Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2021-22 “Funding Agricultural Reduction Measures for Emission Reductions” Program Funding from the California Air Resources Board

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) developed the Funding Agricultural Reduction 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 from the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) has successfully implemented the FARMER Program since its inception in 2017;

WHEREAS, the District submitted an application requesting nearly $6 million in FARMER funds to implement the fourth cycle of the FARMER Program beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022;

WHEREAS, eligible projects include agricultural vehicle and equipment replacements that meet the qualifications for the Carl Moyer Program, such as heavy-duty truck replacements, mobile off-road farm equipment replacements, and agricultural irrigation pump replacements, and advanced technology demonstration projects;

WHEREAS, the District will follow the most recent version of the FARMER Guidelines released by ARB in the implementation of FARMER funds;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the District’s acceptance of FY 2021-2022 FARMER funds to be awarded to eligible projects in accordance with 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 HAUBERT, seconded by DIRECTOR CUTTER, on the 1st day of DECEMBER 2021, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: BARRETT, BAUTERS, CHAVEZ, CONSTANTINE, CUTTER, GIOIA, HAUBERT, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HURT, JUE, MITCHOFF, ROSS, WAGENKNECHT, WALTON, WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ABE-KOGA, CANEPA, GROOM, HANNIGAN, MELGAR, MILEY, RENNIE, RICE.

ABSTAIN: NONE

Cindy Chavez
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

John Bauters
Secretary of the Board of Directors