



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
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SUBJECT: Wood Smoke Reduction Program Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Honorable Board:

Senate Bill (SB) 563 established the Wood Smoke Reduction Program (WSRP) to be administered through guidelines developed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The WSRP is designed to promote voluntary replacement of old wood-burning stoves with cleaner and more efficient alternatives. The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) has successfully implemented the WSRP for the past five years.

Staff is recommending your Board approve Resolution No. 2024-002-03, which authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to complete and submit all necessary documents to CARB in order to secure and receive Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (FY 23/24) WSRP funds. Staff recommends your Board adopt the resolution at this meeting in order to prevent any delay in receiving FY 23/24 WSRP funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-002-03 requesting the District's allocation of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Wood Smoke Reduction Program funds; authorize the APCO to sign the Award Letter; submit a certified copy of the Board Resolution to CARB, and do all other acts necessary to reserve said Funds.

Sincerely,

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