

By the Honorable Dave Jones,  
9<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Relative to commending the

## **SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, Established as the Sacramento County Air Pollution Control District on December 7, 1959, by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (AQMD) established its first particulate matter air monitoring station at the end of 1959 and its first gaseous pollutant monitoring station in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1984 a separate Department of Air Pollution Control was established within Sacramento County government; and in 1988 , legislation created what is now known as the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD and authorized the collection of a motor vehicle registration fee surcharge to fund District programs including mobile source emission reduction programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD adopted an Air Quality Improvement Strategy in 1989 to address airborne toxins and the air quality impacts related to transportation, fleet management, clean fuels, land use, area wide & stationary air pollution sources, along with authorizing a public education component ; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD began an air quality public education and outreach campaign called the Summer Smog Season campaign in 1990 that grew into the regional Spare The Air program, and since 1994, the District has coordinated the air quality attainment planning process for the entire Sacramento Federal Non-Attainment Area, which includes all of Sacramento and Yolo counties and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Sutter and Solano counties; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of further legislation in 1994, the composition of the AQMD Board of Directors was augmented to include four city council representatives as well as the five members of the County Board of Supervisors, and in 1996 the District began operations as a fully independent district; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD has shown strong leadership in the area of mobile source emission reduction strategies, including the Carl Moyer and Sacramento Emergency Clean Air & Transportation (SECAT) programs and other heavy-duty vehicle and agricultural incentive programs that have been used as models for programs around the state and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1997, the AQMD pioneered a regional ground-breaking program called Mow Down Air Pollution, which increased public awareness about the contribution of lawn and garden equipment to air pollution, and the District continues to provide an incentive for residents to turn in their old gas-powered mower for a discount on a new electric mower; and

**WHEREAS**, The AQMD created and implemented its Compliance Assistance Program in 1998 to assist Sacramento County businesses in understanding air quality standards and permits while improving compliance and achieving desired emission reductions, and the District has developed a Climate Protection Program to include outreach & education, data collection and analysis, along with support and leadership for local, state, and national efforts to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional air quality has improved drastically over the last 50 years and Sacramento County has not experienced a California Stage 1 Smog Alert since 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of its steadfast commitment, the AQMD has attained the air quality health standards for carbon monoxide and lead, along with attaining the federal standard for coarse particulate matter, and has made significant progress toward achieving state and federal air quality standards for ozone and fine particulate matter thereby lowering human exposure to these and other air pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District will observe its fiftieth anniversary in 2010 educating the public about its success in leading the Sacramento region in achieving clean air goals and protecting public health; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District be commended on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary and on the vital role it has played in improving the quality of air and of life in the local community; and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

Members Resolution No. 2199

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2009

Honorable Dave Jones  
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