air Resources Board will require the filing of a grant application for Year 2 by the middle of April. The grant applications have yet to be received. Given the urgency staff recommends your Board authorize the APCO to sign the grant application, subject to District counsel review, and receive funds to be allocated. Staff will return at a later meeting with an updated work plan for Board consideration. After the work plan is approved the District will schedule the start of Year 2 of the program.

Attachment: Proposed Resolution 2019-10.

**RESOLUTION 2019-10  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT  
THE STATE WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM YEAR 2**

Resolution 2019-10 ..... )  
Authorize the APCO to sign a grant application to implement..... )  
The State Woodsmoke Reduction Program ..... )

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) have identified smoke from residential wood burning as a significant contributor to PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution in Butte County;

AND WHEREAS, the District has implemented woodstove and fireplace change-out programs in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2014 through 2016, and 2018 to encourage Butte County residents to voluntarily upgrade their uncertified wood burning devices to devices meeting current EPA certifications;

AND WHEREAS, California committed \$3,000,000 in funding from California Climate Investments for replacing uncertified, inefficient wood burning devices with cleaner burning and more efficient devices;

AND WHEREAS, the CARB has adopted Program Guidelines for the State Woodsmoke Reduction Program to be administered in part by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), CARB and local air districts;

AND WHEREAS, the District has been notified that it must submit a grant application by mid-April in order to participate in Year 2 of the program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board hereby authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute an agreement with CARB on behalf of the District, committing to following the State guidelines and administrative processes, subject to District legal counsel review, and to receive program funding, and amends the budget accordingly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, staff is directed to make necessary amendments to the program Workplan to be consistent with the current state guidelines and provide it for Board approval at a future meeting.

On Motion of \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution is hereby PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the following:

- AYES: .
- NOES: .
- ABSTAIN: .
- ABSENT: .

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W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer  
Butte County Air Quality Management District

I hereby attest that this is a true and correct copy of the action taken by the Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors on March 28, 2019.  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cora Collins, Clerk of the Governing Board