

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Exemption

- Project Title:** Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Project Applicant:** California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Project Description:** The Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program (Program) is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities. CARB implemented the Program through the issuance of 30 grants to the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, air quality management districts, and air pollution control districts throughout California. The grants will be used to provide resources to air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to enhance smoke management programs. This includes enhanced reporting of permitted prescribed fire activity in their regions, air monitoring of prescribed fires, improved public outreach regarding prescribed fires, and resources for district staff to attend regional training sessions on different elements of the State's smoke management program.
- Approved By:** California Air Resources Board
Dated: 30 Grant Agreements executed between May 7, 2019 through June 5, 2019 (see attachment)

This notice is to advise that the CARB, as the lead agency, final action on the Project occurred on June 5, 2019, the date of execution of the final Grant Agreement for the implementation of the Program. The 30 grants under the Program are all operating under the same timeline, June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, for meeting the objectives of the Program. CARB determined the Program grants are exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Program grants may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment because the grant money is limited to being used for enhanced monitoring of smoke from prescribed burns permitted by air districts and increased reporting of prescribed burning activity

permitted by air districts. The Program grants are also subject to the Class 6 exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15306 because the grants will help fund smoke data collection related to prescribed burns permitted by air districts. As part of this, the Program grants will help fund air district staff training and implementation of Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System for all prescribed burns in each district that received grant funds under the Program to assess accurately the smoke amount from each burn. The Program grants do not control the manner in which air districts permit or otherwise allow prescribed burning within their jurisdictions, thus, the Program grants and the associated monitoring/reporting would not be the cause of serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Rather, the air districts will use the grant funds to understand better the scope of the emissions associated with the prescribed burns throughout the state to inform future permitting decisions on prescribed burns.

The Program grants subject to this exemption may be examined at:

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Certified: 
CARB CEQA Unit

Date: 6/26/2019

Attachment:

- Details of approved grants subject to this Exemption

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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GRANT NUMBER	GRANTEE NAME	START DATE	END DATE	TOTAL	STATUS	EXECUTION DATE	GRANT DESCRIPTION
G18-PBRM-01	Amador County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/10/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-02	California Air Pollution Control Officers Association	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$830,000.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-03	Butte County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-04	Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-05	Colusa County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/9/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-06	El Dorado County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$28,717.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-07	Feather River Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-08	Glenn County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-09	Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$32,789.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program

G18-PBRM-10	Lake County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/16/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-11	Lassen County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$30,753.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-12	Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-13	Mendocino County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$58,310.00	Awarded	5/10/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-14	Modoc County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-15	Monterey Bay Air Resources District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$35,540.00	Awarded	5/14/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-16	North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$159,517.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-17	Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/10/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-18	Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$79,526.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-19	Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program

G18-PBRM-20	Placer county Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$21,342.00	Awarded	5/15/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-21	San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-22	San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/7/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-23	Shasta County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$57,953.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-24	Siskiyou County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$94,367.00	Awarded	5/9/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-25	Ventura County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/17/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-26	Yolo- Solano Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$20,000.00	Awarded	5/10/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-27	Santa Barbara County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$25,000.00	Awarded	5/16/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-28	Tehama County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$34,753.00	Awarded	5/14/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program
G18-PBRM-29	Tuolumne County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$36,432.00	Awarded	5/14/19	Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program

G18-PBRM-30	Imperial County Air Quality Management District	6/1/19	6/30/21	\$25,000.00	Awarded
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