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Subject: RE: RCRC Letter - Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program Guidelines

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Good Afternoon:

Attached please find RCRC's letter re the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program Guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Pitto at mpitto@rcrcnet.org.

Thank you,

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Transmittal Via E-mail: farmer@arb.ca.gov

RE: Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program Guidelines

Dear Chair Nichols and Board Members:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we appreciated the opportunity to provide input into the development of the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program Guidelines (Guidelines). RCRC is an association of thirty-five rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of an elected supervisor from each of those member counties.

In response to comments received on the discussion draft, the proposed FARMER Guidelines has a revised formula distribution. We understand and support the bulk of the funds allocated to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District that has the worst air quality and the largest amount of agricultural equipment in the State. But RCRC would like to convey our appreciation to the Air Resources Board (ARB) staff for the recommended funding reallocation to better distribute the remaining funds to air districts based upon populations of agricultural equipment.

At the March RCRC Board of Directors meeting, the proposed changes were discussed and the RCRC Board of Directors is hopeful that you will consider the ARB staff recommendations. RCRC would have preferred to deliver this message in person, but is grateful for this opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 447-4806 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Affairs Advocate

cc: Mr. Jack Kitowski, Chief Mobile Source Control Division, Air Resources Board
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Alan Abbs, Executive Director, California Air Pollution Control Officers Association

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