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News Release

Air District Collects \$10,800 in Penalties from Sacramento Suburban Water District

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District announced today that the Sacramento Suburban Water District has paid \$10,800 in penalties to settle air quality permit violations that occurred in June of 2006.

“Failure to adhere to the conditions of an issued operating permit is a serious air quality violation,” said AQMD’s Executive Officer Larry Greene. “The District is pleased to resolve these violations and continues to protect the health of our residents and the air we breathe”.

The penalty issued by the AQMD to the Sacramento Suburban Water District resolves a series of violations issued by the District on June 13, 2006 for operating a diesel-fueled engine during school hours at two public elementary schools in North Highlands, CA. SSWD’s actions violated both its permit and District Rule 201, *General Permit Requirements*.

SSWD is a publicly owned and operated water utility regulated by the State of California Department of Health Services and State Water Code laws.

The penalty was reached through AQMD’s Mutual Settlement Program, a voluntary program designed to resolve violations without the time and expense of litigation. Settlement funds will be used to help support the District’s mission of improving air quality in the Sacramento region.