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

March 7, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Carl Moyer Program Grant Agreement with Charles Griffin II to Replace a

Diesel-Fueled Backhoe

Honorable Board:

Charles Griffin II (Grantee) has applied for funding through the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) Carl Moyer Program (CMP). The CMP provides funding for the voluntary retirement and replacement of eligible high-emitting diesel-fueled equipment.

The Grantee has proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the CMP. Agreement 03-002-2024 will provide up to \$118,415.00 in CMP funds to replace a 1991, diesel-fueled, Tier 0, New Holland backhoe with a new low-emitting, certified Tier IV backhoe. The backhoe is used 100 percent of the time within Eastern Kern County for ranching and farming activities in Ridgecrest.

The Grantee is responsible for any project costs exceeding the District maximum funding amount. The old backhoe will be permanently removed from service and salvaged once the new backhoe has been purchased and placed in service. Staff recommends the project be approved for funding.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached, were sent to the Grantee to be approved by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the Grantee, the item will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the May 2024, Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 03-002-2024 with Charles Griffin II for the purchase of a new low-emitting backhoe.

Sincerely,

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

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