WHEREAS, in 2017 AB 134 and AB 109 appropriated $135 million from the State Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for the reduction of criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector,

WHEREAS, CARB developed the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program to meet the Legislature’s objectives and help meet the State’s criteria, toxic and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals;

WHEREAS, the funding for the FARMER program comes from the following three sources: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), the Air Quality Improvement Fund, and the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund;

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) submitted an application to ARB requesting $5 million in FARMER funds to implement projects pursuant to the FARMER Program guidelines;

WHEREAS, the District may use up to 6.25 percent of the funds it receives to pay the reasonable costs of implementing the incentive program;

WHEREAS, there are specific legislative requirements (e.g., expenditure records, quantification methodology, annual reporting, and disadvantaged/low income community investments) of the cap and trade proceeds that the District will need to adhere to;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the District’s acceptance of the FARMER funds to be awarded to eligible projects in accordance with the legislative and applicable program requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the District grant agreements with ARB and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.
The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the Motion of DIRECTOR HAGGERTY, seconded by DIRECTOR CANEPA, on the 2nd day of MAY, 2018, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: JOHN J. BAUTERS, DAVID CANEPA, CINDY CHAVEZ, PAULINE RUSSO CUTTER, JOHN GIOIA, CAROLE GROOM, SCOTT HAGGERTY, DAVID HUDSON, TYRONE JUE, DOUG KIM, LIZ KNISS, NATE MILEY, KAREN MITCHEFF, KATIE RICE, HILLARY RONEN, MARK ROSS, PETE SANCHEZ, ROD SINKS, JIM SPERING, BRAD WAGENKNECHT, SHIRLEE ZANE.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: MARGARET ABE-KOGA and TERESA BARRETT.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Dave Hudson
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Rod Sinks
Secretary of the Board of Directors