

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For the Agenda of: August 23, 2007

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: Authorization for the Air Pollution Control Officer to Approve an Incentive Agreement with Aoki Farms, Inc. for More Than \$250,000

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution and authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors to sign it on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (District).

Purpose

The purpose of this resolution is to:

1. Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer, in consultation with the District Counsel, to execute an agreement with Aoki Farms, Inc. (VET-07-0133) for \$322,290.89 in a format substantially similar to the attached sample agreement.

Authority

Health and Safety Code Section 40961 identifies the District as the local agency within t the Sacramento County with the primary responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of air pollution control strategies, clean fuel programs, and motor vehicle use reduction measures.

Health and Safety Code Section 41062(a) directs the district to develop air quality improvement strategies that include demonstration programs and incentives to encourage the use of control measures providing emission reductions within the District.

Under Health and Safety Code Section 41082, the District may undertake programs including financial assistance to fleet operators for the purchase, conversion, or operation of low-emission motor vehicles, and financial assistance or other incentives to encourage the sale and distribution of clean burning fuels.

Previous Actions

On February 5, 1998, your Board approved Resolution No. 98-0007, which authorized the creation of the Heavy-Duty Low-Emission Vehicle Incentive Program (HDLEVIP) for the purpose of reducing emissions from heavy-duty mobile sources within the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area.

On April 28, 2005, your Board approved Resolution No. 2005-031, which requires Board approval of all grants to a single entity exceeding \$250,000 on a per project or cumulative basis.

Description

The proposed agreement with Aoki Farms Inc., located in Woodland, California, in the amount of \$322,290.89 will help fund the installation of 18 electric agricultural irrigation pumps replacing 18 existing diesel engine agricultural irrigation pumps. These irrigation pumps are used during the irrigating season to supply water to crops in Yolo County. The replacement of the diesel pumps with the electric pumps will reduce NOx emissions by 5.28 tons per year and Diesel Particulate Matter emissions by 248 pounds per year.

Fiscal Impact

Sufficient funds have been identified in the Emission Technology Program FY 2007/2008 budget to fund the proposed Aoki Farms Inc. project.

Attachments

Agreement VET-07-0133 (Aoki Farms Inc.)

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Reviewed By:

Kathrine Pittard
District Counsel

Attachments