



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer

August 4, 2022

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
Bakersfield, CA 93301

SUBJECT: FARMER Program Grant Fund Projects with John App, dba App Ranch

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) participates in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Grant Program. The FARMER program provides incentive funds to reduce agricultural sector emissions through equipment replacement.

John App, dba App Ranch has proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the FARMER Program. Agreement 07-011-2022 will provide up to \$33,564.00 in FARMER funds to replace a 1965, diesel-fueled, Tier 0, Ford tractor with a new low-emitting Tier IV certified Kioti tractor. The tractor is used 100 percent of the time within Eastern Kern County for agricultural operations in Tehachapi. Staff recommends the project be approved for funding.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the items will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the September 2022, Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 07-011-2022 with John App, dba App Ranch for the purchase of a new lower-emission Tier IV certified diesel fueled tractor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen E. Stephens".

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Enclosure