



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Air Pollution Control Officer

July 22, 2021

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
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SUBJECT: FARMER Program Grant Fund Projects with William D. Creighton, DBA.
Creighton Farms

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) participates in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Grant Program. The FARMER program provides incentive funds to reduce agricultural sector emissions through equipment replacement.

William D. Creighton, DBA. Creighton Farms has proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the FARMER Program. Agreement 07-013-2021 will provide up to \$91,852.00 in FARMER funds to replace a 1963, diesel-fueled, Tier 0, John Deere tractor with a new low-emitting Tier IV certified John Deere tractor. The tractor is used 100 percent of the time within Eastern Kern County for agricultural operations in Weldon. Staff recommends the project be approved for funding.

Three copies of the proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached, were sent to the applicant to approve by signature and are expected to be returned to the District prior to the Board Meeting. If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the items will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the September 2021, Board Meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 07-013-2021 with William D. Creighton, DBA. Creighton Farms for the purchase of a new lower-emission Tier IV certified diesel fueled tractor.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
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Enclosure