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

SUBJECT: FARMER Program Grant Fund Projects with JS Arnold Legacy, LLC, DBA.

Triassic Vineyards

## 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.

JS Arnold Legacy, LLC, DBA. Triassic Vineyards has proposed a project that meets eligibility criteria of the FARMER Program. Agreement 03-004-2021 will provide up to \$26,850 in FARMER funds to replace a 2002, Tier 1 diesel-fueled Century tractor with a new low-emitting Tier IV certified Kioti tractor. The tractor is used 100 percent of the time within Eastern Kern County for agricultural operations associated with a wine vineyard in Tehachapi. 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 If any significant changes are identified by the applicant, the items will be withdrawn and the Agreement will be held to the May 2021 Board Meeting.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement 03-004-2021 with JS Arnold Legacy, LLC, DBA. Triassic Vineyards for the purchase of a new lower-emission Tier IV certified diesel fueled tractor.

Sincerely,

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

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