Glen E. Stephens, P.E. Air Pollution Control Officer

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Board of Directors Eastern Kern APCD 2700 "M" Street, Suite 302 Bakersfield, California 93301

SUBJECT: California Air Resources Board Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for

Emission Reductions Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) usually receives a solicitation from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in April requesting the District apply for its annual allocation of Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program. The FARMER program provides grant funds for the replacement of older highemitting agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations.

In anticipation of the FARMER FY 2020-2021 solicitation (FARMER Year 4), staff is recommending your Board authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to complete and submit a FARMER Year 4 application package to CARB. The District package will request the total grant award allocated to the District, which has no match requirement. A Governing Board resolution accepting the award must be adopted and submitted to CARB in order to receive said funds. The District requests your Board approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-001-03 in order to reserve and secure the District's allocation of FARMER Year 4 funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-001-03 to apply for FY 2020-2021 FARMER funds; authorize APCO to submit completed application; sign the Award Letter; and do all other acts necessary to reserve and receive Fiscal Year 2020-2021 FARMER funds.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E. Air Pollution Control Officer

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