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To: Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors
From: W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer
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Re: **Supplemental Information: Consider Authorizing Foundation Grant Partnerships with the Butte County Fire Safe Council**

ISSUE:

Revised grant discussion and funding requests are underlined below: Additional opportunities to partner with the Butte County Fire Safe Council and Butte County Department of Public Health on Foundation grants offered by Bank of America and Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the District to participate in grant partnerships as specified.

DISCUSSION:

The District partnered earlier this year with the Butte County Fire Safe Council and the Butte County Department of Public Health on a \$25,000 EPA grant opportunity. While EPA did not approve the application for funding, the experience provided some insight into other opportunities.

The first opportunity is offered by Bank of America, through their "Caring for Communities" local grants program. The project title will be "Public Outreach Campaign to Improve Air Quality with a Voluntary Change-out Incentive Program." The grant will focus on educating the public on increased awareness regarding the adverse health affects of fine particulate (PM2.5) pollution and alternatives to reduce pollution. An emphasis will be to provide incentives to replace non-certified wood burning appliances with certified clean burning appliances. The total grant request is \$221,874.

The second opportunity is through the Pacific Gas & Electric Company "Environmental Conservation Field Program". This project would support education outreach to students in Butte County Schools. The total grant request is \$25,000.