

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Dave Van Mullem has served as the Air Pollution Control Officer of the Air Pollution Control District since August 2011, had previously served on the District's Hearing Board for nine years and served our nation as a pilot, ultimately moving up the ranks to Colonel in the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, Dave embodies the values and principles of the APCD, including customer service, commitment to excellence and dedication to our air quality mission; and

Whereas, Dave worked with community partners and the District team to continue efforts to reduce marine shipping emissions and to implement the innovative and successful 2014 Vessel Speed Reduction Trial program in the Santa Barbara Channel; and

Whereas, Dave brought a fresh perspective to the District and spearheaded many projects, including: reorganizing the District's Divisions into more cohesive and efficient groups, revitalizing our public website, creating an easier-to-read budget document, revising the District's Environmental Review Guidelines to include the establishment of a new greenhouse gas significance threshold, creating a staff photo display program and bringing to the foreground the important need to address the New Source Review program's offsets issue; and

Whereas, Dave worked diligently with the District team to enhance the tri-county infrastructure for electric and hydrogen vehicles and to obtain funding to support this effort; and

Whereas, Dave's mantra of "safety is paramount" led to the revamp of the District's safety program, initiation of a hands-on driver training class and renewed focus on safety, both on and off the job; and

Whereas, Dave's tenure saw many retirements, staff promotions and many new faces joining the District. Dave took the opportunity to establish and foster a strong team beginning with the hiring and training process, setting a strong leadership foundation at the District for many years to come; and

Whereas, Dave's genuine care about staff wellbeing, frequent breakroom conversations and his open door policy are truly appreciated. He will be missed by everyone at the District; and

Whereas, Dave is looking forward to honing his green thumb, enjoying nature and, of course, spending more time with his family.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its great appreciation to Dave Van Mullem for his years of service and recognizes his contribution to improving the air quality of Santa Barbara County and sincerely wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board of Directors present on January 21, 2016.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

Chair
Resolution No. 16-