



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

ACCEPTANCE OF PRESCRIBED BURN REPORTING AND MONITORING SUPPORT PROGRAM (PRESCRIBED BURN PROGRAM) FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, several bills to improve forest resiliency and to reduce the risk of wildfires in California; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 901 addresses numerous issues concerning wildfire prevention, response and recovery; and provides authorization of \$200 million in funding per year for five years to CAL FIRE for healthy forests and fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, SB 1260 requires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB), in coordination with local air districts, to develop and fund a program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding the benefits and effects of prescribed burns. The program shall include adequate funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for local district participation and implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, SB 856 appropriates \$2 million to CARB for local air districts to support the implementation of SB 1260 related to air monitoring, public outreach and reporting of prescribed fires; and

WHEREAS, CARB is proposing that approximately \$1 million of these funds be made available through direct grants to local air districts to implement their smoke management programs, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide public awareness regarding prescribed burns; and that a portion of the remaining approximately \$1 million be made available to local air districts, on a reimbursement basis, through a contract with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), for costs associated with training, travel, and deployment of air monitors in support of the use of prescribed fire by land managers; and

WHEREAS, the grant award provides funding for the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District to implement the Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program (Prescribed Burn Program) in accordance with SB 1260; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2025 allocation for the Prescribed Burn Program for El Dorado County AQMD is \$50,600;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County AQMD Board of Directors/Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the acceptance of funds that may be allocated and awarded to the AQMD for eligible projects and program administration each subsequent year until funding termination, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Prescribed Burn Program Guidelines and grant agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Dorado County AQMD will comply with requirements as specified in SB 1260 and SB 856, the applicable Prescribed Burn Program Guidelines and grant agreement provisions, and the AQMD's Policies and Procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Air Pollution Control Officer is authorized to submit all documents necessary for the receipt of Prescribed Burn Program funds and execute on behalf of the AQMD grant agreements with CARB, and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution, with approval of County Counsel and Risk Management, until December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Air Pollution Control Officer is authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the Prescribed Burn Program in accordance with the Program Guidelines established by CARB, including the execution of agreements subject to approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, each year through the statutory term of the program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the _____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:	Ayes:
Jim Mitrison	Noes:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Absent:

By: _____	_____
Deputy Clerk	Chairman, Board of Supervisors