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CDFA ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE 2017 ALTERNATIVE MANURE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



SACRAMENTO, August 21, 2017 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is now accepting applications for the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP). CDFA was appropriated \$50 million dollars from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, authorized by the Budget Act of 2016, to provide financial assistance for methane emission reductions from dairy and livestock operations.

The AMMP is one of two programs designed by CDFA to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions. The program will provide \$9-16 million dollars in grants to California dairy and livestock operators to implement non-digester manure management practices that reduce their methane emissions.

For detailed information on eligibility and program requirements, prospective applicants should visit the CDFA AMMP website at <u>https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ammp/</u>. To streamline and expedite the application process, CDFA is partnering with the State Water Resources Control Board, which hosts an online application tool, the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). All prospective applicants must register for a FAAST account at <u>https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov</u>. Applications and all supporting information must be submitted electronically using FAAST by Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PDT.

CDFA will hold four workshops and one webinar to provide information on program requirements and the application process (see below). CDFA staff will provide guidance on the application process, provide several examples, and answer any questions. There is no cost to attend the workshops. Individuals planning to attend should email grants@cdfa.ca.gov with his or her contact information, the number of seats requested, and the workshop location.

Eureka – Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Humboldt County Agricultural Building 5630 South Broadway Street Eureka, CA 95501

Santa Rosa – Friday, September 8, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner 133 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 110 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Modesto – Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stanislaus County Agricultural Building 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B Modesto, CA 95358

This meeting will also be available as a webinar for remote attendees. To register for the webinar, please visit the program webpage at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ammp/.

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