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Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
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Support for Proposed Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER) Program Guidelines

Dear Clerk of the Board,

The Governing Board of the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is writing in support of the proposed FARMER grant program. We understand the proposal seeks to reduce agricultural sector emissions by providing \$135 million for projects statewide, with \$1,695,600 dedicated to Butte County. This proposal will allow our District to use the funding on a suite of projects that will turn over older vehicles, equipment, and engines used in agricultural operations. Projects funded will result in cost-effective reductions in criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants, contributing to improved regional air quality, ability to achieve greenhouse gas reductions and promote the use of clean alternative fuels and vehicle technologies.

The proposal allows the funding of Carl Moyer Program-eligible projects. We note that since our participation began in the Carl Moyer Program our District has funded 262 projects in the agricultural sector, resulting in the reduction of 717 tons of oxides of nitrogen and 75 tons of particulate matter benefitting low income communities in Butte County. Our program is oversubscribed each year.

We appreciate the California Air Resources Board's work establishing the FARMER grant program and support its goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Andrew Coolidge", is written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

Andrew Coolidge, Chair
Butte County Air Quality Management District Governing Board