

DATE: December 17, 2018 Mail-Out #MSC 18-21

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE FUNDING AGRICULTURAL REPLACEMENT MEASURES FOR EMISSION REDUCTIONS (FARMER) PROGRAM

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19.

The purpose of this workshop is for CARB staff to provide stakeholders with an update on the implementation of the FARMER Program to date, including the recent expansion of the program through additional project categories, and provide an open discussion on the implementation of the FARMER Program for the upcoming year, including FY 2018-19 funding.

Meeting Information

CARB staff will conduct the workshop at several locations. The presentations and discussion topics will be the same at the following dates, times, and locations:

CENTRAL VALLEY LOCATION:

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Place: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Regional Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

The public can also attend and participate in this Central Valley workshop by video conference at the air district's Modesto and Bakersfield offices:

Modesto Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356

Bakersfield Office
34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308

For those unable to attend the Central Valley workshop in person, the workshop will also be available via webcast at the following link:

Webcast Link: https://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm
Webcast instructions: <http://www.valleyair.org/webstreaming/webcast-meetings.htm>

For stakeholders who wish to participate remotely, please submit comments or questions during the webcast to FARMER@arb.ca.gov. We will address comments and questions submitted to the FARMER Program email during the workshop.

CARB staff will also conduct the workshop at the following Northern California location. Please be advised that there is no remote participation option for this Northern California workshop.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCATION:

Date: Monday, January 7, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Tehama County Air Pollution Control District
1834 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, California 96080

CARB staff will be present at all locations. Staff's presentation will be posted on the FARMER Program website prior to the workshop at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/farmer>.

CARB staff have established an electronic mailing list to notify stakeholders of upcoming events related to the FARMER Program. If you would like to be notified of future meetings and the availability of materials, please sign up at:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=agincentives.

Background

In recognition of the strong need and the agricultural industry's dedication to reducing their emissions, the State Legislature allocated \$135 million to CARB from FY 2017-18. The State Legislature directed the use of the monies to reduce agricultural sector emissions by providing grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations. CARB staff has developed and begun implementing the FARMER Program to meet the State Legislature's objectives and help meet the State's criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

In addition to the \$135 million allocation from FY 2017-18 currently being implemented in the FARMER Program, the State Legislature has recognized the need for further investments in cleaner agricultural vehicles and equipment and has allocated an additional \$132 million of the State's budget to the FARMER Program for FY 2018-19.

The FARMER Program is supported in part by California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work.

Contact

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Evan Powers, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-8967 or by email at evan.powers@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language assistance may be provided via the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting.
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language.
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language assistance, please contact Ms. Stella Ling-Taylor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6369 or by email at stella.lingtaylor@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envíe un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

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